

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 July 25, 2014. We must receive requests for marine mammal permit public hearings, in writing, at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section by July 25, 2014.

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 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: Louisiana State University Museum of Natural Science, Baton Rouge, LA; PRT–34712B

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from the Kaempfer’s tody-tyrant (*Hemitriccus kaempferi*) for the purpose of scientific research.

Applicant: Rebecca Slepko Nockerts, University of Minnesota; PRT–35365B

The applicant requests a permit to import bones from deceased wild chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes*) as well as hairs of wild chimpanzees of Gombe National Park in Tanzania for the purpose of scientific research.

Applicant: Southwick’s Zoo, Mendon, MA; PRT–32491B

The applicant requests a permit to import two male and five female captive-bred vicuna (*Vicuna vicuna*) for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through captive propagation and zoological display.

Applicant: Mike Talka, Spring Branch, TX; PRT–088507

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

Species

Dwarf crocodile (*Osteolaemus tetraspis tetraspis*)
Cuban crocodile (*Crocodylus rhombifer*)

Applicant: Sylvan Heights Waterfowl, Scotland Neck, NC; PRT–166119

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

Species

White-naped crane (*Grus vipio*)
Red-crowned crane (*Grus japonensis*)
Black-necked crane (*Grus nigricollis*)
Hooded crane (*Grus monacha*)

Applicant: Louis Degregorio, Las Vegas, NV; PRT–37734B

The applicant requests a permit to import a 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.

B. Endangered Marine Mammals and Marine Mammals

Applicant: Renegade Pictures, London, England; PRT-38035B

The applicant requests a permit to photograph polar bears (*Ursus maritimus*) in the vicinity of Kaktovik, Alaska, from land-based vehicles and boats for commercial and educational purposes. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant for less than a 1-year period.

Applicant: Yukon Route Productions, Pearl River, NY; PRT-35442B

The applicant requests a permit to photograph walrus (*Odobenus rosmarus*) in the vicinity of Barrow and Unalakleet, Alaska, from land-based vehicles and boats for commercial and educational purposes. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant for less than a 1-year period.

Applicant: Poles D'Images, Abonne la Forte, France; PRT-38124B

The applicant requests a permit to photograph polar bears (*Ursus maritimus*) in the vicinity of Kaktovik and Barter Island, Alaska, from land-based vehicles and boats for commercial and educational purposes. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant for less than a 1-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.

Brenda Tapia,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Renewal of Agency Information Collection for Homeliving Programs and School Closure and Consolidation

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of submission to OMB.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs is submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for renewal for the collection of information for the Homeliving Programs (25 CFR 36, Subpart G) and School Closure and Consolidation. The information collection is currently authorized by OMB Control Number 1076-0164, which expires June 30, 2014.

DATES: Submit comments on or before August 25, 2014.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the information collection to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at the Office of Management and Budget, by facsimile to (202) 395-5806 or you may send an email to: *OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov*. Please send a copy of your comments to Juanita Mendoza, U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Education, 1849 C Street NW., Mail Stop 312—SIB, Washington, DC 20240; facsimile: (202) 208-3312; email: *Juanita.Mendoza@bie.edu*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Juanita Mendoza, (202) 208-6123. You may review the information collection request online at <http://www.reginfo.gov>. Follow the instructions to review Department of the Interior collections under review by OMB.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Public Law 107-110, the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of January 8, 2001, requires all schools including Bureau-funded boarding/residential schools to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach, at a minimum, proficiency on challenging academic achievement standards and assessments. The NCLB Act and implementing regulations at 25 CFR part 36 require the Bureau to implement national standards for homeliving situations in all Bureau-funded residential schools. The Bureau must collect information from all Bureau-funded residential schools in order to assess each school's progress in meeting the national standards. The Bureau is seeking renewal of the approval for this information collection to ensure that minimum academic standards for the education of Indian children and criteria for dormitory situations in Bureau-operated schools and Tribally-controlled contact and grant schools are met.

II. Request for Comments

The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) requests your comments on this

collection concerning: (a) The necessity of this information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (hours and cost) of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Ways we could enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Ways we could minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents.

Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and an individual need not respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB Control Number.

It is our policy to make all comments available to the public for review at the location listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. 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.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 1076-0164.
Title: Homeliving Programs (25 CFR 36, Subpart G) and School Closure and Consolidation.

Brief Description of Collection: Submission of this information allows the Department of the Interior to ensure that minimum academic standards for the education of Indian children and criteria for dormitory situations in Bureau-operated schools and Indian-controlled contract schools are met.

Response is required to obtain a benefit.

Type of Review: Extension without change of currently approved collection.

Respondents: Indian tribes.

Number of Respondents: There are 65 schools with residential programs, of which 27 are Bureau-operated and 52 are tribally operated. Thus, the collection of information must be cleared for 52 of the 65 residential schools.

Total Number of Responses: 730 per year, on average.

Frequency of Response: Annual or on occasion, depending on the activity.

Estimated Time per Response: Ranges from 1 minute to 40 hours, depending on the activity.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 1,344 hours.