

#### IV. Request for Public Comments on Changes

HUD continually strives to calculate FMRs that can serve as an effective program parameter while meeting the statutory requirement to use “the most recent available data.”

These methodology changes are not monodirectional; for example, the use of local forecast trend factors will cause FMRs to be higher in some areas and lower in others compared to using a national forecast trend factor. HUD is particularly interested in receiving comments on its intended approach for evaluating the accuracy of local trend factors using the RMSE and is interested in potential alternative methods for assessing the best local forecast model to select.

Hypothetical FY 2019 FMRs and Small Area FMRs, using these new methodology changes, are published at [https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/fmr.html#2020\\_documents](https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/fmr.html#2020_documents).

#### V. Environmental Impact

This notice proposes changes in the way FMRs are calculated and does not constitute a development decision affecting the physical condition of specific project areas or building sites. Accordingly, under 24 CFR 50.19(c)(6), this notice is categorically excluded from environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321).

Dated: May 29, 2019.

**Todd M. Richardson,**

*General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2019-0045; FXIA16710900000-190-FF09A30000]

#### 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 July 5, 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-2019-0045.

**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-2019-0045.
- **U.S. mail or hand-delivery:** Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2019-0045; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, MS: PERMA; 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](mailto: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: Zoological Society of San Diego, San Diego, CA; Permit No. 069323*

The applicant requests renewal of their permit to authorize the export and re-export of captive-bred/captive hatched live specimens and the export of viable eggs of California condors (*Gymnogyps californianus*) originating in the United States, as well as the re-export of wild live specimens of California condors originating in Mexico, to La Secretaria de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (SEMARNAT), San Angel, Mexico, for reintroduction into the wild to enhance the survival of the species through completion of identified tasks and objectives mandated under the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Condor Recovery Plan. The notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

*Applicant: Tanganyika Wildlife Foundation, Goddard, KS; Permit No. 28639D*

The applicant requests a permit to import one captive-bred siamang (*Symphalangus syndactylus*) from Athens Zoo, Spata, Greece, for the purpose of enhancing the propagation or survival of the species. This notification is for a single import.

*Applicant: George Washington University, Washington, DC; Permit No. 27354D*

The applicant requests a permit to re-export biological samples of gorilla (*Gorilla gorilla*) to the Rwanda Development Board—Department of Tourism and Conservation, Kigali, Rwanda, for the purpose of scientific research. This notification is for a single re-export.

*Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Society, New York, NY; Permit No. 26609D*

The applicant requests a permit to export one captive-bred Siberian tiger (*Panthera tigris altaica*) to Zoo Vienna, Vienna, Austria, for the purpose of enhancing the propagation or survival of the species. This notification is for a single export.

*Applicant: Phoenix Herpetological Society, Scottsdale, AZ; Permit No. 19818A*

The applicant requests to amendment of an existing captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) to add the Komodo Island monitor (*Varanus komodoensis*). This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

*Applicant: Brevard Zoo, Melbourne, FL; Permit No. 32147D*

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

Common name	Scientific name
Cheetah .....	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i> .
Siamang .....	<i>Symphalangus syndactylus</i> .
Ring-tailed lemur .....	<i>Lemur catta</i> .
Cotton-top tamarin .....	<i>Saguinus oedipus</i> .
Baird's tapir .....	<i>Tapirus bairdii</i> .
Radiated tortoise .....	<i>Astrochelys radiata</i> .
Golden parakeet .....	<i>Guarouba guarouba</i> .

*Applicant: Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX; Permit No. 35586D*

The applicant requests authorization to export and reimport nonliving museum specimens of endangered species previously accessioned into the applicant's collection for scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

*Applicant: Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, Los Angeles, CA; Permit No. 37882D*

The applicant requests authorization to export and reimport nonliving museum specimens of endangered species previously accessioned into the applicant's collection for scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

*Applicant: Ronnie Williams, Highland Village, TX; Permit No. 37469D*

The applicant requests a permit to import a sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus 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.

#### 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,

*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 July 5, 2019.

#### ADDRESSES:

*Document availability and comment submission:* Submit requests for copies of the applications and related documents, as well as any comments, by one of the following methods. All requests and comments should specify the applicant name(s) and application number(s) (e.g., TEXXXXXX):

- *Email:* [permitsR3ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR3ES@fws.gov). Please refer to the respective permit number (e.g., Application No. TEXXXXXX) in the subject line of your email message.

- *U.S. Mail:* Regional Director, Attn: Carlita Payne, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, 5600 American Blvd. West, Suite 990, Bloomington, MN 55437-1458.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carlita Payne, 612-713-5343 (phone); [permitsR3ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR3ES@fws.gov) (email). Individuals who are hearing or speech