The applicant requests a permit to re-export biological samples from maned wolf (*Chrysocyon brachyurus*) to Dr. Beat Bigler, Bern, Switzerland, for the purpose of diagnostic and scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Applicant: James J. Homann, Sr., Omaha, NE, PRT–080210.

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: Atlanta Zoo, Atlanta, GA, PRT–080016.

The applicant requests a permit to import frozen semen samples from one male giant panda (*Ailuropoda melanoleuca*) from the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding, China, for the purpose of artificial insemination for scientific research and propagation for the enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Michelle L. Sauther, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, PRT–040035.

The applicant requests an amendment and renewal of their permit to import biological samples from ring-tailed lemur (*Lemur catta*) collected in the wild in Madagascar, for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Applicant: Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, Cleveland, OH, PRT–080013.

The applicant requests a permit to import two male and two female captive born ocelots (*Leopardus pardalis*) from several zoos in Brazil, as part of the Brazilian Ocelot Consortium (BOC), for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through captive propagation and conservation education.

Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following application for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application 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 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: Ronald J. Bartels, Schriever, LA, PRT–080350.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Baffin Bay polar bear population in Canada prior to February 18, 1997, for personal use.

Dated: December 5, 2003.

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

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application.

SUMMARY: The following applicants have applied for permits 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.*).

DATES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111—4056, and must be received on or before January 20, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Peter Fasbender, (612) 713–5343.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Permit Number TE 056081–1

Applicant: EnviroScience, Incorporated, Stow, Ohio.

The applicant requests a permit to take (collect) listed fish and mussel species throughout the State of Georgia. Activities are proposed to identify populations of listed species and to develop methods to minimize or avoid project related impacts to those populations. The scientific research is aimed at enhancement of survival of species in the wild.

Permit Number TE 023666–0

Applicant: Eric R. Britzke, Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina.

The applicant requests a permit to take (collect) the northern flying squirrel (*Glaucomys sabrinus*) throughout North Carolina and Virginia. Activities are proposed for the enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number TE 079161–0

Applicant: Paula K. Kleintjes, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass) Karner blue butterfly (*Lycaeides melissa samuelis*) in Wisconsin. Activities are proposed for the enhancement of survival of (*Lycaeides melissa samuelis*) in Wisconsin. Activities are proposed for the enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number TE 079162–0

Applicant: Jeremy A. Williamson, Polk County Land and Water Resources Department, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin.

The applicant requests a permit to take (collect) Higgins' eye pearlymussel (*Lampsilis higginsi*) and winged mapleleaf (*Quadrula fragosa*) in Wisconsin. Activities are proposed for the enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Number TE 072500

Applicant: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Engineer Research and Development Center, Champaign, Illinois.

The applicant requests a permit to take Topeka shiner (*Notropis topeka*) in Illinois. Activities are proposed for the enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Dated: December 3, 2003.

T.J. Miller,

Acting Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 3, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Receipt of Applications for Endangered Species Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permits.

SUMMARY: The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. We provide this notice pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

DATES: We must receive written data or comments on these applications at the