

Applicant: Woodland Park Zoological Gardens, Seattle, WA, PRT-040332.

The applicant requests a permit to import one female jaguar (*Panthera onca*) from the Bolivian Community Project, Trinidad, Bolivia for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through captive propagation and conservation education.

Applicant: Amon L. Baucom, Charlotte, NC, PRT-041084.

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.

Applicant: Monte J. Brough, Wellsville, UT, PRT-041040.

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.

Applicant: University of Montana, Missoula, MT, PRT-041298.

The applicant request a permit to re-export biological samples from argali (*Ovis ammon*) to Dr. Gordon Luikart, CNRS, Grenoble, France, for the purpose of scientific research on the systematics of wild sheep. Samples were originally salvaged from animals found dead in the wild in China and imported under permit # U.S. 830751.

Applicant: Joe M. Thompson, Bonsall, CA, PRT-041360.

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.

Applicant: Hawthorn Corporation, Grayslake, IL, PRT-039541.

The applicant requests a permit to export and re-import captive-born tigers (*Panthera tigris*) and progeny of the animals currently held by the applicant and any animals acquired in the United States by the applicant to/from worldwide locations to enhance the survival of the species through conservation education. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a three year period.

Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following application(s) for a permit

to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application(s) 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).

Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone 703/358-2104 or fax 703/358-2281. These requests must be received within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. 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: United States Fish and Wildlife Service/Marine Mammal Management, Anchorage, AK PRT-041309.

Permit Type: Take for scientific research.

Name and Number of Animals: Northern sea otter, (*Enhydra lutris lutis*), Variable.

Summary of Activity To Be Authorized: The applicant requests a permit to conduct aerial and/or skiff surveys of Northern sea otters wherever they occur in the State of Alaska, that may result in Level B harassment, for the purpose of scientific research and population studies.

Source of Marine Mammals: Free ranging.

Period of Activity: 5 years.

Applicant: The Baltimore Zoo, Baltimore, MD, PRT-040039.

Permit Type: Import for public display.

Name and Number of Animals: Polar Bear (*Ursus maritimus*), 0.1.

Summary of Activity To Be Authorized: The applicant requests a permit to import a captive held adult polar bear for the purpose of public display and conservation education.

Source of Marine Mammals: One captive held adult animal currently housed at the Jardin de Quebec Zoologique, Quebec, Canada.

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: Michael A. Carpinito, Kent, WA, PRT-041421.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population taken during March 2001, in Canada for personal use.

Applicant: William D. Bray, Marble Falls, TX, PRT-041037.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Southern Beaufort Sea polar bear population taken during March 2001, in Canada for personal use.

Applicant: Danny Deshotels, Lettsworth, LA, PRT-041046.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population taken during March 2001, in Canada for personal use.

Applicant: John M. Saba, JR., Sarasota, FL, PRT-041359.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Northern Beaufort Sea polar bear population taken during March 2001, in Canada for personal use.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife has information collection approval from OMB through February 28, 2001. 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.

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, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); Fax: (703/358-2281).

Dated: March 13, 2001.

Anna Barry,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Receipt of Application for Endangered Species Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application for endangered species permit.

SUMMARY: The following applicants have applied for permits 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.*).

If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of the several methods. You may mail comments to the Service's Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES**). You may also comment via the internet to "victoria_davis@fws.gov". Please submit comments over the internet as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include your name and return address in your internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the Service that we have received your internet message, contact us directly at either telephone number listed below (see **FURTHER INFORMATION**). Finally, you may hand deliver comments to either Service office listed below (see **ADDRESSES**). Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the administrative record. We will honor such requests to the extent allowable by law. There may also be other circumstances in which we would withhold from the administrative record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

DATES: Written data or comments on these applications must be received, at the address given below, by May 29, 2001.

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 the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345 (Attn: Victoria Davis, Permit Biologist). Telephone: 404/679-4176; Facsimile: 404/679-7081.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Victoria Davis, Telephone: 404/679-4176; Facsimile: 404/679-7081.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Applicant:* Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park, Tom Linley, Park Manager, Homosassa, Florida TE040783-0

The applicant requests authorization to take (Hold in Captivity) twelve Key deer, *Odocoileus virginianus clavium*, for the purposes of maintaining a captive population to provide a safety net for the wild population if a natural disaster, *i.e.*, catastrophic hurricane, were to occur, and to provide educational opportunities for the general public. *Odocoileus virginianus clavium* will be transferred from the National Key Deer Refuge, Big Pine Key, Monroe County, Florida to the Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park, Homosassa, Citrus County, Florida.

Applicant: U.S. Forest Service-Savannah River, Donald W. Imm, Acting Assistant Manager Wildlife, Fisheries, and Botany, New Ellenton, South Carolina, TE040792-0.

The applicant requests authorization to take (harass during capturing, banding, releasing, monitoring, and habitat management) the Red-cockaded woodpecker, *Picoides borealis*, for the purposes of managing the populations on the Department of Energy Savannah River Site. The proposed activities will take place in Aiken, Barnwell, and Allendale Counties, South Carolina.

Dated: April 12, 2001.

Sam D. Hamilton,
Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of a Draft Recovery Plan for the Howell's Spectacular Thelypody (*Thelypodium howellii* ssp. *spectabilis*) for Review and Comment

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announce the availability for public review of a draft recovery plan for the Howell's spectacular thelypody (*Thelypodium howellii* ssp. *spectabilis*). This threatened plant, a member of the mustard family, occurs on fewer than 12 small sites located within 100 acres of private lands near North Powder and

Haines in eastern Oregon (Baker and Union Counties).

DATES: Comments on the draft recovery plan received by June 25, 2001, will be considered by the Service.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the draft recovery plan are available for inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the following location: Snake River Basin Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Suite 368, Boise, Idaho 83709 (phone: 208/378-5243). Requests for copies of the draft recovery plan and written comments and materials regarding this plan should be addressed to Robert Ruesink, Field Supervisor, at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edna Vizgirdas, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Restoring endangered or threatened animals and plants to the point where they are again secure, self-sustaining members of their ecosystems is a primary goal of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, we are working to prepare recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for the conservation of the species, establish criteria for downlisting or delisting listed species, and estimate time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. We will consider all information presented during the public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised recovery plan. Substantive technical comments will result in changes to the plans. Substantive comments regarding recovery plan implementation may not necessarily result in changes to the recovery plans, but will be forwarded to appropriate Federal or other entities so that they can take these comments into account during the course of implementing recovery actions.

The Howell's spectacular thelypody was listed as a threatened species on June 25, 1999. This taxon is endemic to the Baker-Powder River Valley in