

*Applicant: Marion J. Bennett,
Loganville, GA, PRT-045404*

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: Robert E. Fiss, Jr.,
Gilbertsville, PA, PRT-045479*

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: Columbus Zoo and
Aquarium, Powell, OH, PRT-041943*

The applicant request a permit to import 1.1 Asian elephants (*Elephas maximus*) from African Lion Safari, Cambridge, Ontario, Canada, for the purpose of enhancement of propagation of the species through captive breeding.

*Applicant: Charles Paddock Zoo,
Atascadero, CA, PRT-044526*

The applicant request a permit to export 0.1 red-ruffed lemur (*Varecia variegata rubra*) to Crystal Garden Conservation Center, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, for the purpose of enhancement of propagation of the species through captive breeding.

*Applicant: Institute of Environmental
and Human Health, Texas Tech
University, Lubbock, TX, PRT-812795*

The applicant requests the re-issuance of a permit to import wild-collected biological samples, non-viable eggs and salvaged whole carcasses of Morelet's crocodile (*Crocodylus moreletii*) from Belize for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a five year period.

Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following application(s) for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application(s) 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 part 18).

Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be submitted to the Director (address

below) and must be received within 30 days of the date of this notice. Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

*Applicant: John D. Harris, Boonville, IN,
PRT-045396*

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

*Applicant: Michael E. Walker, Hesperia,
CA, PRT-045478*

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

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has information collection approval from OMB through March 31, 2004, OMB Control Number 1018-0093. Federal Agencies may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a current valid OMB control number.

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 within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone 703/358-2104 or fax 703/358-2281.

Dated: July 13, 2001.

Monica Farris,

*Senior Permits Biologist, Branch of Permits,
Office of Management Authority.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Request for Information and Recommendations on Resolutions, Decisions, and Agenda Items for Consideration at the Twelfth Regular Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for information.

SUMMARY: This notice is a scoping document that solicits recommendations for resolutions, decisions, and agenda items for discussion at the twelfth regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP12) to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). We invite you to provide us with information and recommendations on possible resolutions, decisions, and agenda items for discussion at the upcoming meeting.

DATES: We will consider all information and comments received by September 24, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send correspondence pertaining to resolutions, decisions, and agenda items to the Division of Management Authority; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 North Fairfax Drive; Room 700; Arlington, Virginia 22203, or via E-mail at: fw9ia_cites@fws.gov. Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Division of Management Authority. Information on species listing issues or scientific issues pertaining to CITES is available from the Division of Scientific Authority; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 North Fairfax Drive; Room 750; Arlington, Virginia 22203, or via E-mail at: fw9ia_dsa@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrea Gaski, Chief, Division of Management Authority, Branch of CITES Operations, phone 703/358-2095, fax 703/358-2298, E-mail: fw9ia_cites@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, hereinafter referred to as CITES, is an international treaty designed to control and regulate international trade in certain animal and plant species that are now or potentially may be threatened with extinction. These species are listed in Appendices to CITES, copies of which are available from the Division of Management Authority at the above address or from our Website at <http://www.international.fws.gov/pdf/appendices.pdf>. Currently, 154 countries, including the United States, are Parties to CITES. CITES calls for biennial meetings of the Conference of the Parties, which review its implementation, make provisions

enabling the CITES Secretariat in Switzerland to carry out its functions, consider amendments to the list of species in Appendices I and II, consider reports presented by the Secretariat, and make recommendations for the improved effectiveness of CITES. Any country that is a Party to CITES may propose amendments to Appendices I and II, resolutions, decisions, and/or agenda items for consideration by the other Parties.

This is our second in a series of **Federal Register** notices which, together with announced public meetings, provide you with an opportunity to participate in the development of the United States' negotiating positions for the twelfth regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES (COP12). We published our first such **Federal Register** notice on June 12, 2001 (66 FR 31686), and with it we requested information and recommendations on potential species amendments for the United States to consider submitting for discussion at COP12. Information on that **Federal Register** notice, and on species amendment proposals, is available from the Division of Scientific Authority at the above address. Our regulations governing this public process are found in 50 CFR §§ 23.31–23.39.

In our **Federal Register** notice of June 12, 2001, we announced that COP12 is scheduled to be held in November 2002, in Santiago, Chile. Once the CITES Secretariat notifies the CITES Parties of the exact dates when the meeting will be held, we will publish this information in a future **Federal Register** notice. We will also post that information on our Website, for your benefit.

Request for Recommendations on Resolutions and Agenda Items

Although we have not yet received formal notice of the provisional agenda for COP12, we invite your input on possible agenda items the United States could recommend for inclusion, or on possible resolutions and/or decisions of the Conference of the Parties that the United States could submit. Copies of the agenda for the last meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP11) in Gigiri, Kenya, in April 2000, as well as copies of all resolutions and decisions of the Conference of the Parties currently in effect, are available from the Division of Management Authority at the above address. Copies of a list of species proposals adopted at COP11 are available from the Division of Scientific Authority at the above address. The results of COP11 with regard to species proposals, resolutions, and decisions,

along with other information pertaining to COP11, are available on our Website at: <http://international.fws.gov/cop11/cop11.html>.

Observers

Article XI, paragraph 7 of CITES provides: "Any body or agency technically qualified in protection, conservation or management of wild fauna and flora, in the following categories, which has informed the Secretariat of its desire to be represented at meetings of the Conference by observers, shall be admitted unless at least one-third of the Parties present object:

(a) International agencies or bodies, either governmental or non-governmental, and national governmental agencies and bodies; and

(b) National non-governmental agencies or bodies which have been approved for this purpose by the State in which they are located.

Once admitted, these observers shall have the right to participate but not to vote."

National agencies or organizations within the United States must obtain our approval to participate in COP12, while international agencies or organizations must obtain approval directly from the CITES Secretariat. We will publish information in a future **Federal Register** notice on how to request approved observer status. A fact sheet on the process is posted on our Website at: <http://international.fws.gov/pdt/ob.pdf>.

Future Actions

The next regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP12) is scheduled to be held in November 2002, in Santiago, Chile. We have developed a tentative U.S. schedule to prepare for that meeting. The United States must submit any proposals to amend Appendix I or II, or any draft resolutions, decisions, and/or agenda items for discussion at COP12, to the CITES Secretariat 150 days prior to the start of the meeting. In order to accommodate this deadline, we plan to publish a **Federal Register** notice approximately 10 months prior to COP12 announcing tentative species proposals, draft resolutions, draft decisions, and agenda items to be submitted by the United States, and to solicit further information and comments on them.

Approximately 9 months prior to COP12, we will hold a public meeting to allow for additional public input. Approximately 4 months prior to COP12, we will post on our Website an announcement of the species proposals,

draft resolutions, draft decisions, and agenda items submitted by the United States to the CITES Secretariat. The deadline for submission of the proposals, draft resolutions, draft decisions and agenda items to the Secretariat is expected to be sometime around June 7, 2002.

Through a series of additional notices and Website postings in advance of COP12, we will inform you about preliminary negotiating positions on resolutions, decisions, and amendments to the Appendices proposed by other Parties for consideration at COP12, and about how to obtain observer status from us. We will also publish announcements of public meetings expected to be held approximately 9 months prior to COP12, and approximately 2 months prior to COP12, to receive public input on our positions regarding COP12 issues.

Author

This notice was prepared by Mark Albert, Division of Management Authority, under the authority of the U.S. Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

Dated: June 27, 2001.

Marshall P. Jones Jr.,

Director.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigations Nos. 701–TA–416 and 731–TA–948 (Preliminary)]

Individually Quick Frozen Red Raspberries From Chile

Determinations

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject investigations, the United States International Trade Commission determines, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 733(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1671b(a) and 1673b(a)) (the Act), that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports from Chile of individually quick frozen red raspberries, provided for in subheading 0811.20.20 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that are alleged to be subsidized by the Government of Chile and sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV).

¹ The record is defined in § 207.2(f) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR § 207.2(f)).