

## Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Petition for a CNMI-Only Nonimmigrant Transitional Worker.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS sponsoring the collection:* Form I-129CW; USCIS.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* *Primary:* Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit. USCIS uses the data collected on this form to determine eligibility for the requested immigration benefits. An employer uses this form to petition USCIS for an alien to temporarily enter as a nonimmigrant into the CNMI to perform services or labor as a CNMI-Only Transitional Worker (CW-1). An employer also uses this form to request an extension of stay or change of status on behalf of the alien worker. The form serves the purpose of standardizing requests for these benefits, and ensuring that the basic information required to determine eligibility, is provided by the petitioners.

USCIS collects biometrics from aliens present in the CNMI at the time of requesting initial grant of CW-1 status. The information is used to verify the alien's identity, background information and ultimately adjudicate their request for CW-1 status.

The CW-1 classification is unique in that Form I-129CW is a petition for the CW-1 classification as well as a "grant of status." A "grant of status" allows beneficiaries lawfully present in the CNMI to change status directly from their CNMI classification or DHS-issued parole to the CW-1 classification. See 8 CFR 214.2(w)(1)(v). When a beneficiary is granted CW-1 status, the adjudicating officer is granting admission and status to the beneficiary without requiring the beneficiary to depart the CNMI, obtain a visa abroad, and seek admission with CBP. Because we are granting the CW-1 status to the beneficiary, we use biometrics to make a determination of admissibility prior to adjudicating the Form I-129CW petition. The checks are used to confirm identity and ensure that CW-1 status is not granted to anyone who is inadmissible. As the CW program progresses, the need to take biometrics in most cases has diminished, as the Form I-129CW is increasingly used for extension of status of persons who had already had their biometrics taken at the initial grant stage rather than for initial grants of status in

the CNMI, but the authority will continue to be used in those initial grant cases that do arise.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* The estimated total number of respondents for the information collection Form I-129CW is 3,749 and the estimated hour burden per response is 3 hours.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The total estimated annual hour burden associated with this collection is 11,247 hours.

(7) *An estimate of the total public burden (in cost) associated with the collection:* The estimated total annual cost burden associated with this collection of information is \$459,252.50.

Dated: March 1, 2018.

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Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division,  
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and Immigration Services, Department of  
Homeland Security.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2017-0099;  
FXIA16710900000-178-FF09A30000]

### Endangered Foreign Species and Protected Marine Mammals; Receipt of Permit Applications

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

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

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on applications to conduct certain activities with foreign endangered species and marine mammals. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is acquired that allows such activities. The ESA also requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

**DATES:** We must receive comments by April 6, 2018.

#### ADDRESSES:

*Document availability:* The applications, as well as any comments and other materials that we receive, will be available for public inspection online in Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2017-0099 at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

*Submitting Comments:* You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2017-0099.

- *U.S. mail or hand-delivery:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2017-0099; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, MS: BPHC; 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

When submitting comments, please indicate the name of the applicant and the PRT# at the beginning of your comment. We will post all comments on <http://www.regulations.gov>. This generally means that we will post any personal information you provide us (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for more information).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Public Comment Procedures

*A. How do I comment on submitted applications?*

You may submit your comments and materials by one of the methods listed above under *Submitting Comments* in **ADDRESSES**. We will not consider comments sent by email or fax, or to an address not in **ADDRESSES**.

Please make your requests or comments as specific as possible, 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 in **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 street 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.

#### C. Who will see my comments?

If you submit a comment via <http://www.regulations.gov>, your entire comment, including any personal identifying information, will be posted on the website. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, such as your address, phone number, or email address, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

## II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), we invite public comment on these permit applications before final action is taken. Under the MMPA, you may request a hearing on any MMPA application received. If you request a hearing, give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Service Director.

## III. Permit Applications

### A. Endangered Species

**Applicant:** IDEXX Reference Laboratories, Westbrook, ME; PRT-57489C

The applicant requests a permit to import blood samples derived from captive-bred black rhinoceros (*Diceros bicornis*) from African Safari, Puebla, Mexico, for scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a single import.

**Applicant:** American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY; PRT-26682C

The applicant requests a permit to export, re-export, and import biological samples, parts, and products from live, dead, wild, and captive-born endangered mammals (excluding marine mammals), birds, reptiles, fish, amphibians, and invertebrates from

worldwide locations for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

**Applicant:** OdySea Aquarium, Scottsdale, AZ; PRT-62534C

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the African penguin (*Spheniscus demersus*) to enhance species propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

**Applicant:** East Texas Ranch, LP, Athens, TX; PRT-37142A

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the barasingha (*Rucervus duvaucelli*) to enhance species propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

**Applicant:** East Texas Ranch, LP, Athens, TX; PRT-51951C

The applicant requests a permit authorizing the culling of excess barasingha (*Rucervus duvaucelli*) from the captive herd maintained at their facility, to enhance the species' propagation and survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

### Multiple Trophies

The following applicants each request a permit to import sport-hunted trophies of a 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 enhancing the propagation or survival of the species.

**Applicant:** Alan Long, Talala, OK; PRT-63010C

**Applicant:** Michael Towbin, Kirkland, WA; PRT-59012C

**Applicant:** Terry Anderson, Bozeman, MT; PRT-52689C

**Applicant:** Robert Gwin, Oklahoma City, OK; PRT-55023C

**Applicant:** Scott Roleson, Whiting, NJ; PRT-54410C

### B. Marine Mammals

**Applicant:** USGS-Southeast Ecological Science CTR, Gainesville, FL; PRT-791721

The applicant requests authorization to renew and amend their permit to export, import, and re-export biological samples of live and dead Sirenia (all species of manatees and dugongs, including *Trichechus manatus*

*latirostris*, *T. m. manatus*, *Trichechus inunguis*, *Trichechus senegalensis*, and *Dugong dugon*) for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period. Concurrent with publishing this notice in the **Federal Register**, we are forwarding copies of the above applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

## IV. Next Steps

If the Service decides to issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**. You may locate the **Federal Register** notice announcing the permit issuance date by searching <http://www.regulations.gov> under the permit number listed in this document (e.g., PRT-12345c).

## V. Authority

Endangered Species Act of 1973 as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*); Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*).

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

**[Investigation Nos. 731-TA-1353 and 1356 (Final)]**

**Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod From South Africa and Ukraine**

### Determinations

On the basis of the record <sup>1</sup> developed in the subject investigations, the United States International Trade Commission ("Commission") determines, pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 ("the Act"), that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports of carbon and certain alloy steel wire rod from South Africa and Ukraine, provided for in subheadings 7213.91.30, 7213.91.45, 7213.91.60, 7213.99.00, 7227.20.00, and 7227.90.60 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that have been found by the Department of Commerce

<sup>1</sup> The record is defined in sec. 207.2(f) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 207.2(f)).