

III. Permit Applications**A. Endangered Species**

Applicant: Los Angeles Zoo, Los Angeles, CA; PRT-24209B

The applicant requests a permit to import two captive-born ale brush-tailed bettong (*Bettongia penicillata*) from Zoo Duisburg Ag, Germany, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Zoofari Animal Park & Preserve, Como, MS; PRT-24177B

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

Species

Barasingha (*Rucervus duvaucelii*)
 Eld's deer (*Rucervus eldii*)
 Scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*)
 Arabian oryx (*Oryx leucoryx*)
 Addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*)
 Dama gazelle (*Nanger dama*)
 Red lechwe (*Kobus leche*)
 Southern white rhinoceros
 (*Ceratotherium simum simum*)
 Grevy's zebra (*Equus grevyi*)
 Hartmann's mountain zebra (*Equus zebra hartmannae*)
 Przewalski's horse (*Equus przewalskii*)
 African wild ass (*Equus africanus*)
 Asian wild ass (*Equus hemionus*)
 Bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*)
 Arabian gazelle (*Gazella gazella*)
 Cuvier's gazelle (*Gazella cuvieri*)
 Slender-horned gazelle (*Gazella leptoceros*)
 Anoa (*Bubalus depressicornis*)
 Seladang (*Bos gaurus*)
 Galapagos tortoise (*Chelonoidis nigra*)

Applicant: Anthony Pierlioni, Plainville, CT; PRT-24368B

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*), yellow-spotted river turtle (*Podocnemis unifilis*), and spotted pond turtle (*Geoclemys hamiltonii*) to enhance the species' propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Turtles and Tortoises Inc., Lakeland, FL; PRT-24163B

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the Galapagos tortoise (*Chelonoidis nigra*), radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*), aquatic box turtle

(*Terrapene coahuila*), yellow-spotted river turtle (*Podocnemis unifilis*), tartaruga (*Podocnemis expansa*) spotted pond turtle (*Geoclemys hamiltonii*), river terrapin (*Batagur baska*), African dwarf crocodile (*Osteolaemus tetraspis*), Nile crocodile (*Crocodylus niloticus*), Siamese crocodile (*Crocodylus siamensis*), Cuban crocodile (*Crocodylus rhombifer*), saltwater crocodile (*Crocodylus porosus*), yacare caiman (*Caiman yacare*), caiman (*Caiman crocodilus*), broad-snouted caiman (*Caiman latirostris*), and Chinese alligator (*Alligator sinensis*) to enhance the species' propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Ralph Hoekstra, Huntington Beach, CA; PRT-050827

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for 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: Oregon Zoo, Portland, OR; PRT-677662

The applicant requests amendment of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) to include African wild dog (*Lycaon pictus*) to enhance the species' propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Zoo New England, Boston, MA; PRT-692781

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

Family:

Bovidae
 Cercopithecidae
 Cervidae
 Equidae
 Felidae (does not include jaguar, margay or ocelot)
 Hominidae
 Hylobatidae
 Lemnidae
 Tapiridae
 Gruidae
 Crocodylidae (does not include American crocodile)

Species

African wild dog (*Lycaon pictus*)

Northern bald ibis (*Geronticus eremita*)
 Andean condor (*Vultur gryphus*)
 Rothschild's starling (*Leucopsar rothschildi*)
 Scarlet-chested parakeet (*Neophema splendida*)
 Panamanian golden frog (*Atelopus zeteki*)

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

[Docket No. FWS-R8-ES-2013-N263; 81420-1113-0000-F3]

Proposed Safe Harbor Agreement With the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the Abbott Lake Unit of the Feather River Wildlife Area in Sutter County, California

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) has applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an enhancement of survival permit under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The permit application includes a proposed safe harbor agreement (agreement) between the Department and the Service for the federally-threatened valley elderberry longhorn beetle (*Desmocerus californicus dimorphus*) (beetle). The Agreement is available for public comment.

DATES: To ensure consideration, please send your written comments by February 12, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Mr. Rick Kuyper, via U.S. Mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, 2800 Cottage Way, W-2605, Sacramento, CA 95825.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Rick Kuyper, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office (see **ADDRESSES**); telephone: (916) 414-6600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Availability of Documents**

You may obtain copies of the document for review by contacting the individual named above (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). You may also make an appointment to view the document at the above address

during normal business hours (see **ADDRESSES**).

Background

Under a Safe Harbor Agreement, participating landowners voluntarily undertake management activities on their property to enhance, restore, or maintain habitat benefiting species listed under the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). Safe Harbor Agreements and the subsequent enhancement of survival permits, issued pursuant to Section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act, encourage private and other non-Federal property owners to implement conservation efforts for listed species by assuring property owners that they will not be subjected to increased property use restrictions as a result of their efforts to attract listed species to their property, to increase the numbers or distribution of listed species already on their property. Application requirements and issuance criteria for enhancement of survival permits through Safe Harbor Agreements are found in 50 CFR 17.22(c) and 17.32(c). These permits allow any necessary future incidental take of covered species above the mutually agreed upon baseline conditions for those species in accordance with the terms and conditions of the permits and accompanying agreements.

The Agreement is expected to promote the recovery of the beetle within the Abbott Lake Unit of the Feather River Wildlife Area, Sutter County, which is owned and managed by the Department. The proposed duration of the Agreement is 20 years. The enhancement of survival permit would authorize the incidental taking of the beetle associated with: the restoration, enhancement, and maintenance of suitable habitat for the beetle; routine activities associated with routine and ongoing lands management within the Abbott Lake Unit; and the potential future return of the property to baseline conditions. The Department would receive assurances under our “no surprises” regulations (50 CFR 17.22(c)(5) and 17.32(c)(5)) for the beetle. In addition to meeting other criteria, actions to be performed under the enhancement of survival permit must not jeopardize the existence of federally listed fish, wildlife, or plants.

Public Review and Comments

The Service has made a preliminary determination that the proposed Agreement and permit application are eligible for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). We explain the basis for this determination in an

Environmental Action Statement that is also available for public review.

Individuals wishing copies of the Environmental Action Statement, and/or copies of the full text of the Agreement should contact the office and personnel listed in the **ADDRESSES** section above.

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.

The Service will evaluate this permit application, associated documents, and comments submitted to determine whether the permit application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the Act and NEPA regulations. If the Service determines that the requirements are met, we will sign the proposed Agreement and issue an enhancement of survival permit under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act to the Department for take of the beetle incidental to otherwise lawful activities in accordance with the terms of the Agreement. The Service will not make our final decision until after the end of the 30-day comment period and will fully consider all comments received during the comment period.

The Service provides this notice pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act and pursuant to implementing regulations for NEPA (40 CFR 1506.6).

Dated: January 7, 2014.

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Field Supervisor, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Natural Resources Revenue

[Docket No. ONRR-2011-0002; DS63610300 DR2PS0000.CH7000 134D0102R2]

States’ Decisions on Participating in Accounting and Auditing Relief for Federal Oil and Gas Marginal Properties

AGENCY: Office of Natural Resources Revenue, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Final regulations that the Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) published September 13, 2004

(69 FR 55076), provide two types of accounting and auditing relief for Federal onshore or Outer Continental Shelf lease production from marginal properties. As the regulations require, ONRR provided a list of qualifying marginal Federal oil and gas properties to States that received a portion of Federal royalties. Each State then decided whether to participate in one or both relief options. For calendar year 2013, we provide in this notice the affected States’ decisions to allow one or both types of relief.

DATES: Effective January 1, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Adamski, Program Manager, Asset Valuation, at (303) 231-3410; or (303) 231-3744 via fax; or via email to *richard.adamski@onrr.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The regulations, codified at 30 CFR part 1204, subpart C, implement certain provisions of section 7 of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act of 1996 (RSFA) (30 U.S.C. 1726), which allows States to relieve the lessees of marginal properties from certain reporting, accounting, and auditing requirements. States make an annual determination of whether or not to allow relief. Two options for relief are provided: (1) Notification-based relief for annual reporting and (2) other requested relief, as industry proposed and ONRR and the affected State approved. The regulations require ONRR to publish by December 1 of each year a list of the States and their decisions regarding marginal property relief.

To qualify for the first relief option (notification-based relief) for calendar year 2013, properties must have produced less than 1,000 barrels-of-oil-equivalent (BOE) per year for the base period (July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012). Annual reporting relief will begin January 1, 2013, with the annual report and payment due February 28, 2014, or March 31, 2014, if you have an estimated payment on file. To qualify for the second relief option (other requested relief), the combined equivalent production of the marginal properties during the base period must equal an average daily well production of less than 15 BOE per well, per day calculated under 30 CFR 1204.4(c).

The following table shows the States that have qualifying marginal properties and the States’ decisions to allow one or both forms of relief.

State	1,000 BOE	15 BOE
Alabama	No	No.
California	No	No.
Colorado	No	No.