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Charlie R. Chandler,
Chief, Branch of Permits, Division of
Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species and/or marine mammals.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by April 26, 2002.

ADDRESSES: 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; fax 703/358-2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Endangered Species

The public is invited to comment on the following application(s) for a permit to conduct certain 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.). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (address above).

Applicant: Thomas J. Moore, III, Ingram, TX, PRT-803337.

The applicant requests renewal of a permit to authorize interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cull of excess male barasingha (*Cervus duvauceli*) from his captive herd for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a period of three years. Permittee must apply for renewal annually.

Applicant: University of New Mexico/ Dept. of Anthropology, Albuquerque, NM, PRT-013176.

The applicant requests renewal of a permit to authorize the import of biological samples from wild, captive-held, and captive-born chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes*), pygmy chimpanzees (*Pan paniscus*), gorilla (*Gorilla gorilla*), and orangutan (*Pongo pygmaeus*) from various countries for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a period of five years.

Applicant: National Aviary, Pittsburgh, PA, PRT-053886.

The applicant requests a permit to export viable eggs of captive-bred Manchurian cranes (*Grus japonensis*) and white-naped cranes (*Grus vipio*) to the Khinganski Nature Reserve, Arkara, Russia for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through captive breeding and re-introduction to the wild. As this request for a permit is part of an ongoing program, this application file will be established as a master file from which a permit will be issued for this year's export, and as the basis for which permits can be issued for similar activities to be conducted by the applicant over the next 5 years.

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Michael S. Moore,

Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits,
Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Emergency Exemption: Issuance; Endangered Species

On March 6, 2002, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) issued a permit (PRT-053151) to the Centers for

Disease Control/National Center for Infectious Diseases, Atlanta, Georgia, to import biological samples collected post-mortem from one captive-born female Sumatran orangutan (*Pongo pygmaeus abelii*), and two male and one female captive-held/captive-born Bornean orangutan (*Pongo pygmaeus pygmaeus*) from the Singapore Zoological Gardens, Singapore. The 30-day comment period required by Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act was waived. The Service determined that an emergency affecting the health and life of the remaining Singapore Zoo population of 26 orangutans existed, and that no reasonable alternative was available to the applicant for several reasons.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) received a request from the Agricultural and Veterinary Authority of Singapore for assistance in determining the cause of death of two Bornean orangutans that died unexpectedly at the Singapore Zoological Gardens on January 20th and 21st, 2002. The request asked for assistance in determining whether the cause of death of these specimens was infectious in nature. The Singapore Authorities wanted to rule out two possible viral infections, Coxsackievirus B and encephalomyelitis virus (EMCV). They do not have the capability to conduct these same tests in Singapore. The Singapore Zoo also experienced two deaths of orangutans at their facility prior to the recent loss of these specimens. Tissue samples from all four specimens are being imported to determine whether the cause of death may be from the same disease vector.

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Dated: March 15, 2002.

Timothy J. Van Norman,

*Chief, Branch of Permits (International),
Division of Management Authority.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES); Twelfth Regular Meeting; Public Meeting; Observer Information

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States, as a Party to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), may submit proposed resolutions, decisions, and agenda items for consideration at meetings of the Conference of the Parties to CITES. The United States may also propose amendments to the CITES Appendices for consideration at meetings of the Conference of the Parties. The twelfth regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES (COP12) will be held in Santiago, Chile, November 3-15, 2002.

With this notice we:

Announce a public meeting to discuss proposed amendments to the CITES Appendices (species proposals), resolutions, decisions, and agenda items that the United States is considering submitting for consideration at COP12; and

Provide information on how non-governmental organizations based in the United States can attend COP12 as observers.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on April 17, 2002, at 1:30 p.m. We will consider written information and comments you submit concerning potential species proposals, proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, and agenda items that the United States is considering submitting for consideration at COP12, and other items relating to COP12, if we receive them by May 17, 2002.

ADDRESSES:

Public Meeting

The public meeting will be held in Sidney Yates Auditorium, in the Department of the Interior at 18th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. Directions to the building can be

obtained by contacting the Division of Management Authority (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, below).

Available Information

Information concerning potential species proposals, proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, and agenda items that the United States is considering submitting for consideration at COP12 is available upon request from the Division of Management Authority; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 North Fairfax Drive; Room 700; Arlington, VA 22203. Effective April 1, 2002, this information will also be available from our World Wide Web site (<http://international.fws.gov/cites/cites.html>) and via our Faxback system. You may obtain the information via the Faxback system by dialing 703/358-2400, our Faxback telephone number, following the automated instructions, and entering Document Number 5054 when prompted to enter a document number.

Comment Submission

Comments pertaining to proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, and/or agenda items should be sent to the Division of Management Authority; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 North Fairfax Drive; Room 700; Arlington, VA 22203, or via E-mail at: fw9cites@fws.gov, or via fax at: 703/358-2298. Comments pertaining to species proposals should be sent to the Division of Scientific Authority; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 North Fairfax Drive; Room 750; Arlington, VA 22203, or via e-mail at: fw9scientificauthority@fws.gov, or via fax at: 703/358-2276. Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at either the Division of Management Authority or the Division of Scientific Authority.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Andrea Gaski, Division of Management Authority, Branch of CITES Operations, phone: 703/358-2095, fax: 703/358-2298, E-mail: fw9cites@fws.gov; or Robert R. Gabel, Division of Scientific Authority, phone: 703/358-1708, fax: 703/358-2276, E-mail: fw9scientificauthority@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, hereinafter referred to as CITES or the Convention, 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 if their trade is not controlled. These species are listed in Appendices to CITES, copies of which are available from the Division of Management Authority or the Division of Scientific Authority at the above addresses, from our World Wide Web site at <http://international.fws.gov/cites/cites.html>, or from the official CITES Secretariat Website at <http://www.cites.org/eng/append/index.shtml>. Currently, 157 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 agenda items for consideration by the other Parties.

This is our third in a series of **Federal Register** notices that 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 proposing 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. We published our second such **Federal Register** notice on July 25, 2001 (66 FR 38739), and with it we requested information and recommendations on potential resolutions, decisions, and agenda items for the United States to submit for consideration at COP12. You may obtain information on that **Federal Register** notice, and on proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, and agenda items, from the Division of Management Authority at the above address. You may locate our regulations governing this public process in 50 CFR 23.31-23.39.

COP12 is scheduled to be held in Santiago, Chile, November 3-15, 2002.

Announcement of Public Meeting

We announce that we will hold a public meeting to discuss with you species proposals, proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, and agenda items