

Reason: Extensive deterioration.
 Building 29
 Ford Island Housing
 Pearl Harbor Co: Honolulu HI 96818–
 Landholding Agency: Navy
 Property Number: 779640007
 Status: Unutilized
 Reason: Extensive deterioration.
 Building 31
 Ford Island Housing
 Pearl Harbor Co: Honolulu HI 96818–
 Landholding Agency: Navy
 Property Number: 779640008
 Status: Unutilized
 Reason: Extensive deterioration.
 Building 32
 Ford Island Housing
 Pearl Harbor Co: Honolulu HI 96818–
 Landholding Agency: Navy
 Property Number: 779640009
 Status: Unutilized
 Reason: Extensive deterioration.
 Building 90
 Ford Island Housing
 Pearl Harbor Co: Honolulu HI 96818–
 Landholding Agency: Navy
 Property Number: 779640010
 Status: Unutilized
 Reason: Extensive deterioration.
 Maine
 Former Pullen Cabin
 NPS Tract 106–29
 Monson/Elliottsville Co: Piscataquis ME
 04464–
 Landholding Agency: Interior
 Property Number: 619640001
 Status: Unutilized
 Reason: Extensive deterioration.
 Former Mudge Cabin
 NPS Tract 106–28
 Monson/Elliottsville Co: Piscataquis ME
 04464–
 Landholding Agency: Interior
 Property Number: 619640002
 Status: Unutilized
 Reason: Extensive deterioration.
 Former Great Northern Paper
 NPS Tract 103–01
 Millinocket Co: Piscataquis ME 04462–
 Landholding Agency: Interior
 Property Number: 619640003
 Status: Unutilized
 Reason: Extensive deterioration.
 Michigan
 FOG Signal Building
 St. Martins Island Co: Delta MI 49829–
 Landholding Agency: GSA
 Property Number: 549640001
 Status: Unutilized
 Reason: Other
 Comment: Inaccessible.
 GSA Number: 1–U–MI–760.
 Crisp Point Light Station
 McMillan Township Co: Luce MI
 Landholding Agency: GSA
 Property Number: 549640002
 Status: Unutilized
 Reason: Extensive deterioration.
 GSA Number: 1–U–MI–541A.
 North Carolina
 Dwelling 1
 USCG Coinjock Housing
 Coinjock Co: Currituck NC 27923–

Landholding Agency: GSA
 Property Number: 879120083
 Status: Excess
 Reason: Extensive deterioration.
 GSA Number: 4–U–NC–772.
 Dwelling 2
 USCG Coinjock Housing
 Coinjock Co: Currituck NC 27923–
 Landholding Agency: GSA
 Property Number: 879120084
 Status: Excess
 Reason: Extensive deterioration.
 GSA Number: 4–U–NC–722.
 Dwelling 3
 USCG Coinjock Housing
 Coinjock Co: Currituck NC 27923–
 Landholding Agency: GSA
 Property Number: 879120085
 Status: Excess
 Reason: Extensive deterioration.
 GSA Number: 4–U–NC–722.
 Virginia
 Building 401
 Norfolk Naval Shipyard
 Portsmouth VA 23709–
 Landholding Agency: Navy
 Property Number: 779640001
 Status: Excess
 Reason: Extensive deterioration.
 Building 235
 Norfolk Naval Shipyard
 Portsmouth VA 23709–
 Landholding Agency: Navy
 Property Number: 779640002
 Status: Excess
 Reason: Within 2000 ft. of flammable or
 explosive material; Floodway; Secured
 Area; Extensive deterioration.
 Building 657
 Naval Weapons Station
 Yorktown Co: York VA 23691–
 Landholding Agency: Navy
 Property Number: 779640003
 Status: Excess
 Reason: Secured Area; Extensive
 deterioration.
 Building 380A
 Naval Weapons Station
 Yorktown Co: York VA 23691–
 Landholding Agency: Navy
 Property Number: 779640004
 Status: Excess
 Reason: Secured Area.
Land (by State)
 Guam
 Submerged Lands
 Ritidian Point GU
 Landholding Agency: GSA
 Property Number: 549640003
 Status: Excess
 Reason: Other
 Comment: Inaccessible
 GSA Number: 9–N–GU–437.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Application; Final Environmental Impact Statement Availability on the Proposed Issuance of an Incidental Take Permit for Threatened and Endangered Species on Lands Managed by the Washington Department of Natural Resources Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl

AGENCIES: Fish and Wildlife Service,
 Department of the Interior (lead agency);
 National Marine Fisheries Service,
 Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Final Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed issuance of an incidental take permit for threatened and endangered species on lands managed by the Washington Department of Natural Resources (Applicant) is available for review. The Applicant has applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service (together Services) for an incidental take permit pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The Applicant has also requested an unlisted species agreement to cover species which may occur in the planning area and which may be listed as threatened or endangered species in the future. The term of the permit would be 70 years, with the possibility of three extensions of 10 years each. The application has been assigned permit number PRT–812521. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

DATES: Publication of the Record of Decision and issuance of the permit will occur no sooner December 2, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Individuals wishing copies of the application or Environmental Impact Statement for review should immediately contact Chuck Turley, Washington Department of Natural Resources, 1111 Washington Street SE, P.O. Box 47011, Olympia, Washington, 98504–7011 or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Northwest Habitat Conservation Plan Program, 3704 Griffin Lane SE, Suite 102, Olympia, Washington 98501–2192; (360) 753–9440. Documents will be available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours (8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday) at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Vogel or Craig Hansen, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, or Steve Landino, National Marine Fisheries Service at the Pacific Northwest Habitat Conservation Plan Program, 3704 Griffin Lane SE, Suite 102, Olympia, Washington 98501-2192; (360) 753-9440.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under section 9 of the Act and its implementing regulations, "taking" of threatened and endangered species is prohibited. However, the Services, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take threatened or endangered wildlife species if such taking is incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for threatened and endangered species are in 50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32.

The Applicant has addressed species conservation and ecosystem management on approximately 1.6 million acres of State-managed land within the range of the northern spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis caurina*) (owl) in Washington. The Applicant is requesting a permit for the incidental take of the owl, marbled murrelet (*Brachyramphus marmoratus*) (murrelet), Oregon silverspot butterfly (*Speyeria zerene hippolyta*), Aleutian Canada goose (*Branta canadensis leucopareia*), peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus*), bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), gray wolf (*Canis lupus*), grizzly bear (*Ursus arctos*) and the Columbian white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus leucurus*) which may occur as a result of timber harvest and related activities within the 1.6-million-acre planning area.

The Habitat Conservation Plan is designed to complement the Northwest Forest Plan, and includes various forms of mitigation which are integral parts of the Habitat Conservation Plan. The Habitat Conservation Plan covers nine planning units which occur in three basic geographic areas: (1) Five planning units in the area west of the Cascade Crest; (2) three planning units in the area within the range of the owl east of the Cascade Crest; and (3) the Olympic Experimental State Forest Planning Unit. Only listed species are addressed east of the Cascade Crest.

Development of the Final Environmental Impact Statement

In development of this Final Environmental Impact Statement, the agencies have initiated action to ensure compliance with the purpose and intent

of National Environmental Policy Act, as amended. Scoping activities were undertaken preparatory to developing the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. A Notice of Intent to prepare the Environmental Impact Statement was published in the May 2, 1994, Federal Register (59 FR 22682). This was followed by a Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement and receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit published in the April 5, 1996, Federal Register (61 FR 15297). Five public meetings were held during the comment period.

Potential consequences, in terms of adverse impacts and benefits associated with the implementation of each alternative, were described in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Key issues addressed in the Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statement are identified as the effects that implementation of the various alternatives would have upon: (1) Threatened and endangered species; (2) other wildlife and their habitats; (3) surrounding and intermingled land uses; (4) other aspects of the physical and the human environment. Each alternative was evaluated for its potential to result in significant adverse impacts, and the adequacy or inadequacy of the proposed measures to avoid, minimize, and substantially reduce the effects.

Comments from 181 entities (testimony from 41 people, and 174 written comments) were received on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Comments were varied. Topics covered in the comments included the range of alternatives, length of the comment period, adequacy of mitigation, credibility of the science relied upon in developing conservation strategies, adequacy of the impacts analysis, population viability of the subject species, uncertainty surrounding alternatives, assurances provided to the applicant, fiduciary responsibilities to trust beneficiaries by the Applicant, Federal trust responsibilities to the Tribes, and permit issuance criteria. The Final Environmental Impact Statement contains summaries of, and responses to, all comments received during the comment period. Issues and potential consequences remain constant from the Draft to the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

Alternatives Analyzed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement considered many alternatives, but only advanced six for further detailed study. Alternatives considered but not advanced for detailed analysis

ranged from no harvest to a Habitat Conservation Plan based on State forest-practices regulations and are discussed in section 2.5 of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Six alternatives were advanced for detailed analysis.

Three alternatives are presented for the Habitat Conservation Plan planning units excluding the Olympic Experimental State Forest Planning Unit: (1) A No-Action alternative; (2) the proposed Habitat Conservation Plan; and (3) a Habitat Conservation Plan strategy with enhanced conservation. Three alternatives are presented separately for the Olympic Experimental State Forest: (1) A No-Action alternative; (2) a zoned conservation strategy which focuses on owl demographic support, and maintenance of several existing owl sites and likely landscape connections; and (3) an unzoned conservation strategy, similar to the proposed Habitat Conservation Plan for other planning units. The Olympic Experimental State Forest is addressed separately from the other planning units because of its unique location on the Olympic Peninsula, value to fish and wildlife, and current condition of its forests. This planning unit has provisions for a greater emphasis on research as part of the mitigation measures for incidental take.

Under the No-action Alternatives, the applicant would avoid the take of any and all federally listed species and no permit would be issued. Under the Action Alternatives, the Applicant seeks to obtain an incidental take permit for owls, murrelets, Oregon silverspot butterflies, Aleutian Canada Geese, peregrine falcons, bald eagles, gray wolves, grizzly bears, and Columbian white-tailed deer that may occur on State lands managed by the Applicant within the Habitat Conservation Plan area.

Under the Habitat Conservation Plan, the owl conservation strategy for all planning units, excluding the Olympic Experimental State Forest, was developed to minimize and mitigate for the incidental take by providing owl nesting, roosting, and foraging habitat, and dispersal habitat in areas that complement the Northwest Forest Plan. The amount and location of this habitat varies between planning units depending upon the amount of Applicant-managed lands designated as nesting, roosting, and foraging habitat management areas and the capability of the land to provide owl habitat. However, the objective is to provide nesting, roosting, and foraging habitat on 50 percent of Applicant-managed lands within the nesting, roosting, and

foraging habitat management areas. Under the enhanced conservation alternative, the objective is to provide nesting, roosting, and foraging habitat on 60 percent of Applicant-managed lands within such areas. Both action alternatives also include areas managed for owl dispersal habitat.

For owls on the Olympic Experimental State Forest, the proposed Habitat Conservation Plan takes an "unzoned approach." The goals for each of 11 landscape-management units include 20 percent of the area as nesting, roosting, and foraging habitat and another 20 percent which would also provide roosting and foraging opportunities for owls. The alternative "zoned approach" would use a combination of nest groves, core areas, range areas, and temporary special pair areas to emphasize strategically located areas.

The murrelet conservation strategy for the proposed Habitat Conservation Plan includes provisions to conduct a habitat-relationship study to determine the type and range of potential murrelet habitat that is likely to be occupied. After habitat-relationship studies are completed on a planning unit by planning unit basis, a small percentage of marginal murrelet habitat will be released for harvest without surveys. A long-range conservation strategy will be developed in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service after habitat-relationship studies are completed and surveys of remaining habitat are concluded. Under the enhanced conservation strategy, all suitable murrelet habitat, including marginal habitat, would be retained until the completion of the long-range conservation strategy. These same alternatives apply to the Olympic Experimental State Forest as well.

The riparian strategies for both action alternatives were developed to protect anadromous fish and riparian-obligate species by establishing riparian management zones, wetland protection areas, and provisions to address steep and unstable slopes, rain-on-snow event areas, and road system management. Under the Habitat Conservation Plan, riparian management zones will be established along all Type 1 through Type 4 Waters. Type 5 Waters will be protected in areas having a high risk of mass wasting. These buffers will contain a no-harvest portion as well as areas where management activity will be allowed. Additional wind buffers will be placed on Type 1 through Type 3 Waters on the windward side of the stream where there is a potential for windthrow. Under the enhanced conservation alternative, riparian

management buffers will be applied to all Type 1 through Type 5 Waters, and wind buffers will be applied to both sides of Type 1 through Type 3 Waters.

For the Olympic Experimental State Forest, the riparian strategy is the same for both action alternatives, which includes interior and exterior core buffers. The interior core buffers are designed to minimize mass-wasting potential, and protect riparian processes and function. The exterior core buffers are designed to protect the integrity of the interior core from damaging winds and will be applied to both sides of Type 1 through Type 4 Waters, as well as Type 5 Waters as appropriate.

The Applicant also seeks to obtain an unlisted species agreement for species that may occur on Washington Department of Natural Resources managed lands on the west side of the Cascade Crest. The proposed unlisted species agreement requests that if species currently using the habitat types in the West Side and Olympic Experimental State Forest planning units become listed as a threatened or endangered species in the future, and no extraordinary circumstances exist, the species would be added to the Incidental Take Permit. Each action alternative contains provisions to protect the habitat types that occur on Washington Department of Natural Resources managed lands. For example, in addition to the conservation provided by the owl, murrelet, and riparian strategies, additional provisions are included to protect special habitat types such as caves, talus fields, and large, structurally unique trees and snags.

The Final Environmental Impact Statement contains minor modifications to the Environmental Impact Statement and also highlights changes made to the Habitat Conservation Plan and Implementation Agreement in response to public comments. Additional information regarding these changes may be obtained from the Services at the above addresses.

Author: William O. Vogel, Pacific Northwest Habitat Conservation Plan Program.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1361-1407, 1531-1544, and 4201-4245.

Dated: October 23, 1996.

Thomas J. Dwyer,
Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.
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Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

The following applicants have applied 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.):

PRT-821354

Applicant: Oklahoma City Zoological Park, Oklahoma City, OK.

The applicant requests a permit to import a pair of captive-held jaguar (*Panthera onca*) from Asociacion Rescate y Conservacion de Vida Silvestre, Santa Elena, Guatemala for the purpose of enhancement of the species through captive-breeding.

PRT-821381

Applicant: Michael Lowe, Jasper, GA.

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-821375

Applicant: Ryker Lowe, Jasper, GA.

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-821442

Applicant: Henry Doorly Zoo, Center for Conservation and Research, Omaha, NE.

The applicant requests a permit to import tissue samples from wild, captive-held and museum specimens of lowland and mountain anoa (*Bubulus depressicornis* and *B. quarlesi*) for the purpose of scientific research which will benefit the species in the wild.

PRT-724540

Applicant: Archie Carr Center for Sea Turtle Research, Gainesville, FL.

The applicant requests renewal of their permit to import blood and tissue samples from green (*Chelonia mydas*), black (*Chelonia mydas agassizi*), loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), olive ridley (*Lepidochelys olivacea*), Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*) and leatherback sea turtles (*Dermochelys coriacea*) from locations worldwide for the purpose of scientific research that will benefit the species in the wild. This notice covers activities conducted by the applicant over a five year period.

PRT-690286

Applicant: Eddie and Cheryl Schmitt, Bradenton, FL.