

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

[Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2019-0042;
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Foreign Endangered Species; Receipt of 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, invite the public to comment on applications to conduct certain activities with foreign species that are listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is issued that allows such activities. The ESA also requires that we invite public comment before issuing permits for any activity otherwise prohibited by the ESA with respect to any endangered species.

DATES: We must receive comments by May 28, 2019.

ADDRESSES: *Obtaining Documents:* The applications, application supporting materials, and any comments and other materials that we receive will be available for public inspection at <http://www.regulations.gov> in Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2019-0042.

Submitting Comments: When submitting comments, please specify the name of the applicant and the permit number at the beginning of your comment. You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- *Internet:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search for and submit comments on Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2019-0042.

- *U.S. mail or hand-delivery:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2019-0042; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, MS: BPHC; 5275 Leesburg Pike; Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

For more information, see *Public Comment Procedures* under

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Tapia, by phone at 703-358-2104, via email at DMAFR@fws.gov, or via the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Public Comment Procedures***A. How do I comment on submitted applications?*

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.

You may submit your comments and materials by one of the methods in **ADDRESSES**. We will not consider comments sent by email or fax, or to an address not in **ADDRESSES**. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**).

When submitting comments, please specify the name of the applicant and the permit number at the beginning of your comment. Provide sufficient information 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.

B. May I review comments submitted by others?

You may view and comment on others' public comments at <http://www.regulations.gov>, unless our allowing so would violate the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) or Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

C. Who will see my comments?

If you submit a comment at <http://www.regulations.gov>, your entire comment, including any personal identifying information, will be posted on the website. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, such as your address, phone number, or email address, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, 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.

II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), we invite public comments on permit applications before final action is taken. With some exceptions, the ESA

prohibits certain activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is issued that allows such activities. Permits issued under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA allow otherwise prohibited activities for scientific purposes or to enhance the propagation or survival of the affected species. Service regulations regarding prohibited activities with endangered species, captive-bred wildlife registrations, and permits for any activity otherwise prohibited by the ESA with respect to any endangered species are available in title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations in part 17.

III. Permit Applications

We invite comments on the following applications.

Applicant: Wild Cat Education and Conservation Fund, Occidental, CA; Permit No. 22421D

The applicant requests a permit to purchase in interstate commerce one male captive-bred cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*) from Tanganyika Wildlife Park, Goddard, Kansas, for the purpose of enhancing the propagation or survival of the species. This notification is for a single interstate commerce activity.

Applicant: Smithsonian National Zoological Park, Washington, DC; Permit No. 02652D

The applicant requests a permit to import three male captive-bred cheetahs (*Acinonyx jubatus*) from the Toronto Zoo, Toronto, Canada, for the purpose of enhancing the propagation or survival of the species. This notification is for a single import.

Applicant: Chris Peyer, Shelby Township, MI; Permit No. 15594D

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male black rhinoceros (*Diceros bicornis*) from Namibia for the purpose of enhancing the propagation or survival of the species. This notification is for a single import.

Applicant: Miami-Dade Zoological Park and Gardens, Miami, FL; Permit No. 08804D

The applicant requests a permit to export one captive-bred giant otter (*Pteronura brasiliensis*) to Fundacion Zoologica de Cali in Columbia for the purpose of enhancing the propagation or survival of the species. This notification is for a single export.

Applicant: Lynn Sedelbauer, Black River Falls, WI; Permit No. 13850D

The following applicant requests a permit to import a sport-hunted trophy of male cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*)

taken in Namibia under the management program of Namibia, for the purpose of enhancing the propagation or survival of the species.

Multiple Trophy Applicants

The following applicants request permits to import sport-hunted trophies 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: Winston Strawn, Plumerville, AR; Permit No. 22181D

Applicant: Edward Collins, Rye, NY; Permit No. 25473D

Applicant: Martha Bullock, Boerne, TX; Permit No. 11843d

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.

Brenda Tapia,

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1018-0075]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Federal Subsistence Regulations and Associated Forms

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), are proposing to renew an information collection with revisions.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 28, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments on this information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget's Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior by email at OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov; or via facsimile to (202) 395-5806. Please provide a copy of your comments to the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: AMAD-ARM-PPM, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803 (mail); or by email to Info_Coll@fws.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 1018-0075 in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Madonna L. Baucum, Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, by email at Info_Coll@fws.gov, or by telephone at (703) 358-2503. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

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 new, 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.

On September 28, 2018, we published a **Federal Register** notice soliciting comments on this collection of information for 60 days, ending on November 27, 2018 (83 FR 49121). We received no comments in response to the **Federal Register** notice.

We are again soliciting comments on the proposed 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 Service; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Service enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the

information to be collected; and (5) how might the Service 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. 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 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.

Abstract: The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA; 16 U.S.C. 3111-3126), and regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR part 100 and 36 CFR part 242, require persons engaged in taking fish, shellfish, and wildlife on public lands in Alaska for subsistence uses to apply for and obtain a permit to do so, and comply with reporting provisions of that permit.

We currently use three forms in the recruitment and selection of members for regional advisory councils:

- (1) FWS Form 3-2321, "Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council Membership Application/Nomination."
- (2) FWS Form 3-2322, "Regional Advisory Council Candidate Interview."
- (3) FWS Form 3-2323, "Regional Advisory Council Reference/Key Contact Interview."

The member selection process begins with the information that we collect on the application. Ten interagency review panels interview all applicants and nominees, their references, and regional key contacts. These contacts are based on the information that the applicant provides on the application form. The information that we collect through the application form and subsequent interviews is the basis of the Federal Subsistence Board's recommendations to the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture for appointment and reappointment of council members.

We are revising this collection to add a fourth form to the collection: FWS Form 3-2300, "Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council Membership Incumbent Application." This form asks for less information than the regular initial membership application form (3-2321); we introduce this form in order to reduce the burden on any individuals seeking to continue to serve on the Council.