

Applicant: University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK; Permit No. 75498D

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples derived from wild Central American river turtles (*Dermatemys mawii*), taken in Belize, for the purpose of scientific research. This notification is for a single import.

Applicant: Memphis Zoo, Memphis, TN; Permit No. 75752D

The applicant requests a permit to import one female captive-born Amur leopard (*Panthera pardus orientalis*) from Twycross Zoo, Atherstone, United Kingdom, for the purpose of enhancing the propagation or survival of the species. This notification is for a single import.

Applicant: Donald Lee Wehmeyer, Abilene, TX; Permit No. 71813D

The applicant requests a permit to import a sport-hunted cape mountain zebra (*Equus zebra zebra*) trophy from South Africa to enhance the propagation or survival of the species. This notification is for a single import.

Applicant: Tortoise Conservatory, LLC, Phoenix, AZ; Permit No. 59955B

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

Applicant: National Aviary in Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA; Permit No. 71028D

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
Blue-throated macaw ..	<i>Ara glaucogularis</i>
Guam rail	<i>Rallus owstoni</i>
Rothschild's starling	<i>Leucopsar rothschildi</i>
Edward's pheasant	<i>Lophura edwardsi</i>
Palawan peacock pheasant.	<i>Polyplectron emphanum</i>
African penguin	<i>Spheniscus demersus</i>
Red siskin	<i>Carduelis cucullata</i>
Guam kingfisher	<i>Halcyon cinnamomina</i>
Cabot's tragopan pheasant.	<i>Tragopan caboti</i>
Andean condor	<i>Vultur gryphus</i>

Applicant: Virginia Zoological Park, Norfolk, VA; Permit No. 69710D

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
Siamese crocodile	<i>Crocodylus siamensis</i>
White-naped crane	<i>Grus vipio</i>
Siamang	<i>Symphalangus syndactylus</i>
Bornean orangutan	<i>Pongo pygmaeus</i>
Malayan tapir	<i>Tapirus indicus</i>

Applicant: Gary Wiechens, Roll, AZ; Permit No. 62714D

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*) culled from a captive herd in Mexico, for the purpose of enhancing the propagation or survival of the species.

Applicant: Richard Roark, Marshall, TX; Permit No. 72865D

The applicant requests a permit to import a 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 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.

Timothy MacDonald,

Government Information Specialist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R3-ES-2021-N018;
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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 April 30, 2021.

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., TXXXXXX; see table in

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION):

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

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nathan Rathbun, 612-713-5343 (phone); permitsR3ES@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:

Background

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), prohibits certain activities with endangered and threatened species unless authorized by a Federal permit. The ESA and our implementing regulations in part 17 of title 50 of the

Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) provide for the issuance of such permits and require that we invite public comment before issuing permits for activities involving endangered species.

A recovery permit issued by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with endangered 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
PER0003286	Elaine Evans, Saint Paul, MN.	Rusty patched bumble bee (<i>Bombus affinis</i>).	MN, WI	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts, bio-sample.	Capture, handle, release; Pollen sampling, genetic sampling, fecal sampling.	Amend
PER0003023	Samuel Schratz, Villa Park, IL.	Gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>), northern long-eared bat (<i>M. septentrionalis</i>).	CT, DE, DC, FL, LA, ME, MI, NE, NH, ND, RI, SC, SD, WI, WY.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, mist-net, harp trap, band, radio-tag, PIT tag, collect wing biopsy samples, release.	New
PER0003405	Crystal Griffin, Overland Park, KS.	Gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>), Indiana bat (<i>M. sodalis</i>), northern long-eared bat (<i>M. septentrionalis</i>), Ozark big-eared bat (<i>Corynorhinus townsendii ingens</i>), Virginia big-eared bat (<i>C.t. virginianus</i>).	AL, AR, CT, DE, GA, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, NE, NH, NJ, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, VT, VA, WV, WI.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, mist-net, harp trap, band, radio-tag, collect hair and wing biopsy samples, release.	New
PER0003488	Brooke Hines, Littlejohn, CO.	Gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>), Indiana bat (<i>M. sodalis</i>), northern long-eared bat (<i>M. septentrionalis</i>), Virginia big-eared bat (<i>Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus</i>).	AL, AR, CT, DE, DC, FL, GA, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, NE, NH, NJ, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, VT, VA, WV, WI.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, mist-net, harp trap, band, radio-tag, light ta, PIT tag, collect hair, fugal lift tape, swab and wing biopsy samples, enter hibernacula and maternity roost caves, release, salvage.	Renew
PER0003355	Josiah Maine, Kansas City, MO.	Add: Gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>) to existing permitted species: Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>) and northern long-eared bat (<i>M. septentrionalis</i>).	AR, CT, DC, DE, IA, IN, KY, KS, MA, ME, MD, MI, MN, MO, NH, NJ, NY, OH, OK, PA, RI, SD, TN, VA, VT, WI, WV.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, hold, mist-net, band, radio-tag, release.	Amend and renew
PER0003135	Katie Baker, Arlington Heights, IL.	Gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>), Indiana bat (<i>M. sodalis</i>), northern long-eared bat (<i>M. septentrionalis</i>), Ozark big-eared bat (<i>Corynorhinus townsendii ingens</i>), Virginia big-eared bat (<i>C.t. virginianus</i>).	AL, AR, CT, DE, FL, GA, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NH, NJ, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, VT, VA, WV, WI, WY.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, mist-net, band, radio-tag, collect hair and wing biopsy samples, release, salvage.	New
PER0003373	Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., Columbus, OH.	Gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>), Indiana bat (<i>M. sodalis</i>), northern long-eared bat (<i>M. septentrionalis</i>).	AL, AR, CT, DE, FL, GA, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NH, NJ, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, VT, VA, WV, WI, WY.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, mist-net, harp trap, band, radio-tag, enter hibernacula or maternity roost caves.	Amend and renew
PER0003201	Braden Hoffman, Daniels, WV.	Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>), gray bat (<i>M. grisescens</i>), northern long-eared bat (<i>M. septentrionalis</i>), Virginia big-eared bat (<i>Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus</i>).	AL, AK, CT, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KY, KS, MA, MD, MI, MO, MS, NC, NJ, NY, OH, OK, PA, TN, VA, VT, WV.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, mist-net, harp trap, band, radio-tag, release.	Renew

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PER0002967	Donald Solick, Fort Collins, CO.	Gray bat (<i>Myotis grisescens</i>), Indiana bat (<i>M. sodalis</i>), northern long-eared bat (<i>M. septentrionalis</i>).	AL, AR, CT, DE, DC, FL, GA, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NH, NJ, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, VT, VA, WV, WI, WY.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, mist-net, harp trap, band, radio-tag, release.	New
TE64080B	Michigan Natural Features Inventory, Lansing, MI.	Add: Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake (<i>Sistrurus catenatus</i>) and Rusty patched bumble bee (<i>Bombus affinis</i>) to existing permitted species: Indiana bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>), northern long-eared bat (<i>M. septentrionalis</i>), copperbelly water snake (<i>Nerodia erythrogaster neglecta</i>), American burying beetle (<i>Nicrophorus americanus</i>), Hine's emerald dragonfly (<i>Somatochlora hineana</i>), Karner blue butterfly (<i>Somatochlora hineana</i>), Mitchell's satyr (<i>Neonympha mitchellii mitchellii</i>), poweshiek skipperling (<i>Oarisma poweshiek</i>), white cat's paw (<i>Epioblasma obliquata perobliqua</i>), northern riffleshell (<i>Epioblasma torulosa rangiana</i>), snuffbox (<i>Epioblasma triquetra</i>), clubshell (<i>Pleurobema clava</i>), rayed bean (<i>Villosa fabalis</i>), American Hart's-tongue fern (<i>Asplenium scolopendrium</i> var. <i>americanum</i>), pitcher's thistle (<i>Cirsium pitcher</i>), lakeside daisy (<i>Hymenoxys herbacea</i>), dwarf lake iris (<i>Iris lacustris</i>), small whorled pogonia (<i>Isotria medeoloides</i>), Michigan monkey flower (<i>Mimulus michiganensis</i>), eastern prairie fringed orchid (<i>Platanthera leucophaea</i>), Houghton's goldenrod (<i>Solidago houghtonii</i>).	MI	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, hold, pit-tag, blood sample, release.	Amend and renew
PER0003114	Timothy Brust, Greenup, KY.	Eastern massasauga rattlesnake (<i>Sistrurus catenatus</i>).	IA, IN, MI, MN, NY, OH, PA, WI.	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts.	Capture, handle, release.	New
PER0003423	The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.	Clubshell (<i>Pleurobema clava</i>), rayed bean (<i>Villosa fabalis</i>), rabbitsfoot (<i>Quadrula cylindrica cylindrica</i>).	OH	Conduct presence/absence surveys, document habitat use, conduct population monitoring, evaluate impacts.	Long-term hold	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

We publish this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of

1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

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