

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

[Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2021-0102;
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**Marine Mammal Protection Act and
Wild Bird Conservation Act; 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 (Service), invite the public to comment on foreign or native species for which the Service has jurisdiction under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) and foreign bird species covered under the Wild Bird Conservation Act (WBCA). With some exceptions, the MMPA and WBCA prohibit activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is issued that allows such activities. These Acts also require that we invite public comment before issuing permits for any activity they otherwise prohibit with respect to any species.

DATES: We must receive comments by January 10, 2022.

ADDRESSES: *Obtaining Documents:* The application, application supporting materials, and any comments and other materials that we receive will be available for public inspection at <https://www.regulations.gov> in Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2021-0102.

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:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search for and submit comments on Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2021-0102.
- *U.S. mail:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2021-0102; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, MS: PRB/3W; 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 703-358-2185, via email at 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 <https://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 <https://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 104(c) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and section 112(4) of the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992 (WBCA; 16 U.S.C. 4901-4916), we invite public comments on permit applications before final action is taken. With some exceptions, these Acts prohibit certain activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is issued that allows such activities. Service regulations regarding permits for any activity otherwise prohibited by the MMPA with respect to any marine mammals are available in title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations in part 18. Service regulations regarding permits for any activity otherwise prohibited by the WBCA with respect to any wild birds are available in title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations in part 15.

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

III. Permit Applications

We invite comments on the following applications.

A. Marine Mammal Protection Act

Applicant: San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance, San Diego, CA; Permit No. 63201D

The applicant requests a permit to obtain samples of West Indian manatees (*Trichechus manatus*) that have been salvaged from dead animals taken from the wild for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

B. Wild Bird Conservation Act

Applicant: Mary Ellen LePage, Santa Cruz, CA; Permit No. 13344C

The applicant wishes to amend the Cooperative Breeding Program CB035 covering (*Cacatua ophthalmica*), by including Derian Silva of Miami, Florida, as a member to CB035. If the amendment is approved, the program will include Derian Silva, Miami, Florida, as a member of CB035.

Applicant: Vernon Brett Padgett, Atlanta, GA; Permit No. CS0080491

The applicant wishes to amend the Cooperative Breeding Program for underrepresented *Bucerotidae* and *Psittaciformes* in aviculture, no. CB042, by including Gulf Breeze Zoo, Gulf Breeze, Florida, as a member of CB042. If the amendment is approved, the

program will include Gulf Breeze Zoo, Gulf Breeze, Florida, as a member of CB042.

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 <https://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](https://www.regulations.gov) and search for "12345A".

V. Authority

We issue this notice under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and its implementing regulations, and section 112(4) of the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992 and the regulations at 50 CFR 15.26(c).

Brenda Tapia,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting, San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Advisory Council, Utah

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Advisory Council (Council) will meet as follows.

DATES: The Council is scheduled to meet virtually on February 16, 2022, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on February 17, 2022, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held online through the Zoom meeting application. Participation information will be available 30 days in advance of the meeting on the RAC's web page at

<https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-you/utah/San-Rafael-Swell-RAC>. Written comments to address the Council may be sent to Lance Porter, Green River District Manager, 170 South 500 West, Vernal, Utah 84078; or via email with the subject line "San Rafael Swell Advisory Council meeting" to utprmail@blm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lance Porter, BLM Green River District Manager, 170 South 500 West, Vernal, Utah 84078; telephone (435) 781–4400; or email l50porte@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to leave a message or question for Lance Porter. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Replies are provided during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act (Pub. L. 116–9) established the Council to provide advice and information for the BLM in planning and managing the San Rafael Swell Recreation Area. The seven-member council represents a wide range of interests including local government, recreational users, grazing allotment permittees, conservation organizations, expertise in historical uses of the recreation area, and Tribes. More information can be found on the Council's web page at: <https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-you/utah/San-Rafael-Swell-RAC>. Agenda topics for the meeting will include San Rafael Swell Recreation Area updates; backcountry airstrips and Areas of Critical Environmental Concern within the San Rafael Swell Recreation Area; and the scoping themes and planning process for the Dingell Act RMP Amendments (as related to the San Rafael Swell Recreation Area only). The final agenda and meeting information will be posted on the Council's web page 30 days before the meeting.

The meeting is open to the public. A public-comment period will be offered each day of the scheduled meeting. Depending on the number of people wishing to comment and the time available, the time for individual comments may be limited. Written comments may also be sent to the Green River District Manager at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. All comments received will be provided to the Council.

Public Disclosure of Comments: 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 we will be able to do so.

Detailed Council meeting minutes will be maintained in the Green River District Office and will be available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours within 90 days following the meeting. Minutes will also be posted to the Council web page.

(Authority: 43 CFR 1784.4–2)

Gregory Sheehan,

Bureau of Land Management, State Director, Utah.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Call for Nominations to the San Juan Islands National Monument Advisory Committee, Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of call for nominations.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to request public nominations to the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) San Juan Islands National Monument Advisory Committee (MAC). This citizen-based committee advises the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the preparation and implementation of the San Juan Islands National Monument Management Plan.

DATES: All nominations must be received no later than January 10, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Nominations and completed applications should be sent to the BLM, Spokane District Office, 1103 N Fancher Road, Spokane, WA 99212.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Clark, Spokane District Public Affairs Officer, telephone: (509) 536–1297, or email: jeffclark@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at (800) 877–8339 to contact Mr. Clark during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.