

documentation of vessels, including for documentation with coastwise or fisheries trade endorsements, relies on self-certification. Because of that, it has long been the position of the Coast Guard that, when evidence of possible non-compliance is found, the burden is upon the applicant, or recipient of such privilege, to establish its qualifications. A clear statement of that obligation, offered in the context of publicly traded companies, was published at 58 FR 60256 (November 15, 1993) where it was stated at page 60259 as follows:

The documentation laws are meant to be restrictive and are intended to limit the persons who are eligible to document vessels under U.S. law and acquire trading privileges. Corporations can make proof of citizenship less difficult, for instance by restricting sale of their stock to U.S. citizens, or using a transfer agent to administer a dual stock certificate system. Of course, any U.S. corporation that is unwilling to subject itself to the possibility of having to prove that it qualifies for coastwise or fisheries privileges can choose not to seek them. The Coast Guard will not be bound by any presumptions or inferences in making eligibility determinations for documentation purposes.

Against the background of this statement by the Coast Guard of the burden upon corporations to be able to prove their qualifications, as a necessary requirement of a self-certifying system for determining that U.S. citizenship standards have been met, the Coast Guard recently completed an investigation of a publicly-traded company owning vessels documented with coastwise endorsements and found that its U.S. citizenship could not be established. The report of that investigation, dated January 12, 2011, contains the Coast Guard's findings, opinions and recommendations with respect to this issue, as pertinent to the company investigated, and can be found at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/nvdc/nvdcreport.asp> or go to the National Vessel Documentation Center home page at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/nvdc/>, click on "Latest News" on the left side of the page, then click on "Trico Investigation" under the drop-down menu.

### III. Information Requested

This notice solicits information, for the benefit of the Coast Guard but also for the mutual benefit of industry, as to the mechanisms that publicly traded companies have employed, including but not limited to those mentioned in the quoted language above, to assure compliance with United States citizenship requirements. We are also requesting information on the manner in which those mechanisms function to

provide that assurance and, when called upon to do so, to offer proof of compliance. The Coast Guard will not retaliate against commenters that question or complain about citizenship requirements or any policy or action of the Coast Guard.

This document is issued under authority of 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 33 CFR 1.05-1.

Dated: October 25, 2011.

**Timothy V. Skuby,**

*Director, National Vessel Documentation Center, U.S. Coast Guard.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

**[FWS-R9-IA-2011-N233; 96300-1671-0000-P5]**

#### Endangered Species; Receipt of Applications for Permit

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibit activities with listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activities. The ESA laws require that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

**DATES:** We must receive comments or requests for documents on or before December 5, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Brenda Tapia, Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, VA 22203; fax (703) 358-2280; or email [DMAFR@fws.gov](mailto:DMAFR@fws.gov).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brenda Tapia, (703) 358-2104 (telephone); (703) 358-2280 (fax); [DMAFR@fws.gov](mailto:DMAFR@fws.gov) (email).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Public Comment Procedures

*A. How do I request copies of applications or comment on submitted applications?*

Send your request for copies of applications or comments and materials concerning any of the applications to the contact listed under **ADDRESSES**. Please include the **Federal Register**

notice publication date, the PRT-number, and the name of the applicant in your request or submission. We will not consider requests or comments sent to an email or address not listed under **ADDRESSES**. If you provide an email address in your request for copies of applications, we will attempt to respond to your request electronically.

Please make your requests or comments as specific as possible. Please confine your comments to issues for which we seek comments in this notice, and explain the basis for your comments. Include sufficient information with your comments to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include.

The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) Those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**) or comments delivered to an address other than those listed above (see **ADDRESSES**).

*B. May I review comments submitted by others?*

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the address listed under **ADDRESSES**. The public may review documents and other information applicants have sent in support of the application unless our allowing viewing would violate the Privacy Act or Freedom of Information Act. Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

## II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), require that we invite public comment before final action on these permit applications.

## III. Permit Applications

### A. Endangered Species

*Applicant:* Laguna Vista Ranch, San Antonio, TX; PRT-180804.

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for barasingha (*Rucervus duvaucelii*) and Eld's deer (*Rucervus eldii*) to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

*Applicant:* Honolulu Zoo, Honolulu, HI; PRT 699515.

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following families and species to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

*Families:* Callithricidae, Canidae, Cercopithecidae (includes *Colobus*), Felidae (does not include jaguar, margay or ocelot), Hominidae, Hylobatidae, Lemuridae, Rhinocerotidae, Gnuidae, Psittacidae (does not include thick-billed parrot), Sturnidae (does not include *Aplonis pelzelni*), Pelomedusidae, Testudinidae.

*Species:*

Asian elephant (*Elephas maximus*).

*Applicant:* Newport Aquarium LLC, Newport, KY; PRT- 57930A.

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for jackass penguin (*Spheniscus demersus*) and African dwarf crocodile (*Osteolaemus tetraspis*) to enhance their propagation or survival. This

notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

#### Multiple Applicants

The following applicants each request 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:* James Hascup, Ringwood, NJ; PRT-56945A.

*Applicant:* Sherrie Hermann, Las Vegas, NV; PRT-57919A.

#### Brenda Tapia,

Program Analyst/Data Administrator, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

#### Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R9-IA-2011-N232; 96300-1671-0000-P5]

#### Endangered Species; Marine Mammals; Issuance of Permits

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

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of permits.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have issued the following permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species, marine mammals, or both. We issue these permits under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA).

**ADDRESSES:** Brenda Tapia, Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, VA 22203; fax (703) 358-2280; or email [DMAFR@fws.gov](mailto:DMAFR@fws.gov).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On the dates below, as authorized by the provisions of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), as amended, and/or the MMPA, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), we issued requested permits subject to certain conditions set forth therein. For each permit for an endangered species, we found that (1) The application was filed in good faith, (2) The granted permit would not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species, and (3) The granted permit would be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

### ENDANGERED SPECIES

Permit No.	Applicant	Receipt of application <b>Federal Register</b> notice	Permit issuance date
50926A .....	Anthony Foyt .....	76 FR 57757; September 16, 2011 .....	October 24, 2011.
46259A .....	Jefferey Spivey .....	76 FR 54480; September 1, 2011 .....	October 24, 2011.

### MARINE MAMMALS

Permit No.	Applicant	Receipt of application <b>Federal Register</b> notice	Permit issuance date
773494 .....	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission .....	75 FR 62139; October 7, 2010 .....	October 20, 2011.

#### Availability of Documents

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:

#### Brenda Tapia,

Program Analyst/Data Administrator, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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#### INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[DN 2852]

#### Certain Wiper Blades; Receipt of Complaint; Solicitation of Comments Relating to the Public Interest

**AGENCY:** U.S. International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has received a complaint entitled *In Re Certain Wiper Blades*, DN

2852; the Commission is soliciting comments on any public interest issues raised by the complaint.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James R. Holbein, Secretary to the Commission, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205-2000. The public version of the complaint can be accessed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <http://www.edis.usitc.gov>, and will be available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E