

available documentation did not demonstrate any American Indian descent, regardless of tribal affiliation. Even if Paugussett or other Indian ancestry could be determined for William Sherman, descent through one person with Indian ancestry does not meet the requirements of criterion 83.7(e) for tribal descent.

The Golden Hill Paugussett Tribe has not demonstrated that its membership is descended from a historic tribe, or tribes that combined and functioned as a single autonomous political entity. Therefore, the Golden Hill Paugussett Tribe does not meet criterion 83.7(e).

This determination is final and will become effective 90 days from the date of publication, unless a request for reconsideration is filed pursuant to § 83.11. The petitioner or any interested party may file a request for reconsideration of this determination with the Interior Board of Appeals (§ 83.11(a)(1)). The petitioner's or interested party's request must be received no later than 90 days after publication of the Assistant Secretary's determination in the Federal Register (§ 83.11(a)(2)).

Dated: September 16, 1996.

Ada E. Deer,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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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.*):

PRT-819943

Applicant: Jack Sites, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT.

The applicant request a permit to import and re-export tartaruga (*Podocnemis expansa*) liver tissue samples collected by the Centro Nacional dos Quelonios da Amazonia, Brazil for scientific research.

PRT-819813

Applicant: Gary Dean Willis, Mesa, AZ.

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-819755

Applicant: Michael Kiedrowski, Phoenix, AZ.

The applicant requests a permit to acquire through interstate commerce one male and one female San Esteban Island chuckwalla (*Sauromalus varius*) for enhancement of the species through captive propagation.

PRT-817945

Applicant: Zoological Society of San Diego, San Diego, CA.

The applicant request a permit to export one female Pygmy chimpanzee (*Pan paniscus*) born in captivity from Zoological Society of San Diego to Apenheul Primate Park, The Netherlands, for enhancement of the species through captive propagation.

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 20, 1996.

Caroline Anderson,

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

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Emergency Exemption: Issuance

On September 13, 1996, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) issued a permit (PRT-819183) to Denver Zoological Gardens, City Park, Denver, to import a captive born black rhinoceros (*Diceros bicornis*) from the Tennoji Zoological Garden, Osaka, Japan. The 30-day public comment period required by section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act was waived. The Service determined that an emergency affecting the survival of the rhino existed and that no reasonable alternative was available to the

applicant. Due to limited space, the juvenile rhino was at risk of potentially fatal injury from attacks by the adult rhinos brought on by the recent birth of another offspring.

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 20, 1996.

Caroline Anderson,

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

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Notice of Decision and Availability of Decision Documents on the Issuance of Permits for Incidental Take of Threatened and Endangered Species

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that a decision has been made, incidental take permits have been issued, and decision documents are available, upon request, for 11 applications for permits to incidentally take threatened and endangered species, pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. Take would occur incidental to otherwise lawful land use activities (planned urban growth and associated infrastructure) within the planning area of the Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan for the Central and Coastal Subregion of Orange County, California.

ADDRESSES: Individuals wishing copies of the Record of Decision, Biological/Conference Opinion, or Findings and Recommendations should contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Carlsbad Field Office, 2730 Loker Avenue West, Carlsbad, California 92008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Gail Kobetich, Field Supervisor, at the

above address; telephone (619) 431-9440.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Decision

Based on the Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan for the Central and Coastal Subregion of Orange County, California,

as described in the Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has adopted the Preferred Alternative and issued incidental take permits to the following 11 applicants, subject to certain conditions therein:

Name	Permit No.	Issuance date
The Irvine Company	810191	7/10/96
Irvine Ranch Water District	810567	7/10/96
Orange County	810569	7/10/96
Southern California Edison Company	810572	7/10/96
Transportation Corridor Agencies	810574	7/10/96
University of California-Irvine	810575	7/10/96
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California	810579	7/10/96
Santiago Water District	810580	7/10/96
Chandis Securities Company	810581	7/10/96
M.H. Sherman Company	810582	7/10/96
Sherman Foundation	810583	7/10/96

These permits authorize the incidental take of seven species listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act, of 1973, as amended: the threatened coastal California gnatcatcher (*Poliophtila californica californica*), and the endangered American peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus anatum*), least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*), southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax trailliiextimus*), Arroyo toad (*Bufo microscaphus californicus*), Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus wootoni*), and Pacific pocket mouse (*Perognathus longimembris pacificus*). These permits also authorize the future incidental take, should it be necessary, of 37 currently unlisted species, effective upon listing.

Rationale for Decision

This decision is based on a thorough review of the environmental consequences of the action and three alternatives. Implementation of the Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan for the Central and Coastal Subregion of Orange County was selected as the Preferred Alternative based on consideration of environmental, social, and economic factors. This alternative provides for the establishment of a comprehensive 37,378-acre reserve system for the coastal sage scrub ecosystem in the subregion which will be managed in perpetuity to provide long-term benefits to 44 species and their habitats. This alternative also accommodates necessary and compatible land uses within the subregion while avoiding significant environmental impacts. Implementation of this alternative is assured through an Implementation Agreement (legal contract) among the 11

permittees, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and California Department of Fish and Game. By adopting the Preferred Alternative with its assurances that the Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan for the Central and Coastal Subregion of Orange County will be implemented, all practicable means to avoid or minimize the impacts of the taking have been adopted.

The permits were granted only after the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service determined that each permit was applied for in good faith; that all permit issuance criteria were met, including the requirement that granting the permits will not jeopardize the continued existence of the species; and that the permits are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

Dated: September 13, 1996.
Thomas Dwyer,
Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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Geological Survey

Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC), Public Meeting of the Standards Working Group

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice is to invite public participation in meetings of the FGDC Standards Working Group. The major topics for these meeting will be: Standards Working Group reviews of proposals for standards development,

reviews of FGDC draft standards for readiness for public review, and review of standards for final FGDC endorsement. Meetings include reports on the status of other FGDC standards.

TIME AND PLACE: 8 October 1996, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon; 5 November 1996, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon; 10 December 1996, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. The October and November meetings will be held in Room 410 at the National Archives and Records Administration, 8th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. Information on the location of the December meeting will be available in November from the contacts listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Fox, FGDC Secretariat, U.S. Geological Survey, 590 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192; telephone (703) 648-5514; facsimile (703) 648-5755; Internet "gdc@usgs.gov". Meeting announcements, agenda items, and minutes are available by clicking on Standards at the FGDC Internet address <http://www.fgdc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FGDC is a committee of Federal agencies engaged in geospatial activities. The FGDC Standards Working Group promotes and coordinates the standards activities of the Subcommittees and Working Groups that makeup the FGDC. The Standards Working Group provides guidance on FGDC standards policy and procedures, facilitates the coordination of standards activities between Subcommittees and Working Groups that have mutual interests, reviews and recommends approval of proposals for FGDC standards, reviews standards for compliance to FGDC policy and