

and Wildlife Conservation.” The Council’s membership is composed of 18 discretionary members. The HSSCC’s purpose is to provide recommendations to the Federal Government, through the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, regarding policies and endeavors that (a) benefit wildlife resources; (b) encourage partnership among the public; sporting conservation organizations; and Federal, state, tribal, and territorial governments; and (c) benefit recreational hunting and recreational shooting sports.

**Meeting Agenda**

- Overview and update on the implementation of outdoor recreation Secretarial Orders.
- Update from the Department of the Interior and Department of Agriculture and bureaus from both agencies regarding efforts to create or expand hunting and recreational shooting opportunities on Federal lands.
- Hunting and Shooting Sports Conservation Council subcommittee reports.
- Consideration of subcommittee reports and discussion of strategic issues and possible recommendations.

- Other miscellaneous Council business.
- Public comment period.

The final agenda and other related meeting information will be posted on the Council website at <http://www.fws.gov/hsscc>. The Designated Federal Officer will maintain detailed minutes of the meeting, which will be posted for public inspection within 90 days after the meeting at <http://www.fws.gov/hsscc>.

**Public Input**

If you wish to	You must contact the Council Designated Federal Officer (see <b>FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT</b> ) no later than
Attend the meeting .....	September 25, 2018.
Submit written information before the meeting for the Council to consider during the meeting.	September 25, 2018.
Give an oral presentation during the public comment period .....	September 25, 2018.

*Submitting Written Information*

Interested members of the public may submit relevant information for the Council to consider during the public meeting. Written statements must be received by the date in Public Input, 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 Designated Federal Officer in the following formats: One hard copy with original signature, and/or one electronic copy via email (acceptable file formats are Adobe Acrobat PDF, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or rich text file).

*Giving an Oral Presentation*

Depending on the number of people wishing to comment and the time available, the amount of time for individual oral comments may be limited. Interested parties should contact the Council Designated Federal Officer, in writing (preferably via email; see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**), for advance placement on the public speaker list for this meeting. 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, may submit written statements to the Council Designated Federal Officer up to 30 days following the meeting. Requests to address the Council during the public comment period will be accommodated in the order the requests are received.

**Availability of Public Comments**

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.

**Authority:** Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2).

Dated: August 30, 2018.

**James W. Kurth,**

*Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Exercising the Authority of the Director for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**[Docket No. FWS–HQ–IA–2018–0054; FXIA1671090000–178–FF09A30000]**

**Foreign Endangered Species; Marine Mammals; Issuance of Permits**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of permits.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have issued permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). With

some exceptions, the ESA prohibits activities involving listed species unless a Federal permit is issued to allow such activity.

**ADDRESSES:** Information about the applications for the permits listed in this notice is available online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). See

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for details.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brenda Tapia, by phone at 703–358–2104, via email at [DMAFR@fws.gov](mailto:DMAFR@fws.gov), or via the Federal Relay Service at 800–877–8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have issued permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species in response to permit applications that we received under the authority of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

After considering the information submitted with each permit application and the public comments received, we issued the requested permits subject to certain conditions set forth in each permit. For each application for an endangered species, we found that (1) the application was filed in good faith, (2) the granted permit would not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species, and (3) the granted permit would be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

**Availability of Documents**

The permittees’ original permit application materials, along with public comments we received during public comment periods for the applications,

are available for review. To locate the application materials and received

comments, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and search for the appropriate permit

number (e.g., 12345C) provided in the following table:

Permit No.	Applicant	Permit issuance date
115344	Forrest Simpson	April 17, 2018.
58260C	Northeastern University/Ocean Genome Legacy Center	April 11, 2018.
125284	Smithsonian Institution/National Museum of Natural History	April 12, 2018.
42528C	Miami-Dade Zoological Park and Gardens	March 20, 2018.
51951C	East Texas Ranch, LP	July 24, 2018.
37142A	East Texas Ranch, LP	July 24, 2018.
32977C	Denver Zoological Foundation, d/b/a Denver Zoo	June 20, 2018.

**Permit Issued Under Emergency Exemption**

On May 23, 2017, the Service issued a permit (Permit No. 90984C) to the Wildlife Conservation Society, New York, New York, to import biological samples from confiscated wild-caught specimens of radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*) in Madagascar, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This action was authorized under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The Service determined that an emergency affecting the health and well-being of these confiscated tortoises existed, and that no reasonable alternative was available to the applicant for the following reason:

The Wildlife Conservation Society requested a permit to import biological samples from Dr. Randriamahazo Herilala in Analamanga, Madagascar, due to the pending review of their request for a blanket import permit covering biological samples from multiple species (Permit No. 85317C) for scientific research and diagnostics purposes. The length of time involved in reviewing this application, as well as the regulatory requirement for a 30-day public comment period associated with this proposed activity, would have caused an undue delay in analyzing these samples for the presence of any potential pathogens, diseases, or nutritional deficiencies relating to these confiscated specimens. This analysis is needed to help facilitate the placement and care of these confiscated specimens within Madagascar, mitigating further mortalities and improving the conditions under which these specimens are currently being held.

**Authority**

We issue this notice under the authority of the Endangered Species Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and its implementing regulations, and the Marine Mammal Protection Act,

as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and its implementing regulations.

**Brenda Tapia,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**National Indian Gaming Commission**

**Submission of Information Collections Under the Paperwork Reduction Act**

**AGENCY:** National Indian Gaming Commission, Interior.

**ACTION:** Second notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC or Commission) is announcing its submission, concurrently with the publication of this notice or soon thereafter, of the following information collection requests to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

The Commission is seeking comments on the renewal of information collections for the following activities: (i) Indian gaming management contract-related submissions, as authorized by OMB Control Number 3141–0004 (expires on November 30, 2018); (ii) Indian gaming fee payments-related submissions, as authorized by OMB Control Number 3141–0007 (expires on November 30, 2018); (iii) minimum internal control standards for class II gaming submission and recordkeeping requirements, as authorized by OMB Control Number 3141–0009 (expires on November 30, 2018); (iv) facility license-related submission and recordkeeping requirements, as authorized by OMB Control Number 3141–0012 (expires on November 30, 2018); and (v) minimum technical standards for class II gaming systems and equipment submission and recordkeeping requirements, as authorized by OMB Control Number

3141–0014 (expires on November 30, 2018).

**DATES:** The OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection requests, but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, public comments should be submitted to OMB by October 17, 2018 in order to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments directly to OMB’s Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Policy Analyst/Desk Officer for the National Indian Gaming Commission. Comments can also be emailed to [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov), include reference to “NIGC PRA Renewals” in the subject line.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, including copies of the proposed information collection requests and supporting documentation, contact Tim Osumi at (202) 632–7003; fax (202) 632–7066 (not toll-free numbers). You may also review these information collection requests by going to <http://www.reginfo.gov> (Information Collection Review, Currently Under Review, Agency: National Indian Gaming Commission).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

The gathering of this information is in keeping with the purposes of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA or the Act), Public Law 100–497, 25 U.S.C. 2701, *et seq.*, which include: Providing a statutory basis for the operation of gaming by Indian tribes as a means of promoting tribal economic development, self-sufficiency, and strong tribal governments; ensuring that the Indian tribe is the primary beneficiary of the gaming operation; and declaring that the establishment of independent federal regulatory authority for gaming on Indian lands, the establishment of federal standards for gaming on Indian lands, and the establishment of the Commission are necessary to meet congressional concerns regarding gaming and to protect such gaming as a means of