

enhancement of the species through conservation education.

PRT-765658, 809334, 068882, 068908

Applicant: Ferdinand F. and Anton F. Hantig, dba Fercos, Las Vegas, NV

The applicant requests permits to export captive born tigers (*Panthera tigris*) and leopards (*Panthera pardus*) to worldwide locations for the purpose of enhancement of the species through conservation education. The permit numbers and animals are: 765658, Indy; 809334, Sarina; 068882, Rama; and 068908, Astar. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a three-year period and the import of any potential progeny born while overseas.

PRT-066667

Applicant: Thomas D. Klug, Watertown, WI

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damalisus pygargus dorcus*) 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.

PRT-068965

Applicant: SEA—EL CARMEN, Houston, TX

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples obtained from Hawksbill sea turtles (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) collected in the wild in Mexico, for the purpose of enhancement of the species through scientific research. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

PRT-054484, 065144, 065145, 065146, 065147, 065148, 065149

Applicant: Tarzan Zerbini Circus, Webb City, MO

The applicant requests permits to re-export wild and captive born Asian elephants (*Elephas maximus*) to worldwide locations for the purpose of enhancement of the species through conservation education. The permit numbers and animals are: 054484, Luke; 065144, Jan; 065145, Roxy; 065146, Schell; 065147, Peggy; 065148, Bunny; and 065149, Marie. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a three-year period and the import of any potential progeny born while overseas.

Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following application(s) for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine

mammals. The application(s) was 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.

PRT-069177

Applicant: Felix F. Gardina, Ghent, NY

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: March 14, 2003.

Michael S. Moore,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered Species Recovery Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications.

SUMMARY: The following applicants have applied for a scientific research permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). We (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) solicit review and comment from local, State, and Federal agencies, and the public on the following permit requests.

DATES: Comments on these permit applications must be received on or before April 30, 2003, to receive our consideration.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 911 NE. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181 (fax: 503-231-6243). Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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 20 days of the date of publication of this notice to the address above (telephone: 503-231-2063). Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when requesting copies of documents.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Permit No. TE-832717

Applicant: Rod Dossey, Encinitas, California.

The permittee requests an amendment to remove/reduce to possession (collect) the *Arctostaphylos glandulosa* ssp. *crassifolia* (Del Mar manzanita), *Chorizanthe orcuttiana* (Orcutt's spineflower), *Ambrosia pumila* (San Diego ambrosia), and *Fremontodendron mexicanum* (Mexican flannelbush) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-067992

Applicant: Daniel Dugan, Morro Bay, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey) the Morro shoulderband snail (*Helminthoglypta walkeriana*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-067990

Applicant: Barbie Dugan, Morro Bay, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey) the Morro shoulderband snail (*Helminthoglypta walkeriana*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-036499

Applicant: Golden Gate National Recreation Area, San Francisco, California.

The permittee requests an amendment to take (harass by survey) the Mission blue butterfly (*Icaricia icaroides missionensis*) in conjunction with surveys within the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-068140

Applicant: Laird A. Henkel, Aptos, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (locate and monitor nests) the California least tern (*Sterna antillarum browni*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-061375

Applicant: Renee Spent, Sacramento, California.

The permittee requests an amendment to take (harass) the California clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris obsoletus*) and the salt marsh harvest mouse (*Reithrodontomys raviventris*) in conjunction with scientific research in Napa County, California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-068072

Applicant: Philippe Vergne, Ramona, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture) the Stephens' kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys stephensi*), the San Bernardino kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys merriami parvus*), and the Pacific pocket mouse (*Perognathus longimembris pacificus*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-038701

Applicant: Bonnie Peterson, Lakeside, California.

The permittee requests an amendment to take (locate and monitor nests and band) the California least tern (*Sterna antillarum browni*) and the least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*), and to take (harass by survey, locate and monitor nests, and band) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii eximius*) in conjunction with surveys in San Diego County, California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-068743

Applicant: University of California Botanical Garden, Berkeley, California.

The applicant requests a permit to remove/reduce to possession (collect) the *Calystegia stebbinsii* (Stebbin's morning-glory), *Fremontodendron californicum* ssp. *decumbens* (Pine Hill flannelbush), and *Galium californicum* ssp. *sierrai* (El Dorado bedstraw) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

We solicit public review and comment on each of these recovery permit applications.

Dated: March 7, 2003.

Rowan W. Gould,

Deputy Regional Director, Region 1, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****Notice of Receipt of Application**

SUMMARY: We announce our receipt of an application to conduct certain activities pertaining to scientific research and enhancement of survival of endangered species.

DATES: Written comments on this request for a permit must be received April 30, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Assistant Regional Director-Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, PO Box 25486, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225-0486; telephone 303-236-7400, facsimile 303-236-0027.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Documents and other information submitted with this application 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 20 days of the date of publication of this notice to the address above; telephone 303-236-7400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following applicant has requested issuance of a scientific research and enhancement of survival permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

TE-067729

Applicant: Keith B. Gido, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas.

The applicant requests a permit to take Topeka shiners (*Notropis topeka*) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancing its survival and recovery.

Dated: March 14, 2003.

Mary G. Henry,

Acting Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of permit for marine mammals.

SUMMARY: The following permit was issued.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted for this application is available for review by any party who submits a written request to the 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: On April 18, 2002, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 19206), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Harry M. League for a permit (PRT-055029) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Northern Beaufort Sea polar bear population, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on March 10, 2003, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.) the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

Dated: March 21, 2003.

Monica Farris,

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

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