

re delegated to the Associate General Counsel for Human Resources Law and to the Field Assistant General Counsel, the authority to handle claims relating to the Federal Tort Claims Act and the Military Personnel and Civilian Employees' Claims Act. This Notice revokes that portion of 59 FR 52986 that had re delegated authority to the Field Assistant General Counsel.

Under the HUD 2020 Management Reform Plan, all claims relating to the Federal Tort Claims Act and the Military Personnel and Civilian Employees' Claims Act will be the responsibility of HUD's Federal Tort Claims Center. This Notice re delegates to the Assistant General Counsel for New England, within HUD's Federal Tort Claims Center, the authority to adjust, determine, compromise and settle claims under the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. 2871, and the Military Personnel and Civilian Employees' Claims Act of 1964, 31 U.S.C. 3721.

Accordingly, the General Counsel revokes and re delegates authority as follows:

Section A. Authority Revoked

This Notice revokes Section A.2. of the Notice of Redelegation of Authority published in the **Federal Register** on October 20, 1994 at 59 FR 52986, which re delegated authority to consider, ascertain, adjust, determine, compromise, allow, deny or otherwise dispose of claims under the Federal Tort Claims Act and the Military Personnel and Civilian Employees Claims Act of 1964, from the General Counsel to the Field Assistant General Counsel.

Section B. Authority Redelegated

The General counsel re delegates to the Assistant General Counsel for New England, within HUD's Federal Tort Claims Center, the power and authority to consider, ascertain, adjust, determine, compromise, allow, deny or otherwise dispose of claims under the Federal Tort Claims Act and the Military Personnel and Civilian Employees' Claims Act of 1964.

Section C. Authority to Further Redelegate

The authority re delegated under Section B., above, may not be further re delegated.

Authority: Section 7(d), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, 42 U.S.C. 3535(d); 24 CFR 17.7 and 17.47.

Dated: January 4, 2000.

Gail Laster,

General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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.*):

Applicant: Fort Worth Zoological Park, Fort Worth Texas PRT-021647.

The applicant requests a permit to import 4.1 captive born cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatas*) from the Hoedspruit Research And Breeding Facility, Republic of South Africa, for public display and breeding purposes to enhance the survival of the species.

Applicant: Kay Rosaire-Mowrey, Sarasota, FL, PRT-696911.

The applicant requests a permit to export, re-export and re-import tigers (*Panthera tigris*), and progeny of the animals currently held by the applicant and any animals acquired in the United States by the applicant to/from worldwide locations to enhance the survival of the species through conservation education. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a three-year period.

Applicant: Hawthorn Corporation, Grayslake, IL, PRT-823832.

The applicant requests a permit to re-export and re-import captive-born Bengal tigers (*Panthera tigris tigris*), and progeny of the animals currently held by the applicant and any animals acquired in the United States by the applicant to/from worldwide locations to enhance the survival of the species through conservation education. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a three year period.

Applicant: Robert C. Webster, Linville, NC, PRT-21989.

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: Daniel Anderson, University of California, Davis, CA, PRT-766567.

The applicant requests renewal of his permit to import biological samples including feathers, eggs, bones, and blood of the California brown pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*) for contaminant analysis in the Gulf of California for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the Species. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant for a period of five years.

Applicant: Gladys Porter Zoo, Brownsville, TX, PRT-018992.

The applicant requests a permit to export one male and two female Philippine crocodile (*Crocodylus mindorensis*) to the Crocodile Farming Institute, Puerto Princesa, Philippines, for the purpose of a cooperative global effort to maintain genetic diversity in the captive population.

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 the application 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 above address within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: January 24, 2000.

Kristen Nelson,

Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Receipt of an Application for an Endangered Species Act Permit To Allow Incidental Take of the Coastal California Gnatcatcher by Evergreen Nursery, Oceanside, California

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Evergreen Nursery has applied for an incidental take permit from the Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the