

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, in conjunction with the Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, is currently conducting a National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) test concerning the transmission of automated truck manifest data. This document announces the next group, or cluster, of ports to be deployed for this test.

**DATES:** The ports identified in this notice, in the State of Vermont, are expected to be fully deployed for testing by December 31, 2006. Comments concerning this notice and all aspects of the announced test may be submitted at any time during the test period.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. James Swanson via e-mail at [james.d.swanson@dhs.gov](mailto:james.d.swanson@dhs.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

The National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) test concerning the transmission of automated truck manifest data for truck carrier accounts was announced in a General Notice published in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 55167) on September 13, 2004. That notice stated that the test of the Automated Truck Manifest would be conducted in a phased approach, with primary deployment scheduled for no earlier than November 29, 2004.

A series of **Federal Register** notices have announced the implementation of the test, beginning with a notice published on May 31, 2005 (70 FR 30964). As described in that document, the deployment sites for the test have been phased in as clusters. The ports identified belonging to the first cluster were announced in the May 31, 2005, notice. Additional clusters were announced in subsequent notices published in the **Federal Register** including: 70 FR 43892, published on July 29, 2005; 70 FR 60096, published on October 14, 2005; 71 FR 3875, published on January 24, 2006; 71 FR 23941, published on April 25, 2006; and 71 FR 42103, published on July 25, 2006.

##### **New Cluster**

Through this notice, CBP announces that the next cluster of ports to be brought up for purposes of deployment of the test, to be fully deployed by December 31, 2006, will be all ports in the State of Vermont. This deployment is for purposes of the test of the transmission of automated truck manifest data only; the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) Truck Manifest System is not yet the mandated

transmission system for these ports. The ACE Truck Manifest System will become the mandatory transmission system in these ports only after publication in the **Federal Register** of 90 days notice, as explained by CBP in the **Federal Register** notice published on October 27, 2006 (71 FR 62922).

##### **Previous NCAP Notices Not Concerning Deployment Schedules**

On Monday, March 21, 2005, a General Notice was published in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 13514) announcing a modification to the NCAP test to clarify that all relevant data elements are required to be submitted in the automated truck manifest submission. That notice did not announce any change to the deployment schedule and is not affected by publication of this notice. All requirements and aspects of the test, as set forth in the September 13, 2004 notice, as modified by the March 21, 2005 notice, continue to be applicable.

Dated: December 18, 2006.

**Jayson P. Ahern,**

*Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Fish and Wildlife Service**

#### **Receipt of Application of Endangered Species Recovery Permits**

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

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

**SUMMARY:** We announce our receipt of applications to conduct certain activities pertaining to enhancement of survival of endangered species.

**DATES:** Written comments on this request for a permit must be received by January 25, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Written data or comments should be submitted to the Assistant Regional Director-Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225-0486; facsimile 303-236-0027. Documents and other information submitted with these applications 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], by any party who submits a request for a copy of such documents within 30 days of the date of publication

of this notice to Kris Olsen, by mail or by telephone at 303-236-4256. All comments received from individuals become part of the official public record.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following applicants have requested issuance of enhancement of survival permits 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.*).

**Applicant:** Toronto Zoo, Scarborough, Ontario, Canada, TE-051841, Hutchinson Zoo, Hutchinson, Kansas, TE-051824, and Elmwood Park Zoo, Norristown, Pennsylvania, TE-053485. The applicants request renewal of permits to possess captive-reared black-footed ferrets (*Mustela nigripes*) for public display and propagation in conjunction with recovery activities for the purpose of enhancing its survival and recovery.

**Applicant:** Dakota Zoological Society, Inc., Bismarck, North Dakota, TE-051815. The applicant requests renewal of a permit to possess captive-reared black-footed ferrets (*Mustela nigripes*) and hatchery-reared pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*) for public display and propagation in conjunction with recovery activities for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.

**Applicant:** Colorado Division of Wildlife, Native Aquatic Species Facility, Alamosa, Colorado, TE-047290. The applicant requests renewal of a permit to possess captive-reared bonytail (*Gila elegans*) and razorback sucker (*Xyrauchen texanus*) for public display and propagation in conjunction with recovery activities for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.

**Applicant:** Kirby Carroll, Buys and Associates, Littleton, Colorado, TE-056165. The applicant requests a renewed permit to take Mexican spotted owls (*Strix occidentalis lucida*) and Southwestern willow flycatchers (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.

**Applicant:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Saratoga National Fish Hatchery, Saratoga, Wyoming, TE-052204. The applicant requests a renewed permit to take Wyoming toad (*Bufo baxteri*) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the

species' range for the purpose of enhancing its survival and recovery.

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**James J. Slack,**

*Deputy Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### **Notice of Availability of the Draft Interim Visitor Services Plan for the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge/Battle of Midway National Memorial/Midway Atoll Special Management Area**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has completed a Draft Interim Visitor Services Plan (VSP) and associated Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge/Battle of Midway National Memorial/Midway Atoll Special Management Area (Refuge). The Draft VSP/EA is available for public review and comments. This remote Pacific island Refuge is a U.S. territory located in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, and part of the newly established Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Marine National Monument (Monument). The VSP is intended to guide visitor activities on the Refuge for an interim period of time until a broader Monument management plan is completed that meets the applicable requirements of a refuge comprehensive conservation plan.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received (see **ADDRESSES**) by midnight on February 6, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the Draft VSP/EA should be submitted via electronic mail to [midway@fws.gov](mailto:midway@fws.gov). Please use "VSP" in the subject line. Alternatively, comments may be addressed to: Barbara Maxfield, Chief, Pacific Islands Division of External Affairs and Visitor Services, 300 Ala Moana Blvd., Room 5-231, Honolulu, HI 96850. You may view or obtain copies of the Draft VSP/EA as indicated under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barbara Maxfield, Chief, Pacific Islands Division of External Affairs and Visitor Services, phone number (808) 792-9531.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Draft VSP and EA were prepared pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System

Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the State of Hawaii.

Important elements of the Draft VSP/EA include: Allowing visitation only in limited numbers, and only from November through July, to ensure no adverse impacts to wildlife or their habitats occurs and to maintain a high quality visitor experience; and developing and maintaining a financially self-sustaining program and an associated table of proposed fees.

The Draft VSP/EA will be available for viewing and downloading online at <http://www.fws.gov/midway>. Limited copies of the Draft VSP/EA may be obtained by writing to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Attn: Barbara Maxfield, Chief, Pacific Islands Division of External Affairs and Visitor Services, 300 Ala Moana Blvd., Room 5-231, Honolulu, HI, 96850. Copies of the Draft VSP/EA may be viewed at the Hawaiian and Pacific Islands National Wildlife Refuge Complex Office, Monday through Friday, during regular business hours from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. The office is located in the Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaʻole Federal Building at 300 Ala Moana Blvd., Room 5-231, Honolulu, HI.

#### **Background**

In 1996, the Service prepared a public use plan to guide visitor services on the Refuge. Since then, new laws and policy regarding wildlife-dependent recreation in the National Wildlife Refuge System have been promulgated, and a new visitor services plan is required to ensure recreational uses at the Refuge are compatible with the National Wildlife Refuge System mission and the purposes of the Refuge and the Battle of Midway National Memorial. In addition, all recreational activities must be compliant with the requirements of the newly designated Monument, which refers to the Refuge as a Special Management Area.

The Draft VSP/EA is an interim plan to guide visitor activities on the Refuge until such time as the broader management plan is completed for the Monument that meets the applicable requirements of a refuge comprehensive conservation plan. The Monument's management plan will incorporate opportunities to participate in broader management and conservation activities, within the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands and throughout the

main Hawaiian Islands, benefiting the Monument.

The development of this Draft VSP/EA began prior to the establishment of the Monument to fulfill Service requirements necessary to allow a regularly scheduled visitor services program to resume at the Refuge. As such, the focus of activities under the Draft VSP/EA is limited to initial visitor services within the Midway Atoll Special Management Area only. Future planning for a Monument-wide visitor services program will be further developed to more fully realize the President's vision to create a visitor window to the Monument at the Refuge. In addition, future planning will explore opportunities for visitor use at Kure Atoll (under the jurisdiction of the State of Hawaii) and in the main Hawaiian Islands, using distance learning and remote educational opportunities. The Service will continue to work closely with its co-trustees of the Monument, NOAA and the State of Hawaii, when the final VSP is implemented, and in the development of the Monument's management plan. Longer-term strategies are included in this Draft VSP/EA, so the interested public may gain a vision of what the co-trustees envision at the Refuge.

This Draft VSP/EA evaluates recreational activities at the Refuge, and describes the structure of the proposed visitor services program. It also outlines activities that honor and interpret the World War II history at Midway Atoll, in recognition of its status as the Battle of Midway National Memorial. It discusses operational limitations, biological constraints, and partnership opportunities beyond Midway Atoll.

Since 1995, the Service has been strongly committed to welcoming visitors to the Refuge. This is the first and only remote island national wildlife refuge in the Pacific Ocean to provide the general public with an opportunity to learn about and experience these unique ecosystems. A regularly scheduled visitor program operated on the Refuge until early in 2002, when it ended after our cooperator left the atoll. Since then, visitors have arrived almost exclusively by the occasional cruise ship or sailboat, or for a Battle of Midway commemorative event. In the Draft VSP/EA, opportunities to expand the visitor program and allow more people to experience Midway's wildlife and historic treasury are proposed.

Preliminary compatibility determinations are provided in the Draft VSP/EA that would allow the following wildlife-dependent recreational uses: Wildlife observation and photography, environmental education and