

capacities. Other Council members are Directors from State agencies responsible for managing recreational fish and wildlife resources and individuals who represent the interests of saltwater and freshwater recreational fishing, recreational boating, the recreational fishing and boating industries, recreational fisheries resource conservation, Native American tribes, aquatic resource outreach and education, and tourism. Background information on the Council is available at <http://www.fws.gov/sfbpc>.

### Meeting Agenda

The Council will convene to consider: (1) The Council's 2010 to 2012 Strategic Work Plan; (2) progress in implementing the Council's assessment of the Sport Fish Restoration Boating Access Program; (3) progress in implementing the Council's assessment of the Fish and Wildlife Service Fisheries Program; (4) progress in implementing the Council's assessment of the activities of the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation; (5) issues related to Marine Protected Areas and implementation of the National Ocean Policy; (6) updates on activities of the Service's Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program and Fisheries Program; and (7) other Council business. The final agenda will be posted on the Internet at <http://www.fws.gov/sfbpc>.

### Procedures for Public Input

Interested members of the public may submit relevant written or oral information for the Council to consider during the public meeting. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements or those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda are invited to submit written statements to the Council.

Individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at the public Council meeting will be limited to 2 minutes per speaker, with no more than a total of 30 minutes for all speakers. Interested parties should contact Douglas Hobbs, Council Coordinator, in writing (preferably via e-mail; see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**), by Tuesday, February 22, 2011, to be placed on the public speaker list for this meeting. Written statements must be received by Monday, February 28, 2011, so that the information may be made available to the Council for their consideration prior to this meeting. Written statements must be supplied to the Council Coordinator in both of the following formats: One hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail

(acceptable file format: Adobe Acrobat PDF, WordPerfect, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or Rich Text files in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format).

In order to attend this meeting, you must register by close of business Tuesday, February 22, 2011. Because entry to Federal buildings is restricted, all visitors are required to pre-register to be admitted. Please submit your name, time of arrival, e-mail address, and phone number to Douglas Hobbs. Mr. Hobbs' e-mail address is [doug\\_hobbs@fws.gov](mailto:doug_hobbs@fws.gov), and his phone number is (703) 358-2336.

Summary minutes of the conference will be maintained by the Council Coordinator at 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, MS-3103-AEA, Arlington, VA 22203, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours within 30 days following the meeting. Personal copies may be purchased for the cost of duplication.

Dated: January 26, 2011.

**Jeffrey L. Underwood**,  
Acting Deputy Director.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R9-IA-2011-N023; 96300-1671-0000-P5]

#### 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) prohibits activities with listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activities. Both laws require that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

**DATES:** We must receive comments or requests for documents on or before March 14, 2011. We must receive requests for marine mammal permit public hearings, in writing, at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section by March 14, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Brenda Tapia, Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and

Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, VA 22203; fax (703) 358-2280; or e-mail [DMAFR@fws.gov](mailto:DMAFR@fws.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brenda Tapia, (703) 358-2104 (telephone); (703) 358-2280 (fax); [DMAFR@fws.gov](mailto:DMAFR@fws.gov) (e-mail).

### 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 e-mail 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 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, e-mail 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, the Endangered Species Act of 1973, section 10(a)(1)(A), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and our regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17, the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and our regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 18 require that we invite public comment before final action on these permit applications. 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: 777 Ranch, Inc. Hondo TX; PRT-013008

The applicant requests renewal of their permit authorizing interstate and foreign commerce, export and cull of excess male barasingha (*Cervus duvauceli*), Eld's deer (*Cervus eldi*), Arabian oryx (*Oryx leucoryx*), and red lechwe (*Kobus leche*) from their captive herd for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Lincoln Park Zoological Gardens, Chicago, IL; PRT-090113

The applicant requests renewal of their permit to import biological samples from ill and dead chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes*) from the Gombe Stream Reserve, Tanzania for enhancement of the species through scientific research and veterinary diagnosis. 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: Robert Amon, New Gretna, NJ; PRT-32570A

Applicant: Jerry Brenner, West Olive, MI; PRT-33348A

Applicant: Alan Smith, Sheridan, WY; PRT-33990A

Applicant: Lawrence Gill, Sheridan, WY; PRT-33992A

Applicant: David Hubbard, Stedman, NC; PRT-31720A

### B. Endangered Marine Mammals and Marine Mammals

Applicant: U.S. Geological Survey, Alaska Science Center, Anchorage, AK; PRT-690038

The applicant requests an amendment to the permit to increase in the number of takes of polar bears (*Ursus maritimus*) via aerial biopsy darting and paint marking for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over the remainder of the 5-year period for which the permit would be valid. 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.

Dated: February 4, 2011.

**Brenda Tapia**,

Program Analyst/Data Administrator, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the Approved Pony Express Resource Management Plan Amendment/Mona to Oquirrh Transmission Corridor Project Environmental Impact Statement

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Approved Pony Express Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendment and the Mona to Oquirrh Transmission Corridor Project located in Juab, Salt Lake, Tooele, and Utah counties in Utah. The Utah State Director signed the ROD on February 4,

2011, which constitutes the final decision of the BLM. The Approved Pony Express RMP Amendment is effective immediately.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the ROD/ Approved Pony Express RMP Amendment are available for public inspection at the Salt Lake Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 2370 South 2300 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84119, and the Fillmore Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 35 East 500 North, Fillmore, Utah 84631, or via the internet at: [http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/salt\\_lake/planning/mona\\_to\\_oquirrh\\_transmission.html](http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/salt_lake/planning/mona_to_oquirrh_transmission.html).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information contact Cindy Ledbetter, NEPA/Planning Coordinator, by telephone at (801) 977-4300; or by mail at 2370 South 2300 West, Salt Lake City, UT, 84119.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** After extensive environmental analysis, consideration of public comments, and application of pertinent Federal laws and policies, it is the decision of the BLM to issue a right-of-way grant to Rocky Mountain Power for the construction, operation, and maintenance of approximately 35 miles of single-circuit 500 kilovolt (kV) and 0.25 mile of double-circuit 345kV transmission line, one new 500/345/138kV substation, ancillary facilities, and access roads for the construction of the project across public lands administered by the BLM West Desert District; and to amend the Pony Express RMP. The right-of-way grant will authorize the use of public lands for the project for a term of 30 years, which is subject to renewal. The Approved Pony Express RMP Amendment allows for the issuance of a major right-of-way outside of a designated corridor on public lands administered by the BLM Salt Lake Field Office in Salt Lake, Tooele, and Utah counties, Utah.

The BLM and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) each published a Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Draft Pony Express RMP Amendment for public review and comment in the **Federal Register** on May 15, 2009, which initiated a 90-day public comment period. The comment period ended on August 12, 2009. The BLM received 235 submittals containing comments from Federal, State, and local governments; public and private organizations; and private citizens. The comments in each submittal were identified, analyzed, and addressed in the Final EIS.

The Final EIS analyzed 14 transmission line route alternatives and