

applications, we will attempt to respond to your request electronically.

Please make your requests or comments as specific as possible. Please confine your comments to issues for which we seek comments in this notice, and explain the basis for your comments. Include sufficient information with your comments to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include.

The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) Those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**) or comments delivered to an address other than those listed above (see **ADDRESSES**).

B. May I review comments submitted by others?

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the street address listed under **ADDRESSES**. The public may review documents and other information applicants have sent in support of the application unless our allowing viewing would violate the Privacy Act or Freedom of Information Act. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), along with Executive Order 13576, “Delivering an Efficient, Effective, and Accountable Government,” and the President’s Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies of January 21, 2009—Transparency and Open Government (74 FR 4685; January 26, 2009), which call on all Federal agencies to promote openness and transparency in Government by disclosing information to the public, we invite public comment on these permit

applications before final action is taken. Under the MMPA, you may request a hearing on any MMPA application received. If you request a hearing, give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Service Director.

III. Permit Applications

A. Endangered Species

Applicant: Damuth Taxidermy, Brady, TX; PRT-75675A

The applicant requests a permit to export the sport-hunted trophy/trophies of one scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*) and one addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*) culled from a captive herd maintained in the state of Sonora, TX, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: University of Florida, Davie, FL; PRT-71355A

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples of American crocodile (*Crocodylus acutus*) from Belize for the purpose of enhancement of the species through scientific research. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Rosamond Gifford Zoo at Burnet Park, Syracuse, NY; PRT-79875A

The applicant requests a permit to export one male captive-born golden lion tamarin (*Leontopithecus rosalia*) to the Melbourne Zoo, Australia, for the purpose of enhancement of the species through captive breeding.

Applicant: Utah’s Hogle Zoo, Salt Lake City, UT; PRT-79305A

The applicant requests a permit to export one female captive-born golden lion tamarin (*Leontopithecus rosalia*) to the Melbourne Zoo, Australia, for the purpose of enhancement of the species through captive breeding.

Applicant: Dr. Muehlenbein, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN; PRT-77006A

The applicant requests a permit to import orangutan (*Pongo pygmaeus*) and proboscis monkey (*Nasalis larvatus*) biological samples from Malaysia for the purpose of enhancement to the survival of the species through scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 1-year period.

Multiple Applicants

The following applicants each request 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 Soik, Stevens Point, WI; PRT-73636A

Applicant: Carey Adams, Greenville, SC; PRT-72621A

B. Endangered Marine Mammals and Marine Mammals

Applicant: John Wise, Ph.D., University of Southern Maine, Portland, ME; PRT-100875

The applicant requests renewal of the permit to authorize import, export, and acquisition of biological samples from marine otter (*Lontra felina*), all sea otters (*Enhydra lutris*), walrus (*Odobenus rosmarus*), polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*), all manatee species (*Trichechus* spp.), and dugongs (*Dugong dugon*) to create cell lines for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Concurrent with publishing this notice in the **Federal Register**, we are forwarding copies of the above applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

Brenda Tapia,

Program Analyst/Data Administrator, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-WO-IA-2012-N172;
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Endangered Species; Marine Mammals; Issuance of Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of permits.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have issued the following permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species, marine mammals, or both. We issue these permits under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA).

ADDRESSES: Brenda Tapia, Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and

Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, VA 22203; fax (703) 358-2280; or email DMAFR@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Tapia, (703) 358-2104 (telephone); (703) 358-2280 (fax); DMAFR@fws.gov (email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On the dates below, as authorized by the provisions of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), as amended, and/or the MMPA, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), we issued requested permits subject to certain conditions set forth therein. For each permit for an endangered species,

we 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 ESA.

ENDANGERED SPECIES

Permit number	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
57926A	Zoological Society of San Diego	77 FR 6139; February 7, 2012	May 24, 2012.
66555A	James McNicol	77 FR 15383; March 15, 2012	June 28, 2012.
73008A	University of South Carolina	77 FR 30547; May 23, 2012	July 6, 2012.

MARINE MAMMALS

Permit number	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
063561	Edmund Gerstein, Florida Atlantic University ...	77 FR 22604; April 16, 2012	June 28, 2012.

Availability of Documents

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: Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, VA 22203; fax (703) 358-2280.

Brenda Tapia,

Program Analyst/Data Administrator, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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offered at http://www.usgs.gov/start_with_science.

DATES: The comment period on questions and drafts has been extended to midnight on September 1, 2012.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Feedback can be offered and additional information accessed at www.usgs.gov/start_with_science.

Dated: July 12, 2012.

Barbara Wainman,

USGS Associate Director for Communications and Publishing.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U.S. Geological Survey

[USGS-GX11AA0000A1300]

Announcement of the U.S. Geological Survey Science Strategy Planning Feedback Process

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of feedback process.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Geological Survey is creating 10-year strategies for each of its Mission Areas: Climate and Land Use Change, Core Science Systems, Ecosystems, Energy and Minerals, Environmental Health, Natural Hazards, and Water. This process involves gathering input from the public on draft strategy documents. Feedback can be

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Approved Tribal—State Class III Gaming Compact.

SUMMARY: This notice publishes an extension of Gaming between the Rosebud Sioux Tribe and the State of South Dakota.

DATES: *Effective Date:* July 23, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paula L. Hart, Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary—Policy and Economic Development, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.