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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**[Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2017-0032; FXIA16710900000-178-FF09A30000]**

**Foreign Endangered and Threatened 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, marine mammals, or both. 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 **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**.

**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-2017-0032**.
- *U.S. mail or hand-delivery:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: **Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2017-0032**; 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 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:** Joyce Russell, Government Information Specialist, Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, MS: IA; 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803; telephone (703) 358–2023; facsimile (703) 358–2280.

## **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 **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. 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..

### **III. Permit Applications**

We invite the public to comment on applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*; ESA) prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is acquired that allows such activities.

#### **A. Endangered Species**

##### **Applicant: Dallas World Aquarium, Dallas, TX; PRT-15974C and 15975C**

The applicant requests a permit to import specimens of two male and one female captive-bred resplendent quetzal (*Pharomachrus mocinno*) from Mexico to enhance the propagation or survival of the species.

##### **Applicant: Columbus Zoo & Aquarium, Powell, OH; PRT-29603C**

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for African lion (*Panthera leo leo*), African penguin (*Spheniscus demersus*), Siberian tiger

(*Panthera tigris altaica*), Asian elephant (*Elephas maximus*), Bornean orangutan (*Pongo pygmaeus*), bonobo (*Pan paniscus*), cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*), black rhinoceros (*Diceros bicornis*), red-crowned crane (*Grus japonensis*), mandrill (*Mandrillus sphinx*), and Western gorilla (*Gorilla gorilla*), to enhance the propagation or survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

**Applicant: Joan Hemker, Hemker Park and Zoo, Freeport, MN; PRT-21468B**

The applicant requests an amendment of an existing captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus*), Arabian oryx (*Oryx leucoryx*), Grevy's zebra (*Equus grevyi*), white-naped crane (*Grus vipio*), black-necked crane (*Grus nigricollis*), and red-crowned crane (*Grus japonensis*), to enhance the propagation or survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

**Applicant: Feld Entertainment, Inc., Palmetto, FL; PRT-30596C**

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

**Applicant: Memphis Zoo, Memphis, TN; PRT-10014C**

The applicant requests a permit to import two captive-born female Komodo monitors (*Varanus komodoensis*) from the Calgary Zoo in Alberta, Canada, to enhance the propagation or survival of the species.

**Applicant: Disney's Animal Kingdom, Lake Buena Vista, FL; PRT-30605C**

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for red-collared lemur (*Eulemur collaris*), ring-tailed lemur (*Lemur catta*), golden lion tamarin (*Leontopithecus rosalia*), cotton-top tamarin (*Saguinus oedipus*), lion-tailed macaque (*Macaca silenus*), mandrill (*Mandrillus sphinx*), white-cheeked gibbon (*Nomascus leucogenys*), siamang (*Symphalangus syndactylus*), western lowland gorilla (*Gorilla gorilla*), cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*), African lion (*Panthera leo leo*), Sumatran tiger (*Panthera tigris sumatrae*), African wild dog (*Lycaon pictus*), Grevy's zebra (*Equus grevyi*), Hartmann's mountain zebra (*Equus zebra hartmannae*), Somali wild ass (*Equus africanus somaliensis*), southern white rhinoceros (*Ceratotherium simum simum*), black rhinoceros (*Diceros bicornis*), North Sulawesi babirusa (*Babyrusa celebensis*), Eld's deer (*Rucervus eldii*), red lechwe (*Kobus leche*), white-naped crane (*Grus vipio*), radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*), Galapagos tortoise (*Chelonoidis nigra*), and Komodo monitor (*Varanus komodoensis*), to enhance the propagation or survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

**Museum Applicant:**

**Applicant: Bishop Museum, Honolulu, HI; PRT-700877**

The applicant requests a renewal of a permit to export and reimport nonliving museum specimens of endangered and threatened species that were previously accessioned into the applicant's collection for scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

**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 in [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) under the permit number listed in this document.

## **V. Public Comments**

You may submit your comments and materials concerning this notice by one of the methods listed in **ADDRESSES**. We will not consider comments sent by email or fax or to an address not listed in **ADDRESSES**.

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, 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.

We will post all hardcopy comments on <http://www.regulations.gov>.

## **VI. Authorities**

Endangered Species Act of 1973, (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.);

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