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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered Species; Marine Mammals; 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, marine mammals, or both. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) 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 **[INSERT**

DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL

REGISTER]. We must receive requests for marine mammal permit public hearings,

in writing, at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section by **[INSERT DATE 30**

DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Brenda Tapia, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, Branch of Permits, MS: IA, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041; fax (703) 358-2281; or email DMAFR@fws.gov.

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.*), and the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *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. 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: KJC Holdings LP, Lohn, TX; PRT-200211

The applicant requests a permit for cull and take of excess barasingha (*Rucervus duvaucelii*) for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Fleming Creative Concept LLC, Scottsdale, AZ; PRT-65772B

The applicant requests a permit for interstate transport of 10 jackass penguins (*Spheniscus demersus*) from the Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, Vallejo, California to Miami Seaquarium, Miami, Florida, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Earth Promise, Glen Rose, TX; PRT-59071B

The applicant requests a permit to export two scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*) and two addaxes (*Addax nasomaculatus*) born in captivity to African Lion Safari, Ontario, Canada, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Barefoot Zoological, dba Alligator Adventure, North Myrtle Beach, SC; PRT-141742

The applicant requests renewal of a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following species to enhance species propagation or survival: ring-tailed lemur (*Lemur catta*), red ruffed lemur (*Varecia rubra*), black and white ruffed lemur (*Varecia variegata*), Chinese alligator (*Alligator sinensis*), Nile crocodile (*Crocodylus niloticus*), saltwater crocodile (*Crocodylus porosus*), common caiman (*Caiman*

crocodilus crocodilus), brown caiman (*Caiman crocodilus fuscus*), Cuban crocodile (*Crocodylus rhombifer*), Siamese crocodile (*Crocodylus siamensis*), Yacare (*Caiman yacare*), dwarf crocodile (*Osteolaemus tetraspis*), false gaviol (*Tomistoma schlegelii*), Tracaja (*Podocnemis unifilis*), Galapagos tortoise (*Chelonoidis nigra*), radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*), Cuban ground iguana (*Cyclura nubila nubila*), and the Aruba Island rattlesnake (*Crotalus unicolor*). 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: Mark Corry, Washington, UT; PRT-71117B

Applicant: Gary Loveless, Oklahoma City, OK; PRT-71073B

B. Endangered Marine Mammals and Marine Mammals

Applicant: Florian Schulz; PRT-61681B

The applicant requests a permit to photograph polar bears (*Ursus maritimus*) in Alaska for the purpose of photography for commercial and educational purposes from land and boat. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant up to a 4-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.

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