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**Form numbers:** HUD-9516A, 9519, 9519A, 9733, 9544, 9548, 9548-A, 9548-B, 9548-C.

**Members of affected public:** Individuals or households; business or other for profit; not for-profit institutions; federal government and state and local or tribal governments.

An estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection is 248,570, the number of respondents is varied, frequency of response is on occasion, and the hours of response is HUD-9516A (.50 hrs.); HUD-9519 (.25 hrs.); HUD-9519A (.25 hrs.); HUD-99733 (.50 hrs.); HUD-9544 (.50 hrs.); HUD-9548 (.50 hrs.); HUD-9548-A (.17 hrs.); HUD-9548-B (.17 hrs.); HUD-9548-C (.17 hrs.).

**Status of the proposed information collection:** Revision of currently approved collection.

**Authority:** Section 236 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: September 19, 1997.

**Nicolas P. Retsinas,**

Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### 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.*):

**Applicant:** Edward D. Yates, Wrightsville, PA, PRT-834219.

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.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive,

Room 430, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

The public is invited to comment on the following application for permits to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application 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).

**Applicant:** The Seattle Aquarium, Seattle, WA, PRT-834418.

**Type of Permit:** Take for Public Display.

**Name and Number of Animals:** Northern sea otter (*Enhydra lutris*), 1.

**Summary of Activity to be**

**Authorized:** The applicant has requested a permit for the public display of a non-releasable sea otter pup that was found orphaned in Alaska, and turned over to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Marine Mammals Management.

**Source of Marine Mammals:** Orphaned/stranded pup found near Kodiak, Alaska.

**Period of Activity:** Up to five years from issuance date of the permit, if issued.

**Applicant:** Mote Marine Laboratory, Sarasota, FL, PRT-834406.

**Type of Permit:** Take for Scientific Research.

**Name and Number of Animals:** Manatee (*Trichechus manatus*), unlimited.

**Summary of Activity to be**

**Authorized:** The applicant has requested a permit to collect blood samples (approximately 20 ml each) on an opportunistic basis during regular veterinary care from manatees held in captivity at Mote Marine Laboratory, Lowry Park Zoo, Sea World of Florida, and Homosassa Springs Wildlife Park for the purpose of scientific research of the manatee cellular immune function.

**Period of Activity:** five years from issuance date of the permit, if issued.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Office of Management Authority is forwarding copies of the applications listed above to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

**Applicant:** Casper Schrepfer, Lakeside, MT, PRT-834414.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted prior to April 30, 1994, from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

**Applicant:** Wilton Hardesty, Gunnison, CO, PRT-832902.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted prior to April 30, 1994, from the Davis Strait polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

**Applicant:** Edward Minto, Davison, MI, PRT-833518.

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

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 430, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

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, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 430, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

Dated: September 19, 1997.

**MaryEllen Amtower,**

Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Availability of Draft Conservation Agreement for the Least Chub (*Iotichthys phlegethontis*) for Review and Comment

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

**ACTION:** Notice of document availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Fish and Wildlife Service announces the availability for public review of a Draft Conservation Agreement for the least chub (*Iotichthys phlegethontis*). This species is proposed for Federal listing as endangered with critical habitat pursuant to the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended. The Conservation Agreement was developed by the Utah Department of Natural Resources, with participation from the following parties—Bureau of Land Management;

Utah Reclamation, Mitigation and Conservation Commission; Bureau of Reclamation; Central Utah Water Conservancy District; Army Corps of Engineers; and the Service. The agreement focuses on eliminating or minimizing threats to the least chub and its habitat to the greatest extent possible and on restoring and maintaining populations of least chub throughout its historical range. The Service solicits review and comment from the public on the draft agreement.

**DATES:** Comments on the Draft Conservation Agreement must be received on or before October 27, 1997 to be considered by the Service during preparation of the final conservation agreement and prior to the Service's determination whether it will be a signatory party to the agreement.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons wishing to review the Draft Conservation Agreement may obtain a copy by contacting the Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 145 East 1300 South, Suite 404, Salt Lake City, Utah 84115. Written comments and materials regarding the Draft Conservation Agreement also should be directed to the same address. Comments and written materials will be available upon request for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Reed E. Harris, Field Supervisor (see **ADDRESSES** section) (telephone 801/524-5001).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

The least chub is a small monotypic minnow endemic to the Bonneville Basin in Utah where it was once common and widely distributed. The distribution and abundance of least chub populations have declined steadily over the past 15-20 years, and at the time it was proposed for Federal listing as an endangered species with critical habitat, September 29, 1995 (60 FR 50518), was only known to occur within the Snake Valley in western Utah. The declines in range and abundance of least chub has been attributed to competition and predation from nonnative species and habitat loss and degradation. Shortly after the species was proposed for Federal listing, the Utah Department of Natural Resources initiated development of a Conservation Agreement, working cooperatively with other agencies, in an effort to reduce the threats affecting the least chub.

The Draft Conservation Agreement focuses on identifying, reducing and eliminating significant threats to the

species that warrant its listing as an endangered species with critical habitat, and on restoring and maintaining least chub populations throughout its historical range.

##### **Public Comments Solicited**

The Service will use information received in its determination on whether it should be a signatory party to the agreement. Comments or suggestions from the public, other concerned government agencies, the scientific community, industry, or any other interested party concerning this draft document are hereby solicited. All comments and materials received will be considered prior to the approval of any final document.

**Author:** The primary author of this notice is Janet Mizzi (see **ADDRESSES** section) (telephone 801/524-5001).

##### **Authority**

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, the Fish and Wildlife Service Coordination Act of 1964, and the National Memorandum of Understanding (94 (SMU-058)).

Dated: September 18, 1997.

**Terry T. Terrell,**

*Deputy Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

##### **Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Availability of a Draft Recovery Plan for the Threatened and Rare Native Fishes of the Warner Basin and Alkali Subbasin: Warner Sucker (*Catostomus warnerensis*) (Threatened); Hutton Tui Chub (*Gila bicolor ssp.*) (Threatened); Fosskett Speckled Dace (*Rhinichthys osculus ssp.*) (Threatened); Cowhead Lake Tui Chub (*Gila bicolor vaccaceps*) (Candidate); Warner Valley Redband Trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss ssp.*) (Special Concern)**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of document availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability of the draft recovery plan for the Threatened and Rare Native Fishes of the Warner Basin and Alkali Subbasin. These fishes include the threatened Warner sucker (*Catostomus warnerensis*), the threatened Hutton tui chub (*Gila bicolor ssp.*), the threatened Fosskett speckled dace (*Rhinichthys*

*osculus ssp.*), the candidate Cowhead Lake tui chub (*Gila bicolor vaccaceps*) and the Warner Valley redband trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss ssp.*) which is considered to be of special concern.

These species inhabit a wide variety of spring, stream, and lake habitats in the Warner Basin of Oregon, California, and Nevada. The Hutton tui chub inhabits a spring system in the Alkali Subbasin of Oregon. The Service solicits review and comment from the public on this draft plan.

**DATES:** All comments on the draft recovery plan received by November 24, 1997 will be considered by the Service.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons wishing to review the draft recovery plan may obtain a copy by contacting the State Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Oregon State Office, 2600 S.E. 98th Avenue, Suite 100, Portland, Oregon 97266-1398 (telephone 503-231-6179). Written comments and materials regarding the plan should be addressed to the State Supervisor, at the above address. Comments and materials received are available on request for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Antonio Bentivoglio at the above Oregon State Office address and phone number.

#### **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, the Service is working to prepare recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe actions necessary for the conservation of the species, establish criteria for reclassification or delisting, and estimate the time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires 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, as amended in 1988, requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review be provided during recovery plan development. The Service hereby publishes a notice that the draft plan is