

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service**

[Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2016-0066;
FXIA1671090000-156-FF09A30000]

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 Federal authorization is acquired that allows such activities.

DATES: We must receive comments or requests for documents on or before June 6, 2016.

ADDRESSES: *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-2016-0066.

- *U.S. mail or hand-delivery:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2016-0066; 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# you are commenting on. We will post all comments on <http://www.regulations.gov>. This generally means that we will post any personal information you provide us (see the Public Comments section below for more information). *Viewing Comments:* Comments and materials we receive will be available for public inspection on <http://www.regulations.gov>, or by appointment, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803; telephone 703-358-2095.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Tapia, (703) 358-2104 (telephone); (703) 358-2281 (fax); 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 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.

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 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), along with Executive Order 13576, “Delivering an Efficient, Effective, and Accountable Government,” and the President’s Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies of January 21, 2009—Transparency and Open Government (74 FR 4685; January 26, 2009), which call on all Federal agencies to promote openness and transparency in Government by disclosing information to the public, we invite public comment on these permit applications before final action is taken.

III. Permit Applications*Endangered Species*

Applicant: Nashville Zoo, Nashville, TN; PRT-85554B

The applicant requests a permit to export one female and one male clouded captive-born leopard (*Neofelis nebulosi*) for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 1-year period.

Applicant: Kootenai Tribe of Idaho, Bonner Ferry, ID; PRT-011646

The applicant requests a permit to export White sturgeon (*Acipenser transmontanus*) (300,000 live fertilized eggs) and live juvenile sturgeon of the Kootenai population for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through re-introduction. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Daniel Sterantino, Castleton, NY; PRT-90881B

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

Applicant: Gerard Siatkowski, Miami, FL; PRT-24006B

The applicant requests to amend a current captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following species to enhance species propagation or survival: Bolson tortoise (*Gopherus flavomarginatus*), aquatic box turtle (*Terrapene coahuila*), river terrapin (*Batagur baska*), red-crowned roof turtle (*Batagur kachuga*), Cuban ground iguana (*Cyclura nubila nubila*), Grand Cayman blue iguana (*Cyclura lewisi*), Cayman Brac ground iguana (*Cyclura nubila caymanensis*), and San

Esteban Island chuckwalla (*Sauromalus varius*). This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Nick Silbaugh, Platterville, CO; PRT-90067B

The applicant requests a permit to import a 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.

Brenda Tapia,

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ACTION: Notice of issuance/emergency 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).

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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.

A. Endangered Species

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2016-0065; FXIA1671090000-156-FF09A30000]

Endangered Species; Marine Mammals; Emergency Exemption; Issuance of Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

Permit No.	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
68465B	Tanganyika Wildlife Park	80 FR 73207; November 24, 2015	April 5, 2016.
10836A	University of Michigan	81 FR 791; January 7, 2016	March 21, 2016.
80482B	Duke Lemur Center	81 FR 2899; January 19, 2016	April 19, 2016.
79093B	Kinsey Robinson	81 FR 5778; February 03, 2016	March 22, 2016.
81613B	William Parks	81 FR 5778; February 03, 2016	March 22, 2016.
85776B	Scott Linter	81 FR 5778; February 03, 2016	March 22, 2016.
82278B	William Perrine	81 FR 5778; February 03, 2016	March 28, 2016.
82246B	Santa Barbara Zoo	81 FR 5778; February 03, 2016	April 18, 2016.
83947B	Harry Peterson	81 FR 8093; February 17, 2016	March 21, 2016.
86982B	Cynthia Lagueux, University of Florida	81 FR 8093; February 17, 2016	March 28, 2016.
69024B	Yerkes National Primate Research Center	80 FR 62089, October 15, 2015; 81 FR 3452, January 21, 2016.	May 2, 2016.

B. Marine Mammals

Permit No.	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
186914	Monterey Bay Aquarium	80 FR 62089; October 15, 2015	April 18, 2016.
81843B	Indianapolis Zoological Society	81 FR 8093; February 17, 2016	April 18, 2016.

C. Emergency Exemption

On May 2, 2016, the Service issued a permit (PRT-94614B) to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austwell, Texas, to import four viable eggs from captive-bred whooping crane (*Grus americana*) for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This action was

authorized under Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The Service determined that an emergency affecting the health and viability of the whooping crane eggs existed, and that no reasonable alternative was available

to the applicant for the following reason:

The Service's Whooping Crane Coordinator requested a permit to import these fertile eggs from the Calgary Zoo in Alberta, Canada, due to the ongoing 30-day comment period that their existing import permit (PRT-