

*Applicant:* Albert A. Wolfe, Pilot Point, TX, PRT-106636.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one 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 enhancement of the survival of the species.

*Applicant:* Brett A. Nelson, Fairbanks, AK, PRT-106635.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one 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 enhancement of the survival of the species.

*Applicant:* Joseph S. Brannen, Inverness, FL, PRT-106850.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one 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 enhancement of the survival of the species.

#### Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The applications were 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 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.

*Applicant:* Randall W. Davis, Texas A & M University, Galveston, TX, PRT-078744.

The applicant requests an amendment to this permit which currently authorizes take by harassment of up to 200 wild northern sea otters (*Enhydra lutris kenyoni*) for the purpose of scientific research. The permittee is currently authorized to measure otter foraging depth and to opportunistically recover and necropsy sea otter carcasses. The applicant requests authorization to photo-identify these 200 otters and subsequently monitor their movement patterns using photo-identification. This notification covers

activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

*Applicant:* Alaska Science Center, USGS, Anchorage, AK, PRT-067925.

The applicant requests an amendment to this permit which currently authorizes the capture, handling, sample collection, and tagging of up to 27 wild southern sea otters (*Enhydra lutris nereis*) and up to 150 wild northern sea otters (*Enhydra lutris kenyoni*), as well as the importation of biological samples of *Enhydra lutris nereis*, *Enhydra lutris kenyoni*, and *Enhydra lutris lutris* for purposes of scientific research. The applicant requests authorization to continue permitted research activities on these subspecies of sea otters, as identified above, inclusive of northern sea otters (*Enhydra lutris kenyoni*) from within the Southwest Alaska distinct population segment, recently listed as "threatened" under the U.S. Endangered Species Act. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

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:* Larry D. Atkinson, Stuttgart, AR, PRT-102916.

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

*Applicant:* Raymond L. Howell, La Crescent, MN, PRT-106529.

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

*Applicant:* Jerri Frehner, Las Vegas, NV, PRT-106486.

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

*Applicant:* Garth E. Frehner, Las Vegas, NV, PRT-106532.

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

Dated: August 12, 2005.

#### Monica Farris,

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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 marine mammals.

**DATES:** Written data, comments or requests must be received by September 30, 2005.

**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 applications 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-108887

*Applicant:* Darlene Ketten, Ph.D., Woods Hole, MA.

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples and/or whole carcasses from wild, captive-held and/or captive-hatched Kemp's ridley sea turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*), olive ridley sea turtle (*Lepidochelys olivacea*), green sea turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), and leatherback sea turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*) for the purpose of scientific research. Samples and/or whole carcasses will be collected opportunistically from salvaged specimens and will be used for analyses of the impacts of sound on anatomical structures. This notification covers

activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

**PRT-101628**

*Applicant:* Miami Metrozoo (Miami-Dade County Parks/Zoo), Miami, Florida.

The applicant requests a permit for interstate commerce to purchase a female Asian elephant (*Elephas maximus*), "Nellie," born approximately 1969 from R.W. Commerford & Sons, Goshen, Connecticut. The animal has been on long-term loan to the Miami Metrozoo since December 2000. The purpose of the requested activity is for breeding, conservation education, and enhancement of the survival of the species.

**Endangered Marine Mammals**

The public is invited to comment on the following application for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered marine mammals. The application was submitted to satisfy requirements of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and 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 marine mammals (50 CFR part 18). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete application or requests for a public hearing on this application 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-100361**

*Applicant:* Mote Marine Laboratory, Sarasota, FL.

The applicant requests a permit to take West Indian manatees (*Trichechus manatus*) throughout Florida and import specimens from the Caribbean region and import specimens of South American manatee (*Trichechus inunguis*), West African manatee (*Trichechus senegalensis*), and dugong (*Dugong dugong*) for the purpose of scientific research including collection and importation of biological samples, physiological analyses, aerial surveys and close approach for photo identification and behavioral surveys. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

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.

Dated: August 19, 2005.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Initiation of a 5-Year Review of Aleutian Shield Fern (*Polystichum aleuticum*)**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of review.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces a 5-year review of Aleutian shield fern (*Polystichum aleuticum*) under section 4(c)(2)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). A 5-year review is a periodic process conducted to ensure that the listing classification of a species is accurate. A 5-year review is based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review; therefore, we are requesting submission of any such information on Aleutian shield fern that has become available since its original listing as an endangered species in 1988 (53 FR 4626). Based on the results of this 5-year review, we will make the requisite finding under section 4(c)(2)(B) of the ESA.

**DATES:** To allow us adequate time to conduct this review, we must receive your information no later than September 15, 2005. However, we will continue to accept new information about any listed species at any time.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit information to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Alaska Regional Office, Endangered Species Division Chief, Attention: 5-Year Review, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-6199.

Comments may also be faxed to 907-271-2786, or e-mailed to [charla\\_sterne@fws.gov](mailto:charla_sterne@fws.gov). See

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for file formats and other information about electronic filing. Information received in response to this notice and review will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours, at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Michael Roy at the above address, or at (907) 786-3925.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Act, the Service maintains a list of endangered and threatened wildlife and plant species at 50 CFR 17.11 (for animals) and 17.12 (for plants). Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the Act requires that we conduct a review of listed species at least once every 5 years. Then, on the basis of such reviews under section 4(c)(2)(B), we determine whether or not any species should be removed from the List (delisted), or reclassified from endangered to threatened or from threatened to endangered. Delisting a species must be supported by the best scientific and commercial data available and only considered if such data substantiates that the species is neither endangered nor threatened for one or more of the following reasons: (1) The species is considered extinct; (2) the species is considered to be recovered; and/or (3) the original data available when the species was listed, or the interpretation of such data, were in error. Any change in Federal classification would require a separate rulemaking process. The regulations in 50 CFR 424.21 require that we publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing those species currently under active review. This notice announces our active review of the Aleutian shield fern currently listed as endangered.

The 5-year review considers the best scientific and commercial data and all new information that has become available since the listing determination or most recent status review. Categories of requested information include: (A) Species biology, including, but not limited to, population trends, distribution, abundance, demographics, and genetics; (B) habitat conditions, including but not limited to, amount, distribution, and suitability; (C) conservation measures that have been implemented that benefit the species; (D) threat status and trends; and (E) other new information, data, or corrections, including but not limited to, taxonomic or nomenclatural changes, identification of erroneous information contained in the List, and improved analytical methods.

**Public Solicitation of New Information**

To ensure that the 5-year review is complete and based on the best available scientific and commercial information, we are soliciting new information from the public, concerned governmental agencies, tribes, the scientific community, industry, environmental entities, and any other interested parties concerning the status of Aleutian shield fern.