



## NOTICE TO THE WILDLIFE IMPORT/EXPORT COMMUNITY



July 11, 2014

### **Subject: Notifications of Expiration of Wildlife Import/Export Licenses and Designated Port Exception Permits**

**Background:** Wildlife import/export licenses issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) are valid for one year from the date of issuance. For a number of years now OLE has, as a courtesy, sent written notifications by mail to license holders to inform them in advance of the pending expiration date of their license and encourage them to request renewal on a timely basis. We have also provided advance written notice to holders of designated port exception (DPE) permits to remind them of pending expiration.

Due to staff and other resource constraints, we will no longer be able to provide this service. Individuals and businesses that hold wildlife import/export licenses and DPE permits will be responsible for monitoring expiration dates and obtaining license/permit renewals without notification from the Service. The Service is exploring options for electronic reminders for users of our eDecs system.

**Action:** As of August 1, 2014, the Office of Law Enforcement will no longer send written notices to wildlife import/export license holders and DPE permit holders concerning the expiration of those licenses/permits and the need to request renewal.

Service wildlife inspectors will not clear shipments presented for import or export under expired licenses or DPE permits.

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