

levels of public use and visitor facility development would remain at each Refuge. Washita Refuge would continue to offer waterfowl and deer hunts and would maintain the Centennial Trail, and several other interpretive signs and visitor access parking areas. Optima Refuge would continue to offer upland game and deer archery hunts and passive recreation with extremely limited developed facilities. Under Alternative 2, both Refuges would be closed to the public. Under Alternative 3, the proposed action, Washita Refuge would evaluate additional hunt opportunities, develop a primitive hiking trail with interpretive signs, develop additional interpretive signage, and develop a visitor center on the Refuge administrative site. Optima Refuge would develop additional interpretive signage at existing parking areas. Curriculum materials and other educational and interpretive outreach resources would be developed and distributed to schools and other institutions in the towns surrounding each Refuge. Under Alternative 4, public use opportunities at both Refuges would be maximized. In addition to the programs and features proposed under Alternative 3, Washita NWR would develop additional vehicular access and parking areas, a canoe trail along the Washita River with parking at put-in and take-out points, and 5 miles of interpreted hiking trails. Optima NWR would develop two wildlife viewing platforms overlooking the Refuge and a marked hiking trail with interpretive signage.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, telephone number, e-mail 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. We will make all comments part of the official public record. We will handle requests for such comments in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, NEPA, and Service and Departmental policies and procedures.

Dated: July 26, 2007.

Christopher T. Jones,

Acting Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Receipt of Application of Endangered Species Recovery Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability and receipt of application.

SUMMARY: We announce our receipt of an application to conduct certain activities pertaining to enhancement of survival of endangered species.

DATES: Written comments on this request for a permit must be received by October 17, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Assistant Regional Director, Fisheries-Ecological Services, P.O. Box 25486, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225-0486; facsimile 303-236-0027. Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act [5 U.S.C. 552A] and Freedom of Information Act [5 U.S.C. 552], by any party who submits a request for a copy of such documents within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to Kris Olsen, by mail or by telephone at 303-236-4256. All comments received from individuals become part of the official public record.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following applicant has requested issuance of an enhancement of survival permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Applicant: Arizona Game and Fish Department, Phoenix, Arizona, TE-163125. The applicant requests a permit to take black-footed ferret (*Mustela nigripes*) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancing its survival and recovery.

Dated: August 24, 2007.

James J. Slack,

Acting Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.
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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/or marine mammals.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by October 17, 2007.

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).

Applicant: Sheila Arias, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID, PRT-157271

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from ocelot (*Leopardus pardalis*), tiger cat (*Leopardus tigrinus*) and margay (*Leopardus wiedii*) from Profelis-Hacienda Matambu, Puntarenas, Costa Rica for the purpose of enhancement of the species through scientific research. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant for a five-year period.

Applicant: University of Anthropology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, PRT-160360

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples collected

from brown mouse lemurs (*Microcebus rufus*) and greater dwarf lemurs (*Cheirogaleus major*) in Madagascar for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Applicant: Jay E. Link, Minong, WI, PRT-162071

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: Ferdinand & Anton Fercos Hantig, Las Vegas, NV, PRT-073403, 073404

The applicant requests permits to export two captive-born tigers (*Panthera tigris*) to worldwide locations for the purpose of enhancement of the species through conservation education. The permit numbers and animals are: 073403, Victoria and 073404, Picasso. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a three-year period and the import of any potential progeny born while overseas.

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: North Slope Borough Department of Wildlife Management, Barrow, AK, PRT-134907

The applicant requests a permit to collect tissue specimens from dead and salvaged walrus (*Odobenus rosmarus*) and polar bears (*Ursus maritimus*) that are either taken in subsistence hunts (up to 100 walrus and 40 polar bears sampled annually) or found dead and stranded in the wild (up to 20 walrus and 10 polar bears sampled annually) for the purpose of scientific research on

the health status of the species' population stocks. 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 application to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

Applicant: Richard L. Bodkin, Remsemburg, NY, PRT-162183

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

Applicant: William Katen, Patchoque, NY, PRT-162184

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

Applicant: Alan Walter Maki, Alpine, WY, PRT-154550

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

Dated: August 24, 2007.

Lisa J. Lierheimer,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Call for Nominations for the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board Call for Nominations.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to solicit public nominations for three members to the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board. The Board provides advice concerning management, protection and control of wild free-roaming horses and burros on the public lands administered by the Department of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, and the Department of Agriculture, through the Forest Service.

DATES: Nominations should be submitted to the address listed below no later than November 1, 2007.

ADDRESSES: National Wild Horse and Burro Program, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, P.O. Box 12000, Reno, Nevada 89520-0006, Attn: Ramona DeLorme; FAX 775-861-6618.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Don Glenn, Division Chief, Wild Horse and Burro Program, (202) 452-5082.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may contact Ramona DeLorme at any time by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Nominations for a term of three years are needed to represent the following categories of interest:

Wild Horse and Burro Advocacy, Veterinarian Medicine, General Public Interest

Any individual or organization may nominate one or more persons to serve on the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board. Individuals may also nominate themselves for Board membership. All nomination letters/or resumes should include the nominees: (1) Name, address, phone, and e-mail address if applicable; (2) category(s) for consideration (i.e. wild horse and burro advocacy; veterinarian medicine, or general public interest; (3) present occupation; (4) explanation of qualifications to represent their designated constituency or category of interest; (5) nominating organization, individual or by self; and (6) list of references and letters of endorsement by qualified individuals.

As appropriate, certain Board members may be appointed as Special Government Employees. Special Government Employees serve on the board without compensation, and are subject to financial disclosure requirements in the Ethics in Government Act and 5 CFR part 2634. Nominations are to be sent to the address listed under **ADDRESSES**, above.

Each nominee will be considered for selection according to their ability to represent their designated constituency, analyze and interpret data and information, evaluate programs, identify problems, work collaboratively in seeking solutions and formulate and recommend corrective actions. Pursuant to Section 7 of the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act, Members of the Board cannot be employed by either Federal or State Government. Members will serve without salary, but will be