

for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-074601

Applicant: Jessica Delich, Gold River, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), the longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus wootoni*), the San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), and the vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-053379

Applicant: Christine Tischer, Orange, California.

The permittee requests an amendment to take (harass by survey) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), the longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus wootoni*), the San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), and the vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-074955

Applicant: Susan Scatolini, San Diego, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), the longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus wootoni*), the San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), and the vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-068799

Applicant: Mikael Romich, San Bernardino, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey) the San Bernardino kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys merriami parvus*) in conjunction with demographic studies in San Bernardino, Riverside, Los Angeles, Orange, and San Diego Counties, California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-050122

Applicant: California Department of Fish and Game, Bishop, California.

The permittee requests an amendment to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, radio collar, and release) the peninsular bighorn sheep (*Ovis canadensis nelsonii*) in conjunction with demographic and life history studies in Riverside and San Diego Counties, California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-075112

Applicant: Gregory Chatman, Rialto, California.

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

Permit No. TE-075145

Applicant: David Elliott, La Habra, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (survey, mark, PIT-tag, recapture, and release) the mountain yellow-legged frog (*Rana muscosa*) in conjunction with surveys in Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties, California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-702631

Applicant: Regional Director, Region 1, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Portland, Oregon.

The permittee requests an amendment to remove/reduce to possession *Polygonum hickmanii* (Scotts Valley polygonum) in conjunction with recovery efforts throughout the range of the species for the purpose of enhancing its propagation and survival.

We solicit public review and comment on each of these recovery permit applications.

Dated: September 4, 2003.

David J. Wesley,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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 October 29, 2003.

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 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-076969

Applicant: Thomas J. Greek, Corona CA,

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.

PRT-077020

Applicant: Barbara H. Watson, East New Market, MD,

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.

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 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.

PRT-075014

Applicant: Norman L. Delan, JR., Fleetwood, PA,

The applicant requested a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Viscount Melville Sound polar bear population in Canada for personal use on August 18, 2003, (68 FR 49511). Subsequent to this publication, the Service determined that the polar bear was actually sport hunted from the Northern Beaufort Sea polar bear population. Therefore, we are republishing the request with the correct population.

PRT-072002

Applicant: Michael VandeMaele, Mattawan, MI,

The applicant requested a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Viscount Melville Sound polar bear population in Canada for personal use on June 5, 2003 (68 FR 33734). Subsequent to this publication, the Service determined that the polar bear was actually sport hunted from the Southern Beaufort Sea polar bear population. Therefore, we are republishing the request with the correct population.

PRT-073810

Applicant: Virgil R. Graber, Orrville, OH,

The applicant requested a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Northern Beaufort Sea polar bear population in Canada for personal use on August 27, 2003 (68 FR 51588). Subsequent to this publication, the Service determined that the polar bear was actually sport hunted from the Viscount Mellville polar bear population prior to April 30, 1994. Therefore, we are republishing the request with the correct population.

Dated: September 12, 2003.

Charles S. Hamilton,

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

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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 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 Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permits subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

MARINE MAMMALS

Permit No.	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
072605	Charles C. Adams, Jr	68 FR 40291; July 7, 2003	Sept. 11, 2003.
073841	Ryan C. Hoerauf	68 FR 41167; July 10, 2003	Sept. 11, 2003.

Dated: September 12, 2003.

Charles S. Hamilton,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[WY-920-1320-EL, WYW158843]

Coal Lease Exploration License, WY

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of invitation for coal exploration license.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 2(b) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended by section 4 of the Federal

Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976, 90 Stat. 1083, 30 U.S.A. 201(b), and to the regulations adopted at 43 CFR part 3410, all interested parties are hereby invited to participate with Antelope Coal Company on a pro rata cost sharing basis in its program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in the following-described lands in Campbell and Converse Counties, Wyoming:

T. 40 N., R. 71 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
 Sec. 3: Lots 15-18;
 Sec. 4: Lots 5-20;
 Sec. 5: Lots 5-7, 10-15, 17-20;
 Sec. 8: Lots 2-4;
 Sec. 9: Lots 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8;
 Sec. 10: Lots 3-6;
 T. 41 N., R. 71 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
 Sec. 28: Lots 1, 2, 5-16;
 Sec. 29: Lots 5-16;
 Sec. 32: Lots 1-4, 6-11, 13-16;
 Sec. 33: Lots 1-16.

Containing 3,859.82 acres, more or less.

All of the coal in the above-described land consists of unleased Federal coal within the Powder River Basin Known Recoverable Coal Resource Area. The purpose of the exploration program is to obtain data to assess coal quality.

ADDRESSES: The proposed exploration program is fully described and will be conducted pursuant to an exploration plan to be approved by the Bureau of Land Management. Copies of the exploration plan (serialized under number WYW158843) are available for review during normal business hours in the following offices: Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003; and, Bureau of Land Management, Casper Field Office, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, WY 82604.