

conservation efforts that benefit recreational hunting and wildlife resources.

The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture signed an amended charter for the Council in June 2006 and July 2006, respectively. The revised charter states that the Council will provide advice and guidance to the Federal Government through the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture.

The Council will convene to receive updates on the revised draft North American Model Technical White Paper, on the Preface and Conclusion of the collection of the Technical White Papers, and on the synthesis of breakout session comments from the White House Conference on North American Wildlife Policy held in Reno, Nevada, on October 1–3, 2008.

Procedures for Public Input

Format Requirement for Oral and Written Comments

Whether you wish to comment orally or in written form, you must provide written copies of your comments. All written statements must be supplied to the Council's Designated Federal Officer in both of the following formats:

- One hard copy with original signature, and
- One electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: MS Word, MS Powerpoint, or WordPerfect).

Giving a 2-Minute Oral Presentation

Individuals or groups may request to give an oral presentation during the Council teleconference. Oral presentations will be limited to 2 minutes per speaker, with no more than half an hour total for all speakers. Interested parties must contact Phyllis Seitts, Council Designated Federal Officer, in writing (preferably via e-mail; see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**), by Monday, October 20, 2008, to be placed on the public speaker list for this teleconference. In addition, if you are selected to make a 2-minute presentation, you must provide hard and electronic copies of your presentation to the Council Designated Federal Officer by Thursday, October 23, 2008. Additional live questions from the public will not be considered during the teleconference.

Submitting Written Information for the Council To Consider

Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements or those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda are invited to submit written statements to

the Council. Interested members of the public may submit relevant written information for the Council to consider during the public teleconference. We must receive all written statements by Thursday, October 23, 2008, so that we can make the information available to the Council for their consideration prior to the teleconference.

Dated: October 8, 2008.

Phyllis T. Seitts,

Designated Federal Officer, Sporting Conservation Council.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS–R9–IA–2008–N0275; 96300–1671–0000–P5]

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.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by November 14, 2008.

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 212, 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 applications 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: National Institutes of Health, National Cancer Institute, Frederick, MD, PRT–185986

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples as well as salvaged specimens from wild, captive-held, and/or captive-born Andean condors (*Vultur gryphus*) collected worldwide, for the purpose of scientific research. No animals would be intentionally killed for the purpose of collecting specimens. Any invasively collected samples would only be collected by trained personnel. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Applicant: Jeffrey D. Willis, Riverview, FL, PRT–193938

The applicant requests a permit to import the 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 enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Edward L. Mabry, Aiken, SC, PRT–194016

The applicant requests a permit to import the 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 enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Gregory S. Williamson, Cresson, TX, PRT–195419

The applicant requests a permit to import the 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 enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Thomas E. Freestone, Safford, AZ, PRT–194655

The applicant requests a permit to import the 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 enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Arno W. Weiss, Jr., St. Charles, MI, PRT–191093

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

Dated: September 26, 2008.

Lisa J. Lierheimer,

Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits,
Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R9-IA-2008-N0264; 96300-1671-0000-P5]

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 marine mammals.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by November 14, 2008.

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 212, 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 applications 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: North Carolina Zoological Park, Asheboro, NC, PRT-179585.

The applicant requests a permit to export biological samples from captive-held/captive-born specimens of western gorilla (*Gorilla gorilla*) collected in the course of normal veterinary care to the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Germany for the purpose

of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Applicant: Gibbon Conservation Center, Santa Clarita, CA, PRT-194502.

The applicant requests a permit to import two male and three female captive-held eastern hoolock gibbons (*Hoolock leuconedys*) from the Yangon Zoological Gardens, Myanmar for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through captive breeding. **Applicant:** Gibbon Conservation Center, Santa Clarita, CA, PRT-194504.

The applicant requests a permit to import one male captive-born northern white-cheeked gibbon (*Nomascus leucogenys*) from the Parc Zoologique de Clères, France for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through captive breeding.

Applicant: ZOOZ, c/o Glenn Donnelly, Weedsport, NY, PRT-178258.

The applicant requests a permit to export one female captive-born Amur leopard (*Panthera pardus orientalis*) to ZOOZ, Ontario, Canada for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through captive propagation and conservation education.

Applicant: ZOOZ, c/o Glenn Donnelly, Weedsport, NY, PRT-188848.

The applicant requests a permit to export one male captive-born white tiger (*Panthera tigris*) to ZOOZ, Ontario, Canada for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through conservation education and captive breeding.

Applicant: Duke University Lemur Center, Durham, NC, PRT-679043.

The applicant requests renewal of their permit to take and sell in interstate and foreign commerce, export, or re-export blood and tissue, whole cadavers, and parts from species in the families Lemuridae, Indridae, Cheirogaleidae, Daubentonidae, Tarsiidae, and Lorisiidae for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species and scientific research. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant for a five-year period.

Applicant: Hugh D. Wabner, Dallas, TX, PRT-194316.

The applicant requests a permit to import the 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 enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Dianne Peden, Lubbock, TX, PRT-194674.

The applicant requests a permit to import the 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 enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: James E. Smith, Lakeland, FL, PRT-194643.

The applicant requests a permit to import the 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 enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: John L. Pouleson, Downers Grove, IL, PRT-194630.

The applicant requests a permit to import the 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 enhancement of the survival of the species.

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 Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing endangered species (50 CFR Part 17) and marine mammals (50 CFR Part 18). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete application or requests for a public hearing on this application 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: Wildlife Trust, Inc., St. Petersburg, FL, PRT-107933.

The applicant requests an amendment to the permit to take West Indian manatees (*Trichechus manatus*) to expand the geographic area to include all of the waters and holding facilities within the southeastern United States for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over the remainder of the time on their five-year period.

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