

identifying information, will be posted on the website. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, such as your address, phone number, or email address, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Moreover, all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

## II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), we invite public comments on permit applications before final action is taken. With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits certain activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is issued that allows such activities. Permits issued under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA allow otherwise prohibited activities for scientific purposes or to enhance the propagation or survival of the affected species. Service regulations regarding prohibited activities with endangered species, captive-bred wildlife registrations, and permits for any activity otherwise prohibited by the ESA with respect to any endangered species are available in title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations in part 17.

## III. Permit Applications

We invite comments on the following applications.

### Endangered Species

Applicant: Sedgewick County Zoo, Wichita, KS; Permit No. PER2475594

The applicant requests a permit to export to Zoologischer Garten Frankfurt, Germany, three female Jamaican iguanas (*Cyclura collei*), for the purpose of enhancing the propagation or survival of the species. This notification is for a single export.

Applicant: Oregon Zoo, Portland, OR; Permit No. PER2525954

The applicant requests a permit to export to Zoológico de Cali, Cali, Columbia, four captive-born African painted dogs (*Lycaon pictus*) for the purpose of enhancing the propagation or survival of the species. This notification is for a single export.

Applicant: University of Georgia, College of Veterinary Medicine, Athens, GA; Permit No. PER2484762

The applicant requests a permit to export blood samples of felids (*Acinonyx jubatus*, *Felis nigripes*, *Leopardus pardalis*, *Leptailurus serval*, *Lynx rufus rufus*, *Neofelis nebulosa*, *Panthera leo*, *Panthera onca*, *Panthera tigris*, *Panthera tigris altaica*, *Panthera tigris sumatrae*, *Uncia uncia*, and *Puma concolor*) for the purpose of scientific research to Laboklin GMBH & Co.Kg, Labor Für Klinisc, Germany. This notification is for a single export.

Applicant: Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Gloucester Point, VA; Permit No. PER2358970

The applicant requests the renewal of the permit to export/re-export and reimport nonliving museum specimens of endangered and threatened species previously accessioned into the applicant's collection for scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Smithsonian National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute, Washington, DC; Permit No. PER2499014

The applicant requests a permit to export one male and one female captive-bred hooded crane (*Grus monacha*), as well as one male captive-bred red-crowned crane (*Grus japonensis*), to the Assiniboine Park Zoo, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, for the purpose of enhancing the propagation or survival of the species. This notification is for a single export.

Applicant: Virginia Safari Park & Preservation Center, Inc, Natural Bridge, VA; Permit No. PER0052428

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following species, to enhance the propagation or survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Common name	Scientific name
African penguin .....	<i>Spheniscus demersus</i> .
Cheetah .....	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i> .
Golden-rumped tamarin.	<i>Leontopithecus</i> spp.

### Multiple Trophy Applicants

The following applicants request permits to import sport-hunted trophies of 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 enhancing the propagation or survival of the species.

- James Salter, Weatherford, TX; Permit No. PER2392261
- James Stacy, Natchitoches, LA; Permit No. PER2440535
- Donald Brown, Cleveland, MT; Permit No. PER2464642
- Davis Jones, Colleyville, TX; Permit No. 61538D
- George Clark, San Antonio, TX; Permit No. 54418C

## IV. Next Steps

After the comment period closes, we will make decisions regarding permit issuance. If we issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**. You may locate the notice announcing the permit issuance by searching <https://www.regulations.gov> for the permit number listed above in this document. For example, to find information about the potential issuance of Permit No. 12345A, you would go to [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) and search for "12345A".

## V. Authority

We issue this notice under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and its implementing regulations.

### Brenda Tapia,

Supervisory Program Analyst/Data Administrator, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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### Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force; Teleconference/Web Meeting

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of teleconference/web meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service gives notice of a teleconference/web meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Task Force, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

### DATES:

*Teleconference/web meeting:* The ANS Task Force will meet Tuesday and Wednesday, July 18–19, 2023, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day (Eastern Time).

**Registration:** Registration is required. The deadline for registration is July 13, 2023.

**Accessibility:** The deadline for accessibility accommodation requests is July 13, 2023. Please see *Accessibility Information*, below.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via teleconference and broadcast over the internet. To register and receive the web address and telephone number for participation, contact the Executive Secretary (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) or visit the ANS Task Force website at <https://www.fws.gov/program/aquatic-nuisance-species-task-force>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Susan Pasko, Executive Secretary, ANS Task Force, by telephone at (703) 358-2466, or by email at [Susan\\_Pasko@fws.gov](mailto:Susan_Pasko@fws.gov). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The ANS Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990, and is composed of Federal and ex-officio members. The ANS Task Force's purpose is to develop and implement a program for U.S. waters to prevent introduction and dispersal of aquatic invasive species; to monitor, control, and study such species; and to disseminate related information.

This meeting is open to the public. The meeting agenda will include reports from ANS Task Force members, regional panels, and subcommittees; discussion on priority outputs to advance the goals identified in the ANS Task Force Strategic Plan for 2020–2025; a presentation by the U.S. Geological Survey on new species occurrences in the United States; recommendations by the ANS Task Force regional panels; and public comment. The final agenda and other related meeting information will be posted on the ANS Task Force website, <https://www.fws.gov/program/aquatic-nuisance-species-task-force>.

**Public Input**

If you wish to provide oral public comment or provide a written comment for the ANS Task Force to consider, contact the ANS Task Force Executive Secretary (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) no later than July 13, 2023.

Depending on the number of people who want to comment and the time available, the amount of time for individual oral comments may be limited. Interested parties should contact the ANS Task Force Executive Secretary, in writing (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**), for placement on the public speaker list for this meeting. Requests to address the ANS Task Force during the meeting will be accommodated in the order the requests are received. Registered speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, or those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, may submit written statements to the Executive Secretary up to 30 days following the meeting.

**Accessibility Information**

Please make requests in advance for sign language interpreter services, assistive listening devices, or other reasonable accommodations. Please contact the ANS Task Force Executive Secretary (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) no later than July 13, 2023, to give the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service sufficient time to process your request. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case-by-case basis.

**Public Disclosure**

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

*Authority:* 5 U.S.C. ch. 10.

**David A. Miko,**

*Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force.*

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**NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING COMMISSION**

**Notice of Approved Class III Tribal Gaming Ordinance**

**AGENCY:** National Indian Gaming Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of the approval of Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma Class III gaming ordinance by

the Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission.

**DATES:** This notice is applicable June 12, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Dena Wynn, Office of General Counsel at the National Indian Gaming Commission, 202–632–7003, or by facsimile at 202–632–7066 (not toll-free numbers).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) 25 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.*, established the National Indian Gaming Commission (Commission). Section 2710 of IGRA authorizes the Chairman of the Commission to approve Class II and Class III tribal gaming ordinances. Section 2710(d)(2)(B) of IGRA, as implemented by NIGC regulations, 25 CFR 522.8, requires the Chairman to publish, in the **Federal Register**, approved Class III tribal gaming ordinances and the approvals thereof.

IGRA requires all tribal gaming ordinances to contain the same requirements concerning tribes' sole proprietary interest and responsibility for the gaming activity, use of net revenues, annual audits, health and safety, background investigations and licensing of key employees and primary management officials. The Commission, therefore, believes that publication of each ordinance in the **Federal Register** would be redundant and result in unnecessary cost to the Commission.

Thus, the Commission believes that publishing a notice of approved Class III tribal gaming ordinances in the **Federal Register**, is sufficient to meet the requirements of 25 U.S.C. 2710(d)(2)(B). Every ordinance and approval thereof is posted on the Commission's website ([www.nigc.gov](http://www.nigc.gov)) under General Counsel, Gaming Ordinances within five (5) business days of approval.

On May 15, 2023, the Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission approved the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma Class III Gaming Ordinance. A copy of the approval letter is posted with this notice and can be found with the approved ordinance on the NIGC's website ([www.nigc.gov](http://www.nigc.gov)) under General Counsel, Gaming Ordinances. A copy of the approved Class III ordinance will also be made available upon request. Requests can be made in writing to the Office of General Counsel, National Indian Gaming Commission, Attn: Dena Wynn, 1849 C Street NW, MS #1621, Washington, DC 20240 or at [info@nigc.gov](mailto:info@nigc.gov).

National Indian Gaming Commission.