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Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1601 Balboa Avenue, Panama City, FL 32405; Attention: Ms. Patty Kelly. Direct inquiries to Ms. Kelly at 850-769-0552, extension 228 (phone) or patricia_kelly@fws.gov (e-mail).

Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Newfoundland, Quebec, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, and St. Pierre and Miquelon (France), piping plovers in any area not listed above, information pertinent to multiple regions: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 73 Weir Hill Road, Sudbury, MA 01776; Attention: Ms. Anne Hecht. Direct inquiries to Ms. Hecht at 978-443-4325 (phone) or anne_hecht@fws.gov (e-mail).

How Are These Populations Currently Listed?

Table 1 provides current listing information. Also, the List, which covers all listed species, is available on our Internet site at <http://endangered.fws.gov/wildlife.html#Species>.

Definitions

To help you submit information about the species we are reviewing, we provide the following definitions:

Species includes any species or subspecies of fish, wildlife, or plant, and any distinct population segment of any species of vertebrate, which interbreeds when mature;

Endangered species means any species that is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range; and

Threatened species means any species that is likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

How Do We Determine Whether a Species Is Endangered or Threatened?

Section 4(a)(1) of the Act establishes that we determine whether a species is endangered or threatened based on one or more of the five following factors: (A)

The present or threatened destruction, modification, or curtailment of its habitat or range; (B) Overutilization for commercial, recreational, scientific, or educational purposes; (C) Disease or predation; (D) The inadequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms; or (E) Other natural or manmade factors affecting its continued existence. Section 4(a)(1) of the Act requires that our determination be made on the basis of the best scientific and commercial data available.

What Could Happen as a Result of Our Review?

For the species under review, if we find new information that indicates a change in classification may be warranted, we may propose a new rule that could do one of the following: (a) Reclassify the population from threatened to endangered (uplist); (b) reclassify the population from endangered to threatened (downlist); or (c) remove the population(s) from the List (delist).

If we determine that a change in classification is not warranted, then the populations will remain on the List under their current status.

References

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 _____, 1988b. Great Lakes and Northern Great Plains piping plover recovery plan. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Twin Cities, MN. 160pp.
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Authority

We publish this document under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: August 22, 2008.

T.J. Miller,

Acting Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Midwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Issuance of Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

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

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 212, 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 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 No.	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
170807	Dirk Arthur dba Stage Magic Inc	73 FR 21981; April 23, 2008	July 29, 2008.

ENDANGERED MARINE MAMMALS

Permit No.	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
167514	Catherine L. Foy, Foy Marine Consulting	73 FR 23266; April 29, 2008	August 22, 2008.

Dated: August 22, 2008.

Lisa J. Lierheimer,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R9-IA-2008-N0238; 96300-1671-0000-P5]

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.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by October 30, 2008.

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 212, 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 (address above).

Applicant: The Science and Conservation Center, Zoo Montana, Billings, MT, PRT-187319.

The applicant requests a permit to import blood samples from 4 female captive bred Przewalski's horses (*Equus przewalskii*) at the Association pour le cheval de Przewalski, France, for the purpose of enhancement of the propagation or survival of the species. This notification covers a one-time import.

Applicant: North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, Beaufort, NC, PRT-192398.

The applicant requests a permit to import one live stranded Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempi*) sea turtle from the United Kingdom for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Virginia Safari Park, Natural Bridge, VA, PRT-192751.

The applicant requests a permit to import two male captive-bred cheetahs (*Acinonyx jubatus*) from the De Wildt Cheetah Breeding Center, South Africa for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Houston Zoo, Inc., Houston, TX, PRT-192243.

The applicant requests a permit to purchase in interstate commerce one female Asian elephant (*Elephas maximus*) born in the wild during 1983 from Have Trunk Will Travel, Perris, California for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Ricardo Longoria, Laredo, TX, PRT-192403.

The applicant requests a permit authorizing take, interstate and foreign commerce of swamp deer (*Rucervus duvaucelii*), from his captive herd for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Applicant: Arno W. Weiss, St. Charles, MI, PRT-191092.

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.

Applicant: Eldon R. Bell, San Angelo, TX, PRT-191126.

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.

Applicant: Bruce R. Schoeneweis, Alton, IL, PRT-191134.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophies of two male bonteboks (*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: August 22, 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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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.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by October 30, 2008.

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 212, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358-2281.

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