

**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/or marine mammals.

**DATES:** Written data, comments or requests must be received by September 20, 2004.

**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 700, 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:* Yerkes National Primate Research Center, Atlanta, GA, PRT-837068.

The applicant requests renewal and amendment of a permit to take captive held white-collared mangabeys (*Cercocebus torquatus*) through limited invasive sampling including anesthetizing, collecting blood, skin, and bone marrow tissue samples, and MRI scanning, usually, but not always, during routine veterinary examinations 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, Saugus, CA, PRT-089009.

The applicant requests a permit to import one live female captive-born silvery gibbon (*Hylobates moloch*) from the Howletts Wild Animal Park, Kent, England, for the purpose of enhancement of the species through captive propagation and conservation education.

*Applicant:* Sierra Endangered Cat Haven, Dunlap, CA, PRT-087545.

The applicant requests a permit to import two live female captive-born jaguars (*Panthera onca*) from the La Aurora Zoo, Guatemala, for the purpose of enhancement of the species through conservation education and captive propagation.

*Applicant:* Thomas A. McCoy, Riverside, CA, PRT-090236.

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.

**Marine Mammals**

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The applications were 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.

*Applicant:* Tav D. Blankenship, Rockwall, TX, PRT-089778.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Northern Beaufort Sea polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

*Applicant:* Arthur R. Schisler, Northampton, PA, PRT-090230.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Western Hudson

Bay polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

Dated: July 23, 2004.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Issuance of Permits**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of permits for endangered species and/or marine mammals.

**SUMMARY:** The following permits were issued.

**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 to: 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:** Notice is hereby given that on the dates below, as authorized by the provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*), and/or 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(s) subject to certain conditions set forth therein. For each permit for an endangered species, the Service found that (1) The application was filed in good faith, (2) the granted permit would not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species, and (3) the granted permit would be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in Section 2 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

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Permit number	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
087923 .....	Louis T. Titus .....	69 FR 33931; June 17, 2004 .....	July 27, 2004.
087946 .....	Kurt D. Divan .....	69 FR 33931; June 17, 2004 .....	July 22, 2004.
088013 .....	Shane Clay Westcott .....	69 FR 33931; June 17, 2004 .....	July 27, 2004.
088292 .....	Ray M. Hagio .....	69 FR 36096; June 28, 2004 .....	July 27, 2004.
088297 .....	Gerry A. Scheidhauer .....	69 FR 36095; June 28, 2004 .....	July 27, 2004.

Permit number	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
088299 .....	Gregg K. Hobbs .....	69 FR 36096; June 28, 2004 .....	July 27, 2004.
088780 .....	Thomas J. Merkley .....	69 FR 36095; June 28, 2004 .....	July 27, 2004.

### Marine Mammals

Permit number	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
085164 .....	William B. Scott, Sr. ....	69 FR 21858; April 22, 2004 .....	July 20, 2004.
086824 .....	Leon A. Naccarato .....	69 FR 27948; May 17, 2004 .....	July 26, 2004.
086954 .....	Robert J. Merkle .....	69 FR 31834; June 7, 2004 .....	July 21, 2004.
086969 .....	Kelly R. McBride .....	69 FR 30714; May 28, 2004 .....	July 26, 2004.
087507 .....	Kevin M. Libby .....	69 FR 31834; June 7, 2004 .....	July 26, 2004.
087541 .....	Calvin A. Speckman .....	69 FR 33931; June 17, 2004 .....	July 26, 2004.
087563 .....	Richard R. Childress .....	69 FR 31834; June 7, 2004 .....	July 19, 2004.
087684 .....	Walter O. Kirby .....	69 FR 31834; June 7, 2004 .....	July 26, 2004.
088193 .....	Roger A. Martin .....	69 FR 33651; June 16, 2004 .....	July 26, 2004.
088271 .....	Glenn E. Peterson .....	69 FR 33651; June 16, 2004 .....	July 26, 2004.

Dated: July 30, 2004.

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### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

#### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

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

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

**SUMMARY:** The following applicants have applied for scientific research permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, written comments must be received on or before September 20, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Ecological Services, P.O. Box 1306, Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. 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. Documents will be available for public inspection, by appointment only, during normal business hours at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 500 Gold Ave. SW., Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico. 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:**  
Chief, Endangered Species Division,  
(505) 248-6920.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Permit No. TE-837751

*Applicant:* Bureau of Reclamation,  
Phoenix, Arizona.

Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit to allow presence/absence surveys for the Yuma clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*) within Arizona.

##### Permit No. TE-829996

*Applicant:* Houston Zoo, Houston,  
Texas.

Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit to allow educational display and captive propagation of the following species, at appropriate Houston Zoo facilities: Big Bend gambusia (*Gambusia gaigei*), Comanche Springs pupfish (*Cyprinodon elegans*), and Leon Springs pupfish (*Cyprinodon bovinus*).

##### Permit No. TE-813088

*Applicant:* Bureau of Reclamation,  
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit to allow presence/absence surveys and nest monitoring for the interior least tern (*Sterna antillarum*) within New Mexico.

##### Permit No. TE-022190

*Applicant:* Arizona-Sonora Desert  
Museum, Tucson, Arizona.

Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit to allow educational display and captive propagation of the

Mount Graham red squirrel  
(*Tamiasciurus hudsonicus grahamensis*)  
at appropriate Arizona-Sonora Desert  
Museum facilities.

##### Permit No. TE-091673

*Applicant:* Madeline Terry, Denver,  
Colorado.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) within Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah.

##### Permit No. TE-091552

*Applicant:* Zane Homesley, Kyle,  
Texas.

Application requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the following species within Texas: black-capped vireo (*Vireo atricapillus*), golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*), southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), and Houston toad (*Bufo houstonensis*).

##### Permit No. TE-091844

*Applicant:* Jeff Howard, Braggs,  
Oklahoma.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) within Oklahoma.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*