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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: Saint Louis Zoo, St. Louis, MO, PRT-170356.

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from Peruvian brown pelicans (*Pelecanus occidentalis thagus*) for the purpose of enhancement of the species through scientific research. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant for a five-year period.

Applicant: Saint Louis Zoo, St. Louis, MO, PRT-168186.

The applicant requests a permit to import a captive born male Somali wild ass (*Equus africanus somalicus*) from Marwell Zoological Park in Hampshire, Great Britain for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Dennis Miller, Lowell, IN, PRT-164875.

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.

Applicant: Perry S. Tucker, Aiken, SC, PRT-165737.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male cape mountain zebra (*Equus zebra zebra*) culled from a captive herd in 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 application 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.

Applicant: Leo C. Potter, Lake Geneva, WI, PRT-171622.

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, noncommercial use.

Applicant: Frank A. Bove, Eighty Four, PA, PRT-170349.

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, noncommercial use.

Dated: December 14, 2007.

Lisa J. Lierheimer,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

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 January 28, 2008.

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 212, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358-2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.

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Applicant: Joseph A. Lukas, Ennis, MT, PRT-165271.

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.

Applicant: Norman J. Dozier, Merkel, TX, PRT-165270.

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.

Applicant: Kenneth P. Shemoski, Collegeville, PA, PRT-165945.

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.

Applicant: Jay Royce Jr., Mt. Enterprise, TX, PRT-165754.

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.

Applicant: George Kishida Jr., Lodi, CA, PRT-164873.

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.

Applicant: Gregory G. Liautaud, Trout Valley, IL, PRT-168791.

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.

Endangered Marine Mammals and Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered marine mammals and/or marine mammals. The applications were submitted to satisfy requirements 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.*), and the regulations governing endangered species (50 CFR part 17) and/or 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: Gordon B. Bauer, New College of Florida, Sarasota, FL, PRT-837923.

The applicant requests to renew his permit to conduct auditory studies on up to 14 captive held Florida manatees (*Trichechus manatus*) for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Division of Management Authority is forwarding copies of the above applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

Applicant: Alan J. Stone, Honeoye, NY, PRT-169695.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population in Canada for personal, noncommercial use.

Applicant: Thomas K. Joyce, Levittown, NY, PRT-170114.

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, noncommercial use.

Applicant: Lester A. Pride, Milton, DE, PRT-170327.

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, noncommercial use.

Applicant: Daniel H. Smith, San Jose, CA, PRT-170341.

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, noncommercial use.

Applicant: Kevin E. Johnson, Gaylord, MI, PRT-170600.

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, noncommercial use.

Applicant: Nicolas A. DiJoseph, Cedarville, NJ, PRT-163763.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population in Canada for personal, noncommercial use.

Dated: December 7, 2007.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reopening of Comment Period for Draft Recovery Crediting Guidance

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of reopening comment period.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the reopening of a comment period on our draft recovery crediting guidance for an additional 60 days. We solicit comment from all interested parties on the contents of the draft guidance and the likely effects of its implementation.

DATES: Comments from all interested parties on the draft guidance document must be received on or before February 25, 2008.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of the draft guidance: The draft guidance may be downloaded from our Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/policy/>

[oct.2007.html](http://www.fws.gov/endangered/policy/oct.2007.html). To request a copy of the draft guidance, write to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 420 ARLSQ, Washington, DC 20240, Attention: Recovery Crediting; or call 703/358-2171. You may also send an e-mail request to recovery_crediting@fws.gov. Specify whether you wish to receive a hard copy by U.S. mail or an electronic copy by e-mail.

To submit your comments: Send comments by any one of the following methods:

- **Mail:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 420 ARLSQ, Washington, DC 20240, Attention: Recovery Crediting.
- **Hand Delivery/Courier:** Division of Consultation, Habitat Conservation Planning, Recovery, and State Grants, Room 420, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203-1601.
- **E-mail:** recovery_crediting@fws.gov. Include "Recovery Crediting comments" in the subject line of the message.
- **Fax:** 703/358-1735. Include "Recovery Crediting comments" in the subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct all questions or requests for additional information about the draft guidance to Dr. Richard L. Sayers; Division of Consultation, Habitat Conservation Planning, Recovery, and State Grants; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 420 ARLSQ; Washington, DC 20240 (703/358-2171). Individuals who are hearing-impaired or speech-impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8337 for TTY assistance, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We published a notice of availability of draft recovery crediting guidance on November 2, 2007 (72 FR 62258). The original comment period ended on December 3, 2007. In response to requests from respondents, we are reopening comment for an additional 60 days. Initial comments submitted revealed a possible misunderstanding of our notice of availability. That notice included the entire guidance document; no additional information is available. We regret any impression we may have created that it was necessary to obtain an additional document in order to understand the guidance.

We will take into consideration the relevant comments, suggestions, or objections that we receive by the comment due date indicated above in **DATES**. These comments, suggestions, or objections, and any additional information we receive, may lead us to adopt final guidance that differs from the draft. We prefer to receive comments via e-mail, but you may submit your