

The applicant requests a permit to re-export and re-import African leopards (*Panthera pardus*) to/from worldwide locations to enhance the survival of the species through conservation education. These animals were previously authorized under PRT-814588. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a three year period.

Applicant: Zoological Society of San Diego, San Diego, CA, PRT-060416.

The applicant requests a permit to re-export one live male giant panda (*Ailuropoda melanoleuca*) owned by the Government of China, originally imported as part of their research program in 1997, back to China. This re-export is part of the approved loan program for the benefit of the survival of the species and will allow continuation and completion of the research projects.

Applicant: Zoological Society of San Diego, San Diego, CA, PRT-053884.

The applicant requests a permit to import one live male giant panda (*Ailuropoda melanoleuca*) owned by the Government of China. This import is part of the loan program for the benefit of the survival of the species approved in 1997 and will allow continuation and completion of the research projects.

Applicant: Saint Louis Zoological Park, Saint Louis, MO, PRT-059390.

The applicant requests a permit to import three captive-bred cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*), from the Wassenaar Wildlife Breeding Center, Wassenaar, The Netherlands, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through captive propagation.

Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The applications were 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 the complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be submitted to the Director (address above). 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: Lawrence P. Rudolph, Greensburg, PA, PRT-058229.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Norwegian Bay

polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

Applicant: Thomas J. Pallansch, Elk River, MN, PRT-060217.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Norwegian Bay 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.

Dated: July 26, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permit for Incidental Take of Threatened Species for the Dahle Property, El Paso County, CO

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of permit for incidental take of endangered species.

On May 24, 2002, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (Vol. 67 No. 101 FR 36644), that an application was filed with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) by Lee J. Dahle of the Dahle Property, El Paso County, Colorado, for a permit to incidentally take, pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 USC 1539), as amended, Preble's meadow jumping mouse (*Zapus hudsonius preblei*), pursuant to the terms of the "Low-Effect/Habitat Conservation Plan for Issuance of an Endangered Species Section 10(a)(1)(B) Permit for the Incidental Take of the Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse (*Zapus hudsonius preblei*) at the Dahle Property" in El Paso County, Colorado.

Notice is hereby given that on July 29, 2002, as authorized by the provisions of the Act, the Service issued a permit (TE-056467) to the above named party subject to certain conditions set forth therein. The permit was granted only after the Service determined that it was applied for in good faith, that granting the permit will not be to the disadvantage of the threatened species, and that it will be consistent with the

purposes and policy set forth in the Endangered Species Act, as amended.

Additional information on this permit action may be requested by contacting the Colorado Field Office, 755 Parfet Street, Suite 361, Lakewood, Colorado 80215, telephone (303) 275-2370, between the hours of 7 am and 4:30 pm weekdays.

Dated: July 29, 2002.

Ralph O. Morgenweck,

Regional Director, Region 6, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of permit for marine mammals.

SUMMARY: The following permits were issued.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted for these applications are available for review by any party who submits a written request to the 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: On January 11, 2002, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 1494), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Trevor Davis for a permit (PRT-051276) to import one polar bear taken from the Norwegian Bay population, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on March 13, 2002, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On January 22, 2002, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 2900), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Ken Morrill for a permit (PRT-051613) to import one polar bear taken from the Lancaster Sound population, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on April 2, 2002, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On February 8, 2002, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 6048), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Ralph Schaller for a permit (PRT-052375) to import one polar bear taken from the Western Hudson Bay population, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on March 18, 2002, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On March 7, 2002, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 10430), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Wayne W. Webber for a permit (PRT-052890) to import one polar bear taken from the Western Hudson Bay population, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on April 30, 2002, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On April 25, 2002, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 20544), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Richard Hawkins for a permit (PRT-055367) to import one polar bear taken from the Lancaster Sound population, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on June 12, 2002, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On April 25, 2002, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 20544), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Jerry P. Mariska for a permit (PRT-055368) to import one polar bear taken from the Lancaster Sound population, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on June 12, 2002, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested

permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On April 25, 2002, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 20544), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Richard B. Sapa for a permit (PRT-055302) to import one polar bear taken from the Southern Beaufort Sea population, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on June 19, 2002, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On May 7, 2002, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 30720), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Thomas P. Bruner for a permit (PRT-055566) to import one polar bear taken from the Lancaster Sound population, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on June 28, 2002, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On May 30, 2002, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 37853), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by John F. Baker for a permit (PRT-056495) to import one polar bear taken from the Southern Beaufort Sea population, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on July 10, 2002, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

Dated: July 26, 2002.

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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; Announcement of Public Meeting

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), will attend the twelfth regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES (COP12) in Santiago, Chile, November 3-15, 2002. Currently, the United States is developing its negotiating positions on proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, agenda items, and proposed amendments to the CITES Appendices submitted by other countries and the CITES Secretariat for consideration at COP12. With this notice we announce a public meeting to discuss the tentative U.S. negotiating positions on these proposals and agenda items.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on September 10, 2002, at 1:30 p.m. In developing the U.S. negotiating positions on proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, agenda items, and species amendment proposals submitted by other countries and the CITES Secretariat for consideration at COP12, we will consider written information and comments you submit if we receive them by October 4, 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, NW., Washington, DC. Directions to the building can be obtained by contacting the Division of Management Authority (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, below).

Available Information

Information concerning the tentative U.S. negotiating positions for 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 on or about September 3, 2002, this information will also be available from our World Wide Website (<http://international.fws.gov/cop12/cop12.html>) and via our Faxback system. You may obtain the information