

Endangered Species

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

PRT-070682

Applicant: Andrew K. Stahl, Dallas, TX.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) 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-070686

Applicant: Lacy J. Harber, Denison, TX.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) 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-070537

Applicant: Melvin L. Roschelle, Los Gatos, CA.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) 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-070521

Applicant: Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, Powell, OH.

The applicant requests a permit to import seven male and six female captive-born cheetahs (*Acinonyx jubatus*) from DeWildt Cheetah and Wildlife Centre, DeWildt, South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the species through captive breeding and conservation education.

PRT-063702

Applicant: S.O.S. Care, Inc., Valley Center, CA.

The applicant requests a permit to export and/or re-export carcasses from four tiger cat (*Leopardus tigrinus oncella*), one margay (*Leopardus wiedii*), and two black-footed cat (*Felis nigripes*) to the National Museums of Scotland,

Edinburgh, United Kingdom, for the purpose of enhancement of the species through conservation education and scientific research.

PRT-058835

Applicant: Harold S. Countryman, Chantilly, VA.

The applicant requests a permit to import one female gibbon (*Hylobates* spp.) from Seoul, Korea, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

PRT-810465

Applicant: A.R. Galloway Exotic Ranch, Pearsall, TX.

The applicant requests amendment of an application previously published on March 17, 2003, for the renewal of a permit authorizing interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cull from their captive herds, to include excess male red lechwe (*Kobus lechwe*) for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a five year period. Permittee must apply for renewal annually.

Endangered Marine Mammals and Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following application(s) for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered marine mammals and/or marine mammals. The application(s) was/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 request for a 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-070596

Applicant: Marvin J. Winter, North Collins, 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.

PRT-070536

Applicant: Robert E. Speegle, Garland, TX.

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 use.

PRT-070534

Applicant: Walter P. Mays, Zanesfield, OH.

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 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: April 18, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****Final Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement and Habitat Conservation Plan for the Natomas Basin, Sacramento and Sutter Counties, CA**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public of the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/ EIS) on the application by the City of Sacramento, Sutter County, and the Natomas Basin Conservancy (the "applicants") to the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for 50-year incidental take permits for 22 covered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The applications address the potential for "take" of covered species associated with various activities within the Natomas Basin, a 53,537-acre area in the Sacramento Region. These activities (the "covered activities") include 15,517 acres of planned land development, and development and management of mitigation lands. A conservation program to minimize and mitigate for the covered activities would be