maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

The public is invited to comment on the following application for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application was submitted to satisfy requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.) and the regulation governing marine mammals (50 CFR 18).

PRT–840944
Applicant: Lewis E. Misterly, Jr., Anaheim Hills, CA

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (Ursus maritimus) sport-hunted from the McClintock Channel polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

PRT–840789
Applicant: Michael J. Moir, Gaylord, MI

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (Ursus maritimus) sport-hunted prior to April 30, 1994 from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications.

SUMMARY: The following applicants have applied for a scientific research permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

Permit No. 702631

Applicant: Harald Mueller, Albuquerque, NM

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (Ursus maritimus) sport-hunted prior to April 30, 1994 from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

PRT–839520
Applicant: Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey, Vienna, VA

The applicant requests a permit to export and reimport captive born Asian elephants (Elephas maximus), tigers (Panthera tigris), and a leopard (Panthera pardus) and progeny of the animals currently held by the applicant and any animals acquired in the United States by the applicant to/from worldwide locations to enhance the survival of the species through conservation education. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a three-year period. This notification was previously published February 27, 1998 [63 FR, No. 39, Page 10032] and written comments will continue to be accepted until April 15, 1998.

Documents and other information submitted for this application are available for review by any party who submits a written request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director by April 15, 1998.

Kristen Nelson,
Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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