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*Applicant:* John Lochow, Far Hills, NJ, PRT-031292.

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.

*Applicant:* Kathryn J. Will, Platteville, CO, PRT-031300.

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.

*Applicant:* Steve Mc Manus, Victoria, TX, PRT-031355.

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.

*Applicant:* Hugh Benford Jacks, Shoal Creek, AL, PRT-031358.

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.

*Applicant:* James Albert Bibler, Russellville, AR, PRT-031386.

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.

*Applicant:* Thomas Marshall Hahn Jr., Blacksburg, VA, PRT-031457.

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.

*Applicant:* International Wildlife Veterinary Services, Laramie, WY, PRT-797485. The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples taken from free-ranging black rhinoceros (*Diceros*

*bicornis*) in Kenya, South Africa, and Zimbabwe, for scientific research. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over the next 5 years.

*Applicant:* San Francisco Zoo, San Francisco, CA, PRT-030603.

The applicant requests a permit to import one male captive-born Diana monkey (*Cercopithecus diana*) from the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland/Edinburgh Zoo, Edinburgh, Scotland for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through captive propagation.

#### Marine Mammal

The public is invited to comment on the following application for a permit 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:* Larry Masserant, Newport, MI, PRT-031377.

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 700, 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 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

Dated: August 7, 2000.

**Charlie Chandler,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice To Extend the Public Comment Period for the Draft Recovery Plan for the California Red-legged Frog (*Rana aurora draytonii*)

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

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service gives notice that the comment period announced in the May 12, 2000, notice of availability of the Draft Recovery Plan for the California red-legged frog (*Rana aurora draytonii*) will be extended an additional 90 days until November 8, 2000. This recovery plan includes the threatened California red-legged frog (*Rana aurora draytonii*). The draft plan contains recovery criteria and actions for the California red-legged frog. Additional species of concern that will benefit from recovery actions taken for the California red-legged frog are also discussed in the draft plan. The Service extends the current 90 day comment period and solicits review and comment from the public on this draft plan.

**DATE:** Comments on the draft recovery plan received by November 8, 2000, will be considered by the Service.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the draft recovery plan are available for inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the following location: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, 2800 Cottage Way, W-2605, Sacramento, California (telephone (916) 414-6600). Requests for copies of the draft recovery plan and written comments and materials regarding this plan should be addressed to Wayne S. White, Field Supervisor, Ecological Services, at the above address.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Diane Elam, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the above address.

#### 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 Service's endangered species program. To help guide recovery efforts, the Service is working to prepare recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for the conservation of the species, establish

criteria for downlisting or delisting listed species, and estimate time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) (Act), requires the 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 requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. The Service will consider all information presented during the public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised recovery plan. Substantive technical comments will result in changes to the plan. Substantive comments regarding recovery plan implementation may not necessarily result in changes to the recovery plan, but will be forwarded to appropriate Federal or other entities so that they can take these comments into account during the course of implementing recovery actions. Individualized responses to comments will not be provided.

The California red-legged frog (*Rana aurora draytonii*) occurs from sea level to elevations of about 1,500 meters (5,000 feet). It has been extirpated from 70 percent of its former range and now is found in coastal drainages of central California, from Marin County, California, south to northern Baja California, Mexico. The California red-legged frog requires a variety of habitat elements with aquatic breeding areas embedded within a matrix of riparian and upland dispersal habitats. Breeding sites of the California red-legged frog are in aquatic habitats including pools and backwaters within streams and creeks, ponds, marshes, sag ponds, dune ponds and lagoons. California red-legged frogs frequently breed in artificial impoundments such as stock ponds. Potential threats to the species include elimination or degradation of habitat from land development and land use activities and habitat invasions by non-native aquatic species.

The objective of this draft recovery plan is to delist the California red-legged frog through implementation of a variety of recovery measures including (1) protection of known populations and reestablishment of populations; (2) protection of suitable habitat, corridors, and core areas; (3) habitat management; (4) development of land use guidelines; (5) research; (6) surveying and monitoring; and (7) public participation, outreach, and education.

## Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on the draft recovery plan described. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered prior to approval of this plan.

**Authority:** The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: August 4, 2000.

**Elizabeth H. Stevens,**

*Acting Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Region 1, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment on Proposed Special Regulations for the Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice; correction.

**SUMMARY:** On August 2, 2000, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service published a Notice of Availability of a draft Environmental Assessment on the Proposed Special Regulations for the Preble's meadow jumping mouse (*Zapus hudsonius preblei*). This Notice contained errors in the address and phone number of the office to contact for a copy of the Environmental Assessment.

#### Correction

In the **Federal Register** of August 2, 2000, on page 47513, correct the **ADDRESSES** Section to read:

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and requests for copies of the assessment should be submitted to the Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 755 Parfet Street, Suite 361, Lakewood, Colorado 80215, telephone (303) 275-2370. The draft Environmental Assessment also is available on our website at <http://www.r6.fws.gov>.

Dated: August 3, 2000.

**John A. Blankenship,**

*Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals

On April 21, 2000, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 65, No. 92, Page 30426, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by James Adams, Fruitport, MI, for a permit (PRT-026025) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken from the Southern Beaufort Sea polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on July 12, 2000, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On April 21, 2000, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 65, No. 92, Page 30426, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Williams E. Schwartz, Bossier, LA, for a permit (PRT-026830) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken from the Resolute Bay polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on June 6, 2000, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On April 21, 2000, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 65, No. 92, Page 30426, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Jon C. Bumstead, Newaygo, MI, for a permit (PRT-026138) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken from the Southern Beaufort Sea polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on May 30, 2000, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On December 10, 1999, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 64, No. 237, Page 69291, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Richard Lee Dorigatti, Logan, UT, for a permit (PRT-020091) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken