

## 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 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. 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 a permit to an applicant 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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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2024-0027; FXIA16710900000-245-FF09A30000]

### Foreign Endangered Species; 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, invite the public to comment on applications to conduct certain activities with foreign species that are listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is issued that allows such activities. The ESA also requires that we invite public comment before issuing permits for any activity otherwise prohibited by the ESA with respect to any endangered species.

**DATES:** We must receive comments by April 1, 2024.

#### ADDRESSES:

*Obtaining Documents:* The applications, 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-2024-0027.

*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-2024-0027.

- *U.S. mail:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2024-0027; 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:

Timothy MacDonald, by phone at 703-358-2185 or via email at [DMAFR@fws.gov](mailto:DMAFR@fws.gov). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

#### 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 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 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), we invite public comments on permit applications before final action is taken. With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits certain activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is issued that allows such activities. Permits issued under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA allow otherwise prohibited activities for scientific purposes or to enhance the propagation or survival of the affected species. Service regulations regarding prohibited activities with endangered species, captive-bred wildlife registrations, and permits for any activity otherwise prohibited by the ESA with respect to any endangered species are available in title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations in part 17.

## III. Permit Applications

We invite comments on the following applications.

*Applicant: San Antonio Zoo, San Antonio, TX; Permit No. PER7750719*

The applicant requests a permit to export one live, captive-born black-and-white ruffed lemur (*Varecia variegata variegata*) to Zoo de Granby, Quebec, Canada, for the purpose of enhancing the propagation or survival of the species. This notification is for a single export.

*Applicant: Duke University Lemur Center, Durham, NC; Permit No. PER779033*

The applicant requests authorization to export one live, captive-born black-and-white ruffed lemur (*Varecia variegata variegata*) to Zoo de Granby, Quebec, Canada, for the purpose of enhancing the propagation or survival of the species. This notification is for a single export.

*Applicant: Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute, Front Royal, VA; Permit No. PER7835252*

The applicant requests an amendment to a previously issued permit to export live, captive-born Japanese (red-crowned) crane (*Grus japonensis*) Assiniboine Park Zoo in Manitoba, Canada, for the purpose of enhancing the propagation or survival of the species. The amendment will increase the number of individuals requested from one crane to two cranes. This notification is for a single export.

*Applicant: Busch Gardens, Tampa, FL; Permit No. PER7485063*

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
Black rhino .....	<i>Diceros bicornis.</i>
Southern white rhinoceros.	<i>Ceratotherium simum simum.</i>
African slender-snouted crocodile.	<i>Crocodylus cataphractus.</i>
Asian elephant .....	<i>Elephas maximus.</i>
Cheetah .....	<i>Acinonyx jubatus.</i>
Tiger .....	<i>Panthera tigris.</i>
Gorilla .....	<i>Gorilla gorilla.</i>
Orangutan .....	<i>Pongo pygmaeus.</i>
Chimpanzee .....	<i>Pan troglodytes.</i>
Red-fronted lemur .....	<i>Eulemur rufus.</i>
Ring-tailed lemur .....	<i>Lemur catta.</i>
Red-ruffed lemur .....	<i>Varecia rubra.</i>
Grevy's zebra .....	<i>Equus grevyi.</i>
African penguin .....	<i>Spheniscus demersus.</i>
Komodo dragon .....	<i>Varanus komodoensis.</i>

*Applicant: Henry Vilas Zoo, Madison, WI; Permit No. PER7746895*

The applicant requests to amend their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) to remove the Bactrian camel (*Camelus bactrianus*). This notification is for a single amendment.

**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 Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and its implementing regulations.

**Timothy MacDonald,**  
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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Ocean Energy Management**

[Docket No. BOEM-2024-0011]

**Notice of Availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement for Park City Wind LLC's Proposed New England Wind Farm Offshore Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New York**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; final environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) announces the availability of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) for Park City Wind LLC's (PCW) construction and operations plan (COP) for its proposed New England Wind Farm Project (Project) offshore Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New York. The FEIS analyzes the potential environmental impacts of the Project as described in the COP (the proposed action) and the alternatives to the proposed action, including the no action alternative. The

FEIS will inform BOEM's decision whether to approve, approve with modifications, or disapprove the COP.

**ADDRESSES:** The FEIS and detailed information about the Project, including the COP, can be found on BOEM's website at: <https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/new-england-wind-formerly-vineyard-wind-south>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lindy Nelson, BOEM Office of Renewable Energy Programs, 45600 Woodland Road, Sterling, Virginia 20166, (571) 789-6485 or [lindy.nelson@boem.gov](mailto:lindy.nelson@boem.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Proposed Action:* Park City Wind seeks approval to construct, operate, and maintain a wind energy facility and its associated export cables on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) offshore Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New York. The Project would be developed within the range of design parameters outlined in the New England Wind COP, subject to the applicable mitigation measures.

The Project as proposed in the COP would be developed in two phases. The entire Project would include a combined maximum 130 wind turbine generators (WTGs) and electrical service platforms (ESPs, inter-array and inter-link cables connecting the individual WTGs and ESPs, five offshore export cables (two for phase I and three for phase II), onshore substations and interconnection cables connecting to the existing electrical grid in Massachusetts.

The WTGs, offshore substation, and inter-array cables would be located on the OCS approximately 32 kilometers (km) (20 miles) south of Martha's Vineyard and approximately 38 km (24 miles) southwest of Nantucket, within the area defined by Renewable Energy Lease OCS-A 0534. The Project would be adjacent to the Vineyard Wind 1 (VW1) project (OCS-A 0501). The environmental impact statement (EIS) evaluates the potential to utilize unused positions of the VW1 project that VW1 could reassign to the Project. The offshore export cables would be buried below the seabed surface in the OCS and State of Massachusetts-owned submerged lands. The onshore export cables, substations, and grid connections would be in Barnstable, MA.

*Alternatives:* BOEM considered 15 alternatives when preparing the draft EIS and carried forward three alternatives for further analysis in the FEIS. These three alternatives include the proposed action, one other action alternative, and the no action