

activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*):

*Applicant:* Chicago Zoological Park, Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield, IL, PRT-805165.

The applicant requests a permit to import 50 blood, fecal and urine samples from 50 of the following animals: Black rhinoceros (*Diceros bicornis*), African wild dogs (*Lycaon pictus*), and Cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*). The samples are being collected by the Ministry of Environment and Tourism, Windhoek, Namibia and will be imported for scientific research.

*Applicant:* James Robbins, Harwood Heights, IL, PRT-027986.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

*Applicant:* John D. Pearson, Long Grove, IL, PRT-027538.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

*Applicant:* David B. Cull, Yanktown, SD, PRT-028159.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

*Applicant:* Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, PRT-027997.

The applicant requests a permit to import from Guyana study skins and associated frozen tissue samples obtained from five wild caught red siskin (*Carduelis cucullata*). The specimens were collected and will be imported for scientific research.

*Applicant:* Ursula Bechert, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR, PRT-023519.

The applicant requests a permit to import blood samples from Asian elephants (*Elephas maximus*) collected from captive-held specimens at the Bowmanville Zoo, Ontario, Canada, for scientific research.

### Marine Mammal

The public is invited to comment on the following application for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application was submitted to satisfy requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR 18).

*Applicant:* Gordon F. Kolling, Hermosa, SD, PRT-028025.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Northern Beaufort sea polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

*Applicant:* William C. McClure, Pittsburgh, PA, PRT-027989.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

*Applicant:* George H. Brimhall, Paradise Valley, AZ, PRT-027988.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the McClintock Channel polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

*Applicant:* John T. Shillingburg, Riviera Beach, FL, PRT-027987.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Northern Beaufort Sea polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

*Applicant:* Dennis Lord, Woodstock, GA, PRT-027525.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the McClintock Channel polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

*Applicant:* Stanley S. Golub, Chester, NJ, PRT-028044.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

*Applicant:* Kevin Small, Bakersfield, CA, PRT-027926.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

*Applicant:* John Martin, Forest Hill, MD, PRT-022471.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Fox Basin polar bear population, Nunavut, Canada for personal use.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

Dated: June 2, 2000.

**Kristen Nelson,**

*Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan and Receipt of an Application for a Permit for the Incidental Take of the Houston Toad (*Bufo Houstonensis*) During Construction of One Single Family Residence on 0.5 acres of the 2.0-acre Lot 56, Unit 7, Block 1 in the Pine Forest Subdivision, Bastrop County, TX (Berger)

**SUMMARY:** David and Carol Berger (Applicants) have applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit pursuant to Section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). The Applicants have been assigned permit number TE-027260-0. The requested permit, which is for a period of 5 years, would authorize the incidental take of the endangered Houston toad (*Bufo Houstonensis*). The proposed take would occur as a result of the construction and occupation of one single family residence on 0.5 acres of the 2.0-acre Lot 56, Unit 7, Block 1 in the Pine Forest Subdivision, Bastrop County, Texas.

The Service has prepared the Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan (EA/HCP) for the incidental take application. A determination of jeopardy to the species or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will not be made until at least 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

**DATES:** Written comments on the application should be received on or before July 10, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons wishing to review the application may obtain a copy by writing to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Persons wishing to review the EA/HCP may obtain a copy by contacting Tannika Engelhard, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758 (512/490-0057). Documents will be available for public inspection by written request, by appointment only, during normal business hours (8 to 4:30) at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin, Texas. Written data or comments concerning the application and EA/HCP should be submitted to the Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin, Texas, at the above address. Please refer to permit number TE-027260-0 when submitting comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tannika Engelhard at the above U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin Office.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 9 of the Act prohibits the "taking" of endangered species such as the Houston toad. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take endangered wildlife species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22.

#### **Applicant**

David and Carol Berger plan to construct a single family residence on 0.5 acres of the 2.0-acre Lot 56, Unit 7, Block 1 in the Pine Forest Subdivision, Bastrop County, Texas. This action will eliminate 0.5 acres or less of Houston toad habitat and result in indirect impacts within the lot. The applicants propose to compensate for this incidental take of the Houston toad by providing \$1,500 to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the specific purpose of land acquisition and

management within Houston toad habitat, as identified by the Service.

**Geoffrey L. Haskett,**

*Regional Director, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Fish and Wildlife Service**

#### **Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan and Receipt of an Application for a Permit for the Incidental Take of the Houston Toad (*Bufo Houstonensis*) During Construction of One Single Family Residence on 0.5 Acres of the 5.0-acre Lot 9 of the Deer Trail Subdivision, Bastrop County, TX (Cooper)**

**SUMMARY:** Lyle and Leah Cooper (Applicants) have applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit pursuant to Section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). The Applicants have been assigned permit number TE-027163-0. The requested permit, which is for a period of 5 years, would authorize the incidental take of the endangered Houston toad (*Bufo Houstonensis*). The proposed take would occur as a result of the construction and occupation of one single family residence on 0.5 acres of the 5.0-acre Lot 9 of the Deer Trail Subdivision, Bastrop County, Texas.

The Service has prepared the Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan (EA/HCP) for the incidental take application. A determination of jeopardy to the species or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will not be made until at least 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

**DATES:** Written comments on the application should be received on or before July 10, 2000.

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at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin, Texas. Written data or comments concerning the application and EA/HCP should be submitted to the Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin, Texas, at the above address. Please refer to permit number TE-027163-0 when submitting comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tannika Engelhard at the above U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office, Austin, Texas.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 9 of the Act prohibits the "taking" of endangered species such as the Houston toad. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take endangered wildlife species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22.

#### **Applicant**

Lyle and Leah Cooper plan to construct a single family residence on 0.5 acres of the 5.0-acre Lot 9 of the Deer Trail Subdivision, Bastrop County, Texas. This action will eliminate 0.5 acres or less of Houston toad habitat and result in indirect impacts within the lot. The applicants propose to compensate for this incidental take of the Houston toad by providing \$1,500 to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the specific purpose of land acquisition and management within Houston toad habitat, as identified by the Service.

**Geoffrey L. Haskett,**

*Regional Director, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Fish and Wildlife Service**

#### **Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan and Receipt of an Application for a Permit for the Incidental Take of the Houston toad (*Bufo Houstonensis*) During Construction of One Single Family Residence on 0.5 Acres of the 7.637-acre Tract 9 in the Overlook Subdivision, Bastrop County, TX**

**SUMMARY:** G. Neil Mixon, Jr. (Applicant) has applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit pursuant to Section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). The Applicant has been assigned permit number TE-027746.