

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service**

[FWS-R9-IA-2011-N227; 96300-1671-0000-P5]

Endangered 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. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits activities with listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activities. The ESA laws require that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

DATES: We must receive comments or requests for documents on or before November 28, 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 email DMAFR@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Tapia, (703) 358-2104 (telephone); (703) 358-2280 (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 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, section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), requires that we invite public comment before final action on these permit applications.

III. Permit Applications*A. Endangered Species*

Applicant: David Nesbit, Gonzales, TX; PRT-189407

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for barasingha (*Rucervus duvaucelii*) to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Alan Ong, Fremont, CA; PRT-56735A

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*) to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be

conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Charles Salisbury, Dade City, FL; PRT-56309A

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following families and species to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Families:

Bovidae.
Equidae.
Psittacidae.
Crocodylidae.

Species:

Galapagos tortoise (*Chelonoids nigra*).
radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*).
Red-crowned crane (*Grus japonica*).
ring-tailed lemur (*Lemur catta*).
black lemur (*Eulemur macaco*).
brown lemur (*Eulemur fulvus*).
black and white ruffed lemur (*Varecia variegata*).
red ruffed lemur (*Varecia rubra*).
cotton-headed tamarin (*Saguinus oedipus*).
Diana monkey (*Cercopithecus diana*).
Mandrill (*Papio sphinx*).
lar gibbon (*Hylobates lar*).
Indian rhinoceros (*Rhinoceros unicornis*).
lowland tapir (*Tapirus terrestris*).
Asian tapir (*Tapirus indicus*).

Applicant: Carson Springs Wildlife Foundation, Gainesville, FL; PRT-56870A

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

Species:

Galapagos tortoise (*Chelonoids nigra*).
radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*).
ring-tailed lemur (*Lemur catta*).
black and white ruffed lemur (*Varecia variagata*).
red ruffed lemur (*Varecia rubra*).
black lemur (*Eulemur macaco*).

Applicant: Charles Munoz, Aurora, CO; PRT-101033

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for Cabot's tragopan (*Tragopan caboti*) to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Paula Hansen, Salem, OR; PRT-055381

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for red siskin (*Carduelis cucullata*) to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens, Los Angeles, CA; PRT-56760A

The applicant requests a permit to import 10 live, captive-born komodo monitors (*Varanus komodoensis*) from the Czech Republic, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

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: Leonard Voyles, Richmond, TX; PRT-57362A

Applicant: Matthew Bindon, Howell, MI; PRT-57442A

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announce a public

meeting of the Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council (Council).

DATES: *Meeting:* Tuesday November 15, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Wednesday November 16, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Eastern standard time). For deadlines and directions on registering to attend, submitting written material, and giving an oral presentation, please see “Public Input” under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Secretary’s Conference Room at the Department of the Interior, Room 5160, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joshua Winchell, Council Coordinator, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Mailstop 3103-AEA, Arlington, VA 22203; telephone (703) 358-2639; fax (703) 358-2548; or email joshua_winchell@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., we announce that Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council will hold a meeting.

Background

Formed in February 2010, the Council provides advice about wildlife and habitat conservation endeavors that:

1. Benefit recreational hunting;
2. Benefit wildlife resources; and
3. Encourage partnership among the public, the sporting conservation community, the shooting and hunting sports industry, wildlife conservation organizations, the States, Native American tribes, and the Federal Government.

The Council advises the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, reporting through the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), in consultation with the Director, Bureau of Land Management (BLM); Chief, Forest Service (USFS); Chief, Natural Resources Service (NRCS); and Administrator, Farm Services Agency (FSA). The Council’s duties are strictly advisory and consist of, but are not limited to, providing recommendations for:

1. Implementing the Recreational Hunting and Wildlife Resource Conservation Plan—A Ten-Year Plan for Implementation;
2. Increasing public awareness of and support for the Sport Wildlife Trust Fund;
3. Fostering wildlife and habitat conservation and ethics in hunting and shooting sports recreation;
4. Stimulating sportsmen and women’s participation in conservation and management of wildlife and habitat resources through outreach and education;
5. Fostering communication and coordination among State, Tribal, and Federal Government; industry; hunting and shooting sportsmen and women; wildlife and habitat conservation and management organizations; and the public;
6. Providing appropriate access to Federal lands for recreational shooting and hunting;
7. Providing recommendation to improve implementation of Federal conservation programs that benefit wildlife, hunting and outdoor recreation on private lands; and

8. When requested by the agencies’ designated ex officio members or the DFO in consultation with the Council Chairman, performing a variety of assessments or reviews of policies, programs, and efforts through the Council’s designated subcommittees or workgroups.

Background information on the Council is available at <http://www.fws.gov/whhcc>.

Meeting Agenda

The Council will convene to consider:

1. The Recreational Hunting and Wildlife Resource Conservation Plan—A Ten-Year Plan for Implementation;

2. Coordination of conservation program delivery between federal, state and private entities;
3. Programs of the Department of the Interior and Department of Agriculture, and their bureaus, that enhance hunting opportunities and support wildlife conservation;
4. America’s Great Outdoors; and
5. Other Council business.

The final agenda will be posted on the Internet at <http://www.fws.gov/whhcc>.

PUBLIC INPUT

If you wish to	You must contact the Council Coordinator (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT) no later than
Attend the meeting Submit written information or questions before the meeting for the council to consider during the meeting.	November 7, 2011. November 7, 2011.