

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****Receipt of Applications for Permit**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species and/or marine mammals.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by May 27, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358-2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Endangered Species**

The public is invited to comment on the following application(s) for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (address above).

Applicant: The Burke Museum, Seattle, WA, PRT-714601.

The applicant requests renewal of their permit to export and re-import shipments of nonliving museum/herbarium specimens of endangered and threatened species [excluding bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*)] previously accessioned into their collections for the purpose of scientific research. This notice covers activities conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Applicant: Andrew T. Mellen, Paradise Valley, AZ, PRT-068340.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management

program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Douglas J. Schippers, West Olive, MI, PRT-069830.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Dennis Chin, Salt Lake City, UT, PRT-070095.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: University of Missouri, Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab, Columbia, MO, PRT-069716.

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from captive born jaguar (*Panthera onca*), cotton-top tamarin (*Saguinus oedipus oedipus*), and maned wolf (*Chrysocyon brachyurus*) from African Safari, Puebla, Mexico for the purpose of scientific research.

Endangered Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following application for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered marine mammals. The application was submitted to satisfy requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*), and the regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR part 18) and endangered species (50 CFR part 17). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be submitted to the Director (address above). Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

Applicant: Dr. Graham Worthy/University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL, PRT-056326.

Permit Type: Take for Scientific Research.

Name and Number of Animals: Manatee (*Trichechus manatus*) Up to 50 Animals per year.

Summary of Activity to be Authorized: The applicant requests amendment of their existing permit for

continued research regarding the metabolic rate and nutritional status of captive held manatees. The applicant is requesting amendments that will allow activities on captive held as well as wild animals.

Source of Marine Mammals: Captive held and wild animals.

Period of Activity: Up to 4 years if authorized.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Division of Management Authority is forwarding copies of the above applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The applications were submitted to satisfy requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR part 18). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be submitted to the Director (address above). Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

Applicant: Ken G. Wilson, Kerrville, TX, PRT-069959.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Northern Beaufort Sea polar bear population in Canada, for personal use.

Applicant: John M. Gebbia, Beverly Hills, CA, PRT-070056.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Southern Beaufort Sea polar bear population in Canada, for personal use.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has information collection approval from OMB through March 31, 2004, OMB Control Number 1018-0093. Federal Agencies may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a current valid OMB control number.

Dated: April 4, 2003.

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