

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by October 29, 2004.

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 applications 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 (ADDRESSES above).

Applicant: Zoological Society of San Diego, San Diego, CA; PRT-727416.

The applicant requests renewal of their permit to import multiple shipments of biological samples from wild, captive-held, or captive-born endangered species for the purpose of Scientific Research. No animals can be intentionally killed for the purpose of collecting specimens. Any invasively collected samples can only be collected by trained personnel. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Applicant: Felix G. Stavinoha, Schulenburg, TX; PRT-093431.

The applicant requests 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.

Applicant: Morris Animal Foundation, Englewood, CO; PRT-772163.

The applicant requests renewal of their permit for the import of multiple shipments of biological samples from wild gorillas (*Gorilla gorilla*) from Rwanda, Uganda, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the purpose of scientific research of animal health concerns. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Applicant: Roger J. Wendel, Vancouver, WA; PRT-093180.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) 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.

Dated: September 17, 2004.

Monica Farris,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered Species Recovery Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications.

SUMMARY: The following applicants have applied for a scientific research permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ("we") solicits review and comment from local, State, and Federal agencies, and the public on the following permit requests.

DATES: Comments on these permit applications must be received on or before October 29, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Chief, Endangered Species, Ecological Services, 911 NE. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181 (fax: 503-231-6243). Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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 the address above (telephone: 503-231-2063). Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when requesting copies of documents.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Permit No.: TE-022514

Applicant: Patrick Tennant, Costa Mesa, California.

The permittee requests an amendment to take (harass by survey and locate and monitor nests) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), and to take (locate and monitor nests) the least Bell's vireo (*Vireo pusillus bellii*) in conjunction with surveys in Orange, Riverside, San Diego, Los Angeles, Ventura, Imperial, and San Bernardino Counties, California, for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No.: TE-091987

Applicant: Zachary Principe, Murrieta, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and collect and sacrifice) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), the longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus wootoni*), the San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), and the vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with surveys throughout southern California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No.: TE-092163

Applicant: Shelby Howard, Costa Mesa, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in conjunction with surveys in San Diego and Los Angeles Counties, California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No.: TE-092162

Applicant: Andrew Borchner, Santee, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (survey by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No.: TE-092176

Applicant: Susan Ingram, Camarillo, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (survey by pursuit) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in conjunction with surveys in Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Inyo, Kern, and Santa Barbara Counties, California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No.: TE-092476

Applicant: Scott Quinnell, Yucaipa, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (survey by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No.: TE-091462

Applicant: Karen Drewe, Irvine, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No.: TE-090990

Applicant: The Catalina Island Conservancy, Avalon, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, measure, sex, insert passive integrated transponder tags, radio-collar, vaccinate, administer veterinary medical treatments, captive propagate, collect blood and fecal samples, transport, and release) the Santa Catalina Island fox (*Urocyon littoralis catalinae*; fox) in conjunction with scientific research on the fox and feral cats, and feral goat and pig removal on Santa Catalina Island, California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No.: TE-093151

Applicant: Richard Rivas, Fair Oaks, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and collect and sacrifice) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), the longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus wootoni*), the San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), and the vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with surveys throughout California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No.: TE-092469

Applicant: Ingrid Chlup, Santa Ana, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and collect and sacrifice) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), the longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus wootoni*), the San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta*

sandiegonensis), and the vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with surveys in southern California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No.: TE-093150

Applicant: Melissa Olson, Murrieta, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (survey by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No.: TE-093149

Applicant: Dean Blinn, Flagstaff, Arizona.

The applicant requests a permit to take (collect) the Amargosa pupfish (*Cyprinodon nevadensis*) in conjunction with research in Nye County, Nevada, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No.: TE-080774

Applicant: U.S. Mendocino National Forest, Arcata, California.

The permittee requests an amendment to take (collect tissue, use video cameras in burrows, and excavate burrows to locate dead beavers) the Point Arena Mountain Beaver (*Aplodontia rufa nigra*) in conjunction with scientific research in Mendocino County, California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

We solicit public review and comment on each of these recovery permit applications.

Dated: September 15, 2004.

John Engbring,

Acting Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service**

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Document for Issuance of an Incidental Take Permit Associated With a Habitat Conservation Plan at the Fort Ord Military Installation, Monterey County, CA

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42

U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) advises the public that we intend to perform a scoping process to gather information necessary to help develop a NEPA document and determine whether to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the proposed Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for the former Fort Ord Federal military installation in Monterey County, California. The decision to prepare an EIS or EA is, in part, contingent upon the complexity of issues identified during and following the scoping phase of the NEPA process. The proposed Fort Ord HCP is being prepared in compliance with the Federal Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

The HCP is meant to support the issuance of incidental take permits to the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA), State Parks, University of California at Santa Cruz, California State University at Monterey Bay, and the County of Monterey (the Applicants) from the Service under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA and from the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) under section 2081 of the California Fish and Game Code in compliance with the California Endangered Species Act (CESA).

We provide this notice to:

- (1) Advise other Federal and State agencies, affected tribes, and the public of our intent to prepare an EA or an EIS;
- (2) Announce the initiation of a 30-day public scoping period; and
- (3) Obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues and alternatives to be considered in the scoping process.

DATES: Public scoping meetings will be held on: Wednesday, October 13, 2004, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Written comments should be received on or before October 29, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in the FORA Conference Facility/Bridge Center, 13th Street, Building 2925, Marina, CA 93933. Information, written comments, or questions related to the preparation of the EA or EIS and the NEPA process should be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office, 2493 Portola Road, Suite B, Ventura, California 93003; or FAX (805) 644-1766.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane Steeck at the above Ventura address, or at (805) 644-1766.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: