

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

[Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2016-0005;
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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 Federal authorization is acquired that allows such activities.

DATES: We must receive comments or requests for documents on or before February 18, 2016.

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-2016-0005.

- *U.S. mail or hand-delivery:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2016-0005; 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 below 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: Brenda Tapia, (703) 358-2104 (telephone); (703) 358-2281 (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.*), 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*Endangered Species*

Applicant: Liliana Cortes Ortiz, Ann Arbor, MI; PRT-75995B

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from wild howler monkeys (*Alouatta palliata palliata*) for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species/scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 1-year period.

Applicant: Institute for the Conservation of Tropical Environments, SUNY at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY; PRT-75939B

The applicant requests a permit to import museum samples from wild specimens of golden bamboo lemur (*Hapalemur aureus*) for the purpose of scientific research.

Applicant: Duke Lemur Center, Durham, NC; PRT-80481B

The applicant requests a permit to import two captive-bred, black lemurs (*Eulemur macaco*) for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 1-year period.

Applicant: Duke Lemur Center, Durham, NC; PRT-80482B

The applicant requests a permit to export two captive-bred, black lemurs (*Eulemur macaco*) for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 1-year period.

Applicant: Springhill Wildlife Park, Calvert, TX; PRT-002692

The applicant requests an amendment of a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following species to enhance species propagation or survival: brown lemur (*Eulemur fulvus*), ring-tailed lemur (*Lemur catta*), red ruffed lemur (*Varecia rubra*), and

black and white ruffed lemur (*Varecia variegata*). This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Elizabeth Conner, Jonesboro, GA; PRT-76748B

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

Applicant: Zoological Wildlife Conservation Center, Rainier, OR; PRT-54918B

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following species to enhance species propagation or survival: jackass penguin (*Spheniscus demersus*), woylie (*Bettongia penicillata*), ring-tailed lemur (*Lemur catta*), black and white ruffed lemur (*Varecia variegata*), red-ruffed lemur (*Varecia rubra*), Cottontop tamarin (*Saguinus oedipus*), Lar gibbon (*Hylobates lar*), clouded leopard (*Neofelis nebulosa*), and snow leopard (*Uncia uncia*). This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Ryder Scientific, R.L.L.P., Putnam Valley, NY; PRT-84796B

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following species to enhance species propagation or survival: Nile crocodile (*Crocodylus niloticus*), Cuban crocodile (*Crocodylus rhombifer*), Siamese crocodile (*Crocodylus siamensis*), Saltwater crocodile (*Crocodylus porosus*), West African dwarf crocodile (*Osteolaemus tetraspis osborni*), Galapagos tortoise (*Chelonoidis nigra*), and Military macaw (*Ara militaris*). This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Brenda Tapia,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Announcement of Public Meeting Via Teleconference: North American Wetlands Conservation Council

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The North American Wetlands Conservation Council (Council) will meet via teleconference to select North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) U.S. small grant proposals for reporting to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission (Commission). This teleconference is open to the public, and interested persons may present oral or written statements.

DATES: The teleconference is scheduled for February 24, 2016, at 2 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. If you are interested in presenting information at this public teleconference, contact the Council Coordinator no later than February 19, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Because this is a teleconference, there is no meeting venue. Individuals wishing to participate in the teleconference should contact the Council Coordinator no later than February 19, 2016, for the call-in information and so we can ensure that we have an adequate number of lines.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sarah Mott, Council Coordinator, by phone at 703-358-1784; by email at dbhc@fws.gov; or by U.S. mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 5275 Leesburg Pike MS: MB, Falls Church, Virginia 22041.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

About the Council

In accordance with NAWCA (Pub. L. 101-233, 103 Stat. 1968, December 13, 1989, as amended), the State-private-Federal Council meets to consider wetland acquisition, restoration, enhancement, and management projects for recommendation to, and final funding approval by, the Commission.

The NAWCA provides matching grants to organizations and individuals who have developed partnerships to carry out wetlands conservation projects in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. These projects must involve long-term protection, restoration, and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitats for the benefit of all wetlands-associated

migratory birds. Project proposal due dates, application instructions, and eligibility requirements are available on the NAWCA Web site at www.fws.gov/birds/grants/north-american-wetland-conservation-act.php.

PUBLIC INPUT

If you wish to:	You must contact the Council Coordinator (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT) no later than
(1) Request call-in information for the Council teleconference.	February 19, 2016.
(2) Submit written information or questions before the Council for consideration during the teleconference.	February 19, 2016.
(3) Listen to the Council Meeting.	February 24, 2016.

Submitting Written Information or Questions

Interested members of the public may submit relevant information or questions to be consider during the public teleconference. If you wish to submit a written statement, so that the information may be made available to the Council for their consideration prior to the teleconference, you must contact the Council Coordinator by the date in Public Input. 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 email (acceptable file formats are Adobe Acrobat PDF, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or rich text file).

Giving an Oral Presentation

Individuals or groups requesting to make an oral presentation at the teleconference will be limited to 2 minutes per speaker, with no more than a total of 30 minutes for all speakers. Interested parties should contact the Council Coordinator by the date above, in writing (preferably via email; see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT), to be placed on the public speaker list for this teleconference. Nonregistered public speakers will not be considered during the Council teleconference. Registered 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 within 30 days following the teleconference.