

Applicant: Rusty R. Rokita, Hardin, MT, PRT-026606.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus 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.

Applicant: Juan F. Gutierrez, Birmingham, AL, PRT-026607.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus 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.

Marine Mammal

The public is invited to comment on the following application 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 18).

Applicant: James Adams, Fruitport, MI, PRT-026025.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Southern Beaufort sea polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Applicant: William J. Freeman, Tullahoma, TN, PRT-026124.

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

Applicant: Jon C. Bumstead, Newaygo, MI 026138.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Southern Beaufort Sea polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Applicant: Rocky Hall, Henderson, TX, PRT-025796.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the McClintock Channel polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Applicant: Rocky Hall, Henderson, TX, PRT-025795.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the McClintock Channel polar bear population,

Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Applicant: Terry Luetgert, Geneva, IL, PRT-026126.

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

Applicant: Ron Winstead, McLean, IL, PRT-026127.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the McClintock Channel polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Applicant: Michael E. O'Banion, Bettendorf, IA, PRT-026608.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Southern Beaufort Sea polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Applicant: David L. Swenson, Hudson, WI, PRT-026610.

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

Applicant: Richard T. Adams, Verdi, NV, PRT-026611.

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

Applicant: Dennis L. Kemmick, Columbia, PA, PRT-026613.

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

Applicant: John D. Freitag, Trappe, MD, PRT-026616.

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

Applicant: David Hartman, Canfield, OH, PRT-026772.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Southern Beaufort Sea polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Applicant: Melvin Wilson, Chehalis, WA, PRT-026768.

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

Applicant: William E. Schwartz, Bossier City, LA, PRT-026830.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Resolute Bay polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Applicant: Leonard Bernstein, New Milford, NJ, PRT-026771.

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

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

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 the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

Dated: May 5, 2000.

Kristen Nelson,

Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered Species Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, DOI.

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 of 1973, as amended (16 USC 1531 *et seq.*).

Permit No. TE-776608

Applicant: Monk and Associates, Walnut Creek, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and handle) the California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma*

californiense) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys in Santa Barbara County, California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-025200

Applicant: Kathleen L. Whitney, Santa Barbara, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, locate and monitor nests, capture, band, and release) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) and take (monitor nests, capture, band, and release) the least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*) in conjunction with scientific research through out each species range in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-025197

Applicant: Lockheed Martin Environmental Services, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, capture and handle, collect tissue samples, and collect voucher specimens) the razorback sucker (*Xyrauchen texanus*) and Colorado squawfish (*Ptychocheilus lucius*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys and scientific research throughout each species range for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-025394

Applicant: David B. Waller, San Diego, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (survey by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys throughout its range for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-837308

Applicant: John K. Konecny, Escondido, California.

The permittee requests an amendment to his permit to: take (harass by survey) the Yuma clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*); take (harass by survey, locate and monitor nests, capture, band, and release) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*); and take (monitor nests, capture, band, and release) the least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*) in conjunction with surveys and population monitoring throughout each species range in the State of Arizona for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-826200

Applicant: California Department of Parks and Recreation, Bay Area District, Pescadero, California.

The permittee requests an amendment to his permit to take (capture) the San Francisco garter snake (*Thamnophis sirtalis tetrataenia*) and take (capture, mark) the California red-legged frog (*Rana aurora draytonii*) in conjunction with population monitoring and habitat enhancement within Ano Nuevo State Park, California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-025434

Applicant: Russell N. Holmes, Bureau of Land Management, Roseburg, Oregon.

The applicant requests a permit to remove and reduce to possession specimens of *Plagiobothrys hirtus* (rough popcornflower) in conjunction with recovery efforts within Douglas County, Oregon for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-025732

Applicant: Samuel S. Sweet, University of California, Santa Barbara, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and handle) the California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys in Santa Barbara County, California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-025944

Applicant: Chris Farmer, Santa Barbara, California.

The applicant requests a permit to: take (harass by survey and monitor nests) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*); take (monitor nests) the least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*); and take (harass by survey) the California least tern (*Sterna antillarum browni*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys throughout each species range in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-026485

Applicant: Dr. David Kingsley, Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, handle, and collect) the unarmored threespine stickleback (*Gasterosteus aculeatus williamsoni*) in conjunction with genetic research throughout the species range in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

DATES: Written comments on these permit applications must be received on or before June 12, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species, Ecological Services, 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.

Thomas J. Dwyer,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: As provided in Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Fish and Wildlife Service announces a meeting designed to foster partnerships to enhance public awareness of the importance of aquatic resources and the social and economic benefits of recreational fishing and boating in the United States. This meeting, sponsored by the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (Council), is open to the public, and interested persons may make oral statements to the Council or may file written statements for consideration.

DATES: June 6, 2000, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Radisson Hotel Old Town, 901 N. Fairfax St., Alexandria, Virginia 22314, telephone (703) 683-6000, FAX (703) 683-7597.

Summary minutes of the conference will be maintained by the Council Coordinator at 4040 N. Fairfax Dr., Room 132A, Arlington, VA 22203, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours within 30