

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

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**Endangered Species; Marine  
Mammals; Receipt of Applications for  
Permit**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service,  
Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of applications  
for permit.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and  
Wildlife Service, invite the public to  
comment on the following applications  
to conduct certain activities with  
endangered species, marine mammals,  
or both. With some exceptions, the  
Endangered Species Act (ESA) and  
[Marine Mammal Protection Act  
(MMPA)] prohibit activities with listed  
species unless Federal authorization is  
acquired that allows such activities.

**DATES:** We must receive comments or  
requests for documents on or before July  
22, 2013. We must receive requests for  
marine mammal permit public hearings,  
in writing, at the address shown in the  
**ADDRESSES** section by July 22, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Brenda Tapia, Division of  
Management Authority, U.S. Fish and  
Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax  
Drive, Room 212, Arlington, VA 22203;  
fax (703) 358–2280; or email  
[DMAFR@fws.gov](mailto:DMAFR@fws.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Brenda Tapia, (703) 358–2104  
(telephone); (703) 358–2280 (fax);  
[DMAFR@fws.gov](mailto:DMAFR@fws.gov) (email).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Public Comment Procedures**

*A. How do I request copies of  
applications or comment on submitted  
applications?*

Send your request for copies of  
applications or comments and materials  
concerning any of the applications to  
the contact listed under **ADDRESSES**.  
Please include the **Federal Register**  
notice publication date, the PRT-  
number, and the name of the applicant  
in your request or submission. We will  
not consider requests or comments sent  
to an email or address not listed under  
**ADDRESSES**. If you provide an email  
address in your request for copies of  
applications, we will attempt to respond  
to your request electronically.

Please make your requests or  
comments as specific as possible. Please  
confine your comments to issues for  
which we seek comments in this notice,  
and explain the basis for your  
comments. Include sufficient

information with your comments 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.  
We will not consider or include in our  
administrative record comments we  
receive after the close of the comment  
period (see **DATES**) or comments  
delivered to an address other than those  
listed above (see **ADDRESSES**).

*B. May I review comments submitted by  
others?*

Comments, including names and  
street addresses of respondents, will be  
available for public review at the street  
address listed under **ADDRESSES**. The  
public may review documents and other  
information applicants have sent in  
support of the application unless our  
allowing viewing would violate the  
Privacy Act or Freedom of Information  
Act. 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 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.

**II. Background**

To help us carry out our conservation  
responsibilities for affected species, and  
in consideration of section 10(a)(1)(A)  
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.*), along with Executive Order 13576,  
“Delivering an Efficient, Effective, and  
Accountable Government,” and the  
President’s Memorandum for the Heads  
of Executive Departments and Agencies  
of January 21, 2009—Transparency and  
Open Government (74 FR 4685; January  
26, 2009), which call on all Federal  
agencies to promote openness and  
transparency in Government by  
disclosing information to the public, we  
invite public comment on these permit  
applications before final action is taken.  
Under the MMPA, you may request a  
hearing on any MMPA application  
received. If you request a hearing, give  
specific reasons why a hearing would be  
appropriate. The holding of such a  
hearing is at the discretion of the  
Service Director.

**III. Permit Applications**

*A. Endangered Species*

Applicant: Smithsonian Institution,  
Division of Birds, Washington DC; PRT-  
01637B

The applicant requests a permit to  
import biological samples taken from a  
kakapo (*Strigops habroptilus*) on  
Codfish Island, New Zealand for the  
purpose of scientific research.

Applicant: Hahn Laboratory, University  
of Pennsylvania School of Medicine,  
Philadelphia, PA; PRT-03772B

The applicant requests a permit to  
import necropsy tissue samples from a  
deceased female chimpanzee (*Pan  
troglodytes*) from the Sanaga-Yong  
Chimpanzee Rescue Center for the  
purpose of scientific research on the  
incidence of disease.

Applicant: Kent Hall, Destrehan, LA;  
PRT-04823B and PRT-04822B

The following applicants each request  
a permit to import the sport-hunted  
trophy of two 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.

**Multiple Applicants**

The following applicants each request  
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 Martins, Palm Harbor,  
FL; PRT-01784B

Applicant: Manny Hemmerling, Monte  
Vista, CO; PRT-07611B

*B. Endangered Marine Mammals and  
Marine Mammals*

Applicant: Gordon Bauer, New College  
of Florida, Sarasota, FL; PRT-837923

The applicant requests to renew his  
permit to conduct auditory studies on  
captive held Florida manatees  
(*Trichechus manatus*) for the purpose of  
scientific research. This notification  
covers activities to be conducted by the  
applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Office of Sponsored  
Programs and Research Administration,  
University of Illinois, Urbana, IL; PRT-  
99215A

The applicant requests a permit to  
import biological samples of polar bear

(*Ursus maritimus*) which are collected throughout the range of the species and imported from Queen's University, Ontario, Canada, for the purpose of scientific research on the development of genetic markers that would be useful in monitoring polar bear populations. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Concurrent with publishing this notice in the **Federal Register**, we are forwarding copies of the above applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

**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

[FWS-R6-ES-2013-N115;  
FXES1113060000D2-123-FF06E00000]

#### Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Recovery Permit Applications

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered or threatened species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), prohibits activities with endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. The Act requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, please send your written comments by July 22, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments or requests for copies or more information by any of the following methods. Alternatively, you may use one of the following methods to request hard copies or a CD-ROM of the documents. Please specify the permit you are interested in by number (e.g., Permit No. TE-067397).

• *Email:* [permitsR6ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR6ES@fws.gov). Please refer to the respective permit number (e.g., Permit No. TE-067397) in the subject line of the message.

• *U.S. Mail:* Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486-DFC, Denver, CO 80225.

• *In-Person Drop-off, Viewing, or Pickup:* Call (303) 236-4212 to make an appointment during regular business hours at 134 Union Blvd., Suite 645, Lakewood, CO 80228.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathy Konishi, Permit Coordinator, Ecological Services, (303) 236-4212 (phone); [permitsR6ES@fws.gov](mailto:permitsR6ES@fws.gov) (email).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) prohibits activities with endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. Along with our implementing regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR part 17, the Act provides for permits, and requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

A permit granted by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with United States endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes, enhancement of propagation or survival, or interstate commerce (the latter only in the event that it facilitates scientific purposes or enhancement of propagation or survival). 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.

#### Application Available for Review and Comment

We invite local, State, and Federal agencies, and the public to comment on the following applications. Documents and other information the applicant has submitted are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

#### Permit Application Number: TE-067397

*Applicant:* Wyoming Game and Fish Department, 5400 Bishop Blvd., Cheyenne, WY 82006.

The applicant requests the amendment of an existing permit to take (capture, handle, and release) black-footed ferret (*Mustela nigripes*) for research and presence/absence surveys within the State of Wyoming under permit TE-067397 for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

#### Permit Application Number: TE-06665B

*Applicant:* Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, 1594 W. North Temple, STE 2110, Salt Lake City, UT 84114.

The applicant requests a new permit to take (capture, handle, and release) woundfin (*Plagopterus argentissimus*) under permit TE-06665B for experimental stocking in the Virgin River within the State of Utah, and outside their perceived historic range, for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

#### Permit Application Number: TE-165829

*Applicant:* Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, 440 West 200 South, STE 500, Salt Lake City, UT 84145-0155.

The applicant requests the renewal of an existing permit to take (collect, handle, and propagate) Barneby ridge-cress (*Lepidium barnebyanum*), Barney reed-mustard (*Schoenocrambe barnebyi*), Holmgren milk-vetch (*Astragalus holmgreniorum*), Kodachrome bladderpod (*Lesquerella tumulosa*), San Rafael cactus (*Pediocactus despainii*), Shiwitz milk-vetch (*Astragalus ampullarioides*), shrubby reed-mustard (*Schoenocrambe suffrutenscens*), and Wright fishhook cactus (*Sclerocactus wrightiae*) under permit TE-165829 for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

#### Permit Application Number: TE-049748

*Applicant:* Utah State University, Ecology Center, 5205 Old Main Hill, Logan, UT 84322-5210.

The applicant requests the renewal of an existing permit to take (collect, handle, and take) June sucker (*Chasmistes liorus*) under permit TE-049748 for research on larval June sucker in Utah Lake and its tributaries for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

#### National Environmental Policy Act

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), we have made an initial determination that the proposed activities in these permits are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement (516 DM 6 Appendix 1, 1.4C(1)).

#### Public Availability of Comments

All comments and materials we receive in response to these requests will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business