

the final determination on whether to prepare an additional NEPA document on the proposed action.

Public Comments

We request data, comments, new information, or suggestions from the public, other concerned governmental agencies, the scientific community, Tribes, industry, or any other interested party on this notice. We particularly seek comments on the following:

1. Biological information concerning the species;
2. Relevant data concerning the species;
3. Additional information concerning the range, distribution, population size, and population trends of the species;
4. Current or planned activities in the subject area and their possible impacts on the species;
5. The presence of archeological sites, buildings and structures, historic events, sacred and traditional areas, and other historic preservation concerns, which are required to be considered in project planning by the National Historic Preservation Act; and
6. Identification of any other environmental issues that should be considered with regard to the proposed development and permit action.

Authority

We provide this notice pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act and the NEPA public-involvement regulations (40 CFR 1500.1(b), 1500.2(d), and 1506.6). We will evaluate the permit application, including the HCP, and comments we receive to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the Act. If the requirements are met, we will issue a permit to the applicant for the incidental take of the San Joaquin kit fox and the vernal pool fairy shrimp from the implementation of the covered activities described in the Low-Effect Habitat Conservation Plan for the Proposed State Route 99/Cartmill Avenue Interchange Improvements Project, City of Tulare, Tulare County, California. We will make the final permit decision no sooner than January 14, 2013.

Dated: December 10, 2012.

Alexandra Pitts,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-HQ-IA-2012-N298;
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Endangered Species; Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is acquired that allows such activities.

DATES: We must receive comments or requests for documents on or before January 14, 2013.

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:

I. Public Comment Procedures

A. How do I request copies of applications or comment on submitted applications?

Send your request for copies of applications or comments and materials concerning any of the applications to the contact listed under **ADDRESSES**. Please include the **Federal Register** notice publication date, the PRT-number, and the name of the applicant in your request or submission. We will not consider requests or comments sent to an email or address not listed under **ADDRESSES**. If you provide an email address in your request for copies of 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.*), 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.

III. Permit Applications

A. Endangered Species

Applicant: Palm Beach Zoo at Dreher Park, West Palm Beach, FL; PRT-706378

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following families, genera, and species, to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Families:

- Cebidae
- Cercopithecidae
- Lemuridae

Species:

- Bengal tiger (*Panthera tigris tigris*)
- Clouded leopard (*Neofelis nebulosa*)
- Yellow-footed rock wallaby (*Petrogale xanthopus*)
- Maned wolf (*Chrysocyon brachyurus*)
- Baird's tapir (*Tapirus bairdii*)
- Red-crowned crane (*Grus japonensis*)
- Komodo monitor (*Varanus komodoensis*)

Applicant: Indianapolis Zoological Society, Inc., Indianapolis, IN; PRT-679556

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following families, genera, and species, to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Families:

- Lemuridae
- Iguanidae

Species:

- African wild dog (*Lycaon pictus*)
- Amur tiger (*Panthera tigris altaica*)
- Lar gibbon (*Hylobates lar*)
- Radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*)

Applicant: Reptile Wrangler LLC, Douglasville, GA; PRT-91700A

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the Radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*) to enhance the species' propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Timothy Beard, Hauser, ID; PRT-233238

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*) to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Richard Ehrlich, Addison, IL; PRT-232854

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for golden parakeet (*Guarouba guarouba*) to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne, IN; PRT-89757A

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples collected from loggerhead sea turtles (*Caretta caretta*), green sea turtles (*Chelonia mydas*), leatherback sea turtles (*Dermochelys coriacea*), and olive ridley sea turtles (*Lepidochelys olivacea*) in the wild in South Africa and Costa Rica, for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 3-year period.

Applicant: Utah State University-Intermountain Herbarium, Logan, UT; PRT-92157A

The applicant requests a permit to export and re-import non-living museum/herbarium specimens of endangered and threatened species (excluding animals) previously legally accessioned into the permittee's collection for scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-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: Thomas Archipley, Okemos, MI; PRT-91717A
- Applicant: Lonnie Henriksen, Arlington, SD; PRT-91698A
- Applicant: David Combs, Long Beach, CA; PRT-91992A
- Applicant: Walters Wade, Hattlesburg, MS; PRT-91292A

Applicant: Leslie Barnhart, Houston, TX; PRT-91988A

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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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).

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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 No.	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
60610A	University of California, UC Davis Stable Isotope Facility.	77 FR 17494; March 26, 2012	September 14, 2012.
63801A	Global Viral Forecasting Initiative	77 FR 24510; April 24, 2012	September 12, 2012.
65708A	Duke Lemur Center	77 FR 30547; May 23, 2012	September 12, 2012.
66809A	University of Cincinnati	77 FR 34059; June 8, 2012	September 13, 2012.
77911A	Coleman Floyd	77 FR 41198; July 12, 2012	August 16, 2012.