

names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Documents and other information associated with this analysis 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 address above (telephone: 503-231-2063). Please refer to "Proposed Northern Idaho Wolf Permit Environmental Document" when requesting copies of documents.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Idaho Department of Fish and Game has requested a permit to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, collar, take blood and hair samples, relocate, kill, or release) the gray wolf (*Canis lupus*) in conjunction with wolf management activities in the State of Idaho north of Interstate 90, for the purpose of enhancing its survival (Permit No. TE-114934).

The applicant proposes to: (a) Conduct monitoring of wolf populations; and (b) coordinate non-lethal and lethal control actions to reduce wolf conflicts with livestock and dogs. These actions are currently coordinated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service). Under the permit, the applicant would take on certain management responsibilities for wolves in northern Idaho. Wolf management activities would be in accordance with the requirements of the Endangered Species Act, the State of Idaho Wolf Conservation and Management Plan (March 2002) and the Service's Interim Wolf Control Plan for Northwestern Montana and the Panhandle of Northern Idaho (Control Plan) (September 1999).

If issued, the permit would not affect ongoing wolf management in the remainder of the State of Idaho conducted in accordance with the non-essential experimental population regulations found at 50 CFR 17.84(n).

We have determined that a responsive wolf management and conservation program is essential to enhancing survival of the wolf in the wild (Service 1987; Service 1994; Service 1999). The program must respond to wolf-livestock conflicts, while promoting wolf recovery objectives. The Control Plan provides guidelines for: (a) Determining problem wolf status (including investigative procedures and criteria), (b) conducting wolf control actions, and (c) disposition of problem wolves.

We are analyzing issuance of this permit under NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et*

*seq.*). If issued, the permit would authorize Idaho Department of Fish and Game to manage wolves in the same manner as provided in the Control Plan in effect for northern Idaho for the past 6 years. Due to changes in the gray wolf's status since the Service's 1988 Environmental Assessment, the Service's 1999 Environmental Action Memorandum, and the Control Plan. We are initiating a new NEPA evaluation of the environmental impacts of wolf conservation under an ESA recovery permit.

Under NEPA, a reasonable range of alternatives to a proposed project must be developed and considered in our environmental review. Our NEPA evaluation will evaluate the potential impacts of alternatives for wolf conservation actions in Idaho north of Interstate 90. Management actions would be intended to protect livestock and pets, and to conserve wolf populations. The proposed action is to issue Idaho Department of Fish and Game a permit authorizing take, including lethal control techniques. An alternative will be selected and a permit decision made after consideration of all comments received in response to this Notice, and analysis is complete.

The State of Idaho Wolf Conservation and Management Plan, the Interim Wolf Control Plan for Northwestern Montana and the Panhandle of Northern Idaho, and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game permit application can be found at: <http://www.fws.gov/pacific/ecoservices/angered/recovery/GrayWolfManagement.htm>.

Additional information about wolf recovery and conservation in the northwestern United States, including control of problem wolves, can be found in various reports at: <http://westerngraywolf.fws.gov/>.

All comments received from individuals become part of the official public record. Requests for such comments will be handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, will be available for public review, to the extent provided by the FOIA. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home addresses from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment, but you should be aware that we may be required to disclose your name and

address pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety. Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

#### Authority

This document is published under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: May 8, 2006.

**David B. Allen,**

*Regional Director, Region 1, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Receipt of Applications for Permit

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

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

**SUMMARY:** The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species and/or marine mammals.

**DATES:** Written data, comments or requests must be received by July 3, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents and other information submitted with these applications 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 within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358-2281.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Endangered Species

The public is invited to comment on the following applications 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.*). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (address above).

*Applicant:* Zachary M. Hunt, Houston, TX, PRT-122831.

The applicant requests 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:* Gregory R. Cheek, Marco Island, FL, PRT-125102.

The applicant requests 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:* Brett H. Woodard, Anderson, SC, PRT-122618.

The applicant requests 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.

#### Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The applications were submitted to satisfy requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR part 18). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be submitted to the Director (address above). Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

*Applicant:* Richard J. Edelen, Thornton, CO, PRT-123246.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Southern Beaufort Sea polar bear population in Canada for personal, noncommercial use.

*Applicant:* Gibson D. Lewis, Ft. Worth, TX, PRT-123490.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Northern Beaufort Sea polar bear population in Canada for personal, noncommercial use.

*Applicant:* Tim L. Powell, Yakima, WA, PRT-125202.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population in Canada for personal, noncommercial use.

*Applicant:* John W. Hoose, Howell, MI, PRT-125092

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Northern Beaufort Sea polar bear population in Canada for personal, noncommercial use.

*Applicant:* Carl O. Clapp, III, Cedar Vale, KS, PRT-125138.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Northern Beaufort Sea polar bear population in Canada for personal, noncommercial use.

*Applicant:* Robert K. Chambers, Lake City, CO, PRT-124511.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population in Canada for personal, noncommercial use.

*Applicant:* Kenneth A. Hubbard, Trade, TN, PRT-122690.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Foxe Basin polar bear population in Canada prior to February 18, 1997, for personal, noncommercial use.

Dated: May 19, 2006.

**Michael S. Moore,**

*Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Receipt of Applications for Permit

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Endangered Species

The public is invited to comment on the following applications 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.*). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (address above).

*Applicant:* University of Georgia, College of Veterinary Medicine, Infectious Disease Laboratory, Athens, GA, PRT-009445.

The applicant requests a permit to import tissue or blood samples of any avian species (class *Aves*), reptile species (class *Reptilia*), and any fish (within the taxonomic phylum *Chordata*) from world-wide locations for the purpose of diagnostic testing for infectious diseases/scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

*Applicant:* John J. LaRoche, Ravenel, SC, PRT-122053.

The applicant requests 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:* Mitchel Kalmanson, Maitland, FL, PRT-120067, 120068, 120069, 120070, 120071, 120072, 120073, 120075, and 120076.

The applicant requests permits to export, re-export, and re-import captive born tigers (*Panthera tigris*) to worldwide locations for the purpose of enhancement of the species through