

of 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 enhancing the propagation or survival of the species.

*Applicant: Steven Crews, Natchitoches, LA; Permit No. 15034D*

*Applicant: Donald Youngblood, Keizer, OR; Permit No. 17070D*

*Applicant: Donald Wehmeyer, Abilene, TX; Permit No. 17570D*

*Applicant: Scott Ames, Tulsa, OK; Permit No. 21256D*

#### *B. Endangered Marine Mammals and Marine Mammals*

*Applicant: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Admin, Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Program, Silver Spring, MD; Permit No. 009526*

NMFS, the applicant, requests renewal of their permit in order to salvage, receive, possess, analyze, transfer, import, and export samples and parts of all marine mammal species under U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) jurisdiction and also for incidental take of all marine mammals under USFWS jurisdiction that may occur while NMFS is performing research or emergency response activities on marine mammals under NMFS jurisdiction under NMFS permit no. 18786-02. They are also requesting Level B coverage for incidental harassment that may occur to the four marine mammal species that are found in U.S. waters; the possible incidental harassment would occur as a result of activities conducted under NMFS's Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Program permit for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

*Applicant: U.S. Geological Survey, National Wildlife Health Center, Madison, WI; Permit No. 51164C*

The applicant requests authorization for the following activities, for the purpose of scientific research (in order to determine possible causes of disease and mortality):

To receive and process northern sea otter (NSO) carcasses stranded in Washington and Alaska;

To transport tissue samples from these NSO carcasses to other lab facilities within the United States for diagnostic testing; and

To export biological specimens to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans in

Canada of northern sea otter (*Enhydra lutris kenyoni*), Pacific walrus (*Odobenus rosmarus*), West Indian manatee (*Trichechus manatus*), and polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*).

This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

*Applicant: Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute, St. Petersburg, FL; Permit No. 773494*

The applicant requests renewal of their research permit to conduct aerial surveys on West Indian Florida manatee (*Trichechus manatus*). They are also requesting to import, export, or re-export biological samples (tissues, parts, samples, or carcasses) of West Indian manatee, Amazonian manatee (*Trichechus inunguis*), African manatee (*Trichechus senegalensis*), and dugong (*Dugong dugon*) for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

#### **IV. Next Steps**

After the comment period closes, we will make decisions regarding permit issuance. If we issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**. You may locate the notice announcing the permit issuance by searching <http://www.regulations.gov> for the permit number listed above in this document. For example, to find information about the potential issuance of Permit No. 12345A, you would go to [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and search for "12345A".

#### **V. Authority**

We issue this notice under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and its implementing regulations, and the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and its implementing regulations.

#### **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**

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### **Endangered and Threatened Species; Receipt of Recovery Permit Applications**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have received applications for permits to conduct activities intended to enhance the propagation or survival of endangered or threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on these applications. Before issuing any of the requested permits, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

**DATES:** We must receive your written comments on or before May 1, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Use one of the following methods to request documents or submit comments. Requests and comments should specify the applicant name(s) and application number(s) (*e.g.*, TE123456):

- *Email:* [permitsR5ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR5ES@fws.gov).
- *U.S. Mail:* Abby Gelb, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Westgate Center Dr., Hadley, MA 01035.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Abby Gelb, 413-253-8212 (phone), or [permitsR5ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR5ES@fws.gov) (email).

Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 for TTY assistance.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on applications for permits under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The requested permits would allow the applicants to conduct activities intended to promote recovery of species that are listed as endangered or threatened under the ESA.

#### **Background**

With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits activities that constitute take of listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activity. The ESA's definition of "take" includes such activities as pursuing, harassing,

trapping, capturing, or collecting in addition to hunting, shooting, harming, wounding, or killing.

A recovery permit issued by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes that

promote recovery or for enhancement of propagation or survival of the species. Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) for these permits are found at 50 CFR 17.22 for endangered wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.32 for threatened wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.62 for

endangered plant species, and 50 CFR 17.72 for threatened plant species.

**Permit Applications Available for Review and Comment**

We invite local, State, and Federal agencies; Tribes; and the public to comment on the following applications.

Application No.	Applicant	Species	Location	Activity	Type of take	Permit action
TE29073D .....	University of Maine, Orono, ME.	Atlantic salmon ( <i>Salmo salar</i> ).	Maine .....	Fish assemblage survey, monitor.	Electrofishing, capture, harass, handle.	New.
TE33186D .....	Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission, Edgartown, MA.	Roseate tern ( <i>Sterna dougallii dougallii</i> ), Piping plover ( <i>Charadrius melodus</i> ).	Massachusetts .....	Research on impacts of small Unmanned Aircraft System flight altitude on nesting shorebirds.		New.

**Public Availability of Comments**

Written comments we receive become part of the administrative record associated with this action. 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 request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Moreover, all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

**Next Steps**

If we decide to issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**.

**Authority**

Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

**Martin Miller,**

Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Ecological Services, Northeast Region.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Geological Survey**

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**Agency Information Collection Activities; Earth Explorer User Registration Service**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) are proposing to renew an information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 31, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on the information collection request (ICR) by mail to the U.S. Geological Survey, Information Collections Clearance Officer, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 159, Reston, VA 20192; or by email to [gs-info\\_collections@usgs.gov](mailto:gs-info_collections@usgs.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 1028-0119 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Ryan Longhenry by email at [rlonghenry@usgs.gov](mailto:rlonghenry@usgs.gov), or by telephone at 605-591-6179.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the general public and other Federal

agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the USGS; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the USGS enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the USGS minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. 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 may 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.