

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4837-D-25]

Revocation and Delegation of Authority Under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of revocation and delegation of authority.

SUMMARY: Through this notice, the Secretary of HUD is delegating to the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) authority, with noted exceptions, to act with respect to the Age Discrimination Act of 1975. The Secretary revokes all prior delegations of this authority made by the Secretary.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 7, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Milton Turner, Director, Compliance and Disability Rights Division, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Room 5240, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410-0001, telephone: (202) 708-2333. (This is not a toll-free number.) Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, 42 U.S.C. 6101-6107 (the Act), prohibits any person from being excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. The Act does not apply to any age distinction established under authority of any law which provides benefits or establishes criteria for participation on the basis of age or in age-related terms, nor does it apply when an explicit age distinction is necessary to the normal operation of a program or to the achievement of the statutory objective of a program. On November 4, 1980 (45 FR 73454), HUD published a proposed rule to implement regulations for the Act in 24 CFR part 146, captioned "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Age in HUD Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance." On December 17, 1986 (51 FR 45264), HUD published the final rule implementing the Act with respect to HUD programs and activities. In the regulations, the standards and duties of the Secretary and HUD to prevent and correct incidents of age discrimination are enumerated.

Accordingly, the Secretary delegates authority to ensure compliance and enforcement with the Act as follows:

Section A. Authority Delegated

The Secretary of HUD delegates to the Assistant Secretary for FHEO authority to act with respect to the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101-6107) and its implementing regulations in 24 CFR part 146. The authority delegated in this notice does not include authority as provided in 24 CFR 146.39, 146.47(a), and 146.49.

Section B. Authority Revoked

The Secretary revokes all prior delegations of authority made by the Secretary with respect to the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 or its implementing regulations, or both.

Section C. Authority To Redelegate

The Assistant Secretary for FHEO may redelegate the authority delegated through this notice, except for the authority to issue regulations or to waive regulations, to the General Deputy Assistant Secretary for FHEO, to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Programs, to the Director of the Office of Enforcement, and to the FHEO Hub Directors.

Authority: Section 7(d) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, 42 U.S.C. 3535(d).

Dated: July 7, 2003.

Mel Martinez,

Secretary.

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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 August 20, 2003.

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).

PRT-073486, 072948, 072945

Applicant: Mitchel Kalmanson, World Wide Exotic Talent Agency, Maitland, FL.

The applicant requests permits to export captive-born tigers (*Panthera tigris*) to worldwide locations for the purpose of enhancement of the species through conservation education. The permit numbers and animals are: 073486, Fuji; 072948, Toshiro; and 072945, Chad. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a three-year period and the import of any potential progeny born while overseas.

PRT-072235, 072237, and 72238

Lost Creek Animal Sanctuary, Mound Valley, KS.

The applicant requests permits to export Siberian tigers (*Panthera tigris altaica*) to worldwide locations for the purpose of enhancement of the species through conservation education. The permit numbers and animals are: 072235—Snowflake, 072237—Shania, and 072238—Star. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a three-year period and the import of any potential progeny born while overseas.

PRT-073476 and 073477

Carlton & Company.

The applicant requests permits to export Bengal tigers (*Panthera tigris tigris*) to worldwide locations for the purpose of enhancement of the species through conservation education. The permit numbers and animals are: 073476—Madras and 073477—Shena. This notification covers activities to be

conducted by the applicant over a three-year period and the import of any potential progeny born while overseas.

PRT-074368

Applicant: Matthew Dick, Pueblo West, CO.

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.

PRT-074380

Applicant: William Clifton Pullen, Bryceville, FL.

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.

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 11, 2003.

Charles S. Hamilton,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of permits for marine mammals and endangered species.

SUMMARY: The following permits were issued.

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 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: Notice is hereby given that on the dates below, as authorized by the provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*), or the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permits subject to certain conditions set forth therein. For each permit for an endangered species, the Service found that (1) the application was filed in good faith, (2) the granted permit would not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species, and (3) the granted permit would be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in Section 2 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

ENDANGERED SPECIES

Permit number	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
064369	San Francisco Zoological Society	68 FR 11872; March 12, 2003	June 27, 2003.
067661	David W. Inouye, University of Maryland	68 FR 20020; April 23, 2003	June 27, 2003.
810465	A.R. Galloway Exotic Ranch	68 FR 22409, April 28, 2003	July 10, 2003.

MARINE MAMMALS

Permit number	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
070362	Kenneth O. Harrison	68 FR 20166, April 24, 2003	June 25, 2003.
070534	Walter Mays Jr.	68 FR 22409, April 28, 2003	June 27, 2003.
070952	Wayne F. Manis	68 FR 25620, May 13, 2003	July 3, 2003.

Dated: July 11, 2003.

Charles S. Hamilton,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Proposed Martin Branch Woodland Safe Harbor Agreement, Covington County, MS

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that Dr. John Lambert (Applicant) has applied to the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an enhancement of survival permit pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. The permit application includes a proposed Safe Harbor Agreement (Agreement) for the threatened gopher tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*) and the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*) for a period of 20 years. We (the Service) have made a preliminary determination that the proposed Agreement and permit application are eligible for categorical exclusions under

the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. We explain the basis for this determination in an Environmental Action Statement.

We announce the opening of a 30-day comment period and request comments from the public on the Applicants' enhancement of survival permit application, the accompanying proposed Agreement, and the Environmental Action Statement. All comments we receive, including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative record and may be released to the public. For further information and instructions on reviewing and commenting on this