

PRT-067116

The applicant request a permit to collect biological samples from manatees, (*Trichechus manatus latirostris*) for the purpose of scientific research to develop veterinary medical understandings and base-line information for diagnostic purposes. The applicant requests authority to conduct these activities on variable numbers of live and dead free ranging and captive held animals. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Division of Management Authority is forwarding copies of the above applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

Applicant: Steven K. Raquet, Russiaville, IN,

PRT-075607

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.

Applicant: Jesus Mourra, San Antonio, TX,

PRT-076061

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

Dated: August 22, 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/or 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.*), and/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 permit(s) 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 No.	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
073242	Gary M. Story	68 FR 39960; July 3, 2003	August 14, 2003.
073523	Mance Michael Park	68 FR 39960; July 3, 2003	August 14, 2003.
073579	Ronald D. Stoller	68 FR 41167; July 10, 2003	August 14, 2003.
073581	Darrel D. Stoller	68 FR 41167; July 10, 2003	August 14, 2003.

MARINE MAMMALS

Permit No.	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
072921	Marlowe Kottke	68 FR 40291; July 7, 2003	August 20, 2003.

Dated: August 22, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish And Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of Documents associated With Proceedings Pursuant To Remand Involving the Incidental Take Permit Issued to Waterman's Realty Co./Winchester Creek Limited Partnership for the Home Port on Winchester Creek Habitat Conservation Plan

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Waterman's Realty Company/ Winchester Creek Limited Partnership was issued an Incidental Take Permit

(ITP), permit number TE006310, on May 13, 1999, for incidental take of the Delmarva fox squirrel. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces that it has completed the process required to implement the remand ordered by the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and that a final decision document is available. The Service has determined that no changes to the Home Port incidental take permit are required as a result of the updated analysis presented in the decision document.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the Service's final decision document may obtain a copy at <http://>

www.fws.gov/r5cbfo or by written or telephone request to John Wolflin, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 177 Admiral Cochrane Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21401, 410-573-4573.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Wolflin at the above Service Office, Annapolis, Maryland.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 13, 1999, the Service issued an ITP for incidental "take" of the Delmarva fox squirrel. The ITP was issued pursuant to Section 10 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA), § 10(a)(2)(B), 16 U.S.C. 1539(a)(2)(B), and its implementing regulations at 50 CFR 17.22(b)(1).

On September 7, 1999, a neighbor to the proposed development (Gerber) and Defenders of Wildlife filed suit in Federal district court alleging violations of the National Environmental Policy Act, the ESA and the Administrative Procedure Act related to issuance of the ITP for the Home Port on Winchester Creek Habitat Conservation Plan.

The District Court for the District of Columbia granted summary judgment on all counts in favor of the Service on May 15, 2001. *See Gerber v. Babbitt*, 146 F.Supp.2d 1 (D. D.C. 2001). On appeal, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit remanded the matter to the District Court with instructions to remand to the agency to address two issues. *See id.* at 184. Specifically, the Court of Appeals held that the Service should have made a map of the mitigation area available during the public comment period and should have made an independent finding as to whether a possible project change identified in the record (the "Reduced Take Alternative") was practicable.

Pursuant to the remand, the Service conducted an independent analysis which was reflected in the draft document entitled "Draft—Assessment of Practicability of the Reduced Take Alternative on Remand." That document, in addition to the map, were made available for a 60-day public comment period starting May 9, 2003, (see 68 Fed. Reg. 25058). The Service received two comment letters, one from Mr. Gerber and one from Defenders of Wildlife. The Service has reviewed and considered those comments and has prepared a final decision document entitled "U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Decision Regarding the Incidental Take Permit (TE006310) to Maureen D. Waterman Following Remand" which includes the Service's responses to the comments received and is now available for public review at the address listed above.

Author

The primary author of this notice is Glenn Smith, Assistant Coordinator, Division of Endangered Species, Northeast Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Authority: The authority for this action is Section 10 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA), § 10(a)(2)(B), 16 U.S.C. 1539(a)(2)(B), and its implementing regulations at 50 CFR 17.22(b)(1).

Dated: August 28, 2003.

Richard O. Bennett,

Acting Regional Director, Region 5, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Privacy Act of 1974, As Amended; Revision of a System of Records

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed revisions to an existing system of records.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior (DOI) is issuing public notice of its intent to revise a system of records in its current inventory, Permits System—Interior, FWS-21, subject to the Privacy Act of 1974. This action is necessary to meet the requirements of the Privacy Act to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** of amended systems of records. A notice on this system of records was previously published in the **Federal Register** on December 6, 1983, (48 FR 54719). The agency is updating information on the system and adding new information on categories of records, purposes, routine uses, and procedures.

DATES: Comments on this revised system of records must be received on or before October 14, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments on this revised system of records to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Privacy Act Officer, Mail Stop 222, Arlington Square Building, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203, or by email at Johnny_Hunt@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Johnny R. Hunt, Service Privacy Act Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, telephone: (703) 358-1730, or fax: (703) 358-2269.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (FWS) permit programs collect information to establish and verify an applicant's eligibility for a permit to conduct

certain activities with wildlife and plants under various Federal wildlife laws and treaties. These include the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, Endangered Species Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Lacey Act, and Wild Bird Conservation Act. Information includes name, address, date of birth, Social Security Number, occupation, home and work phone numbers, facsimile number, and email address. The system no longer includes height, weight, or color of hair and eyes of applicants for applications received after 1997. The system also contains information on locations, types, and purposes of the proposed activity, qualifications of the applicant (such as education and experience), and tribal affiliation for eagle permits for Native American religious purposes. Other documents reflect the general administrative processing and review of an application, and the monitoring of activities under the issued permit. We propose to add new information on locations of records, categories of records, authority under the Wild Bird Conservation Act, purposes, procedures, current system managers, and record source categories, and we clarify when records would be released to the Department of Justice. We also propose to modify routine uses to include subject matter experts that provide advice on the issuance of permits; Federal, State, local or foreign wildlife and plant agencies for the exchange of permitting information; registrants involved in the breeding of endangered or threatened species under Captive-bred Wildlife registrations; appropriate authorities and others who need to know who is permitted to receive and rehabilitate sick, orphaned, and injured migratory birds; appropriate agencies when we need to monitor activities conducted under a permit or evaluate regulated trade and use; a congressional office in response to an inquiry an individual has made; the General Accounting Office or Congress when the information is required for the evaluation of the permit programs; and contractors, experts or consultations to accomplish a FWS function related to this system. The expanded routine uses do not require new information to be collected.

The Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(11)) requires that the public be provided a 30-day period in which to comment on the intended use of the information in the system of records. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB), in Circular A-130, requires an additional