The following applicant has applied for a scientific research permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals: 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.

Applicant: Lewis E. Minterly, Jr., Anaheim Hills, CA

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.

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.

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 McClintock Channel polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

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. Phone (703) 358-2104 or Fax (703) 358-2281.


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

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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: Assistant Regional Director-Ecological Services, Region 1, Fish and Wildlife Service, Portland, Oregon
The applicant requests a permit amendment to take (harass by survey, capture, hold, radio collar, mark, draw biological samples, release, captive breed and release progeny into the wild) the Peninsular bighorn sheep (Ovis canadensis) throughout the species' range in California in conjunction with recovery efforts, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. 802104
Applicant: Carolee Caffrey, Stillwater, Oklahoma

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take (harass by survey) the California least tern (Sterna antillarum browni) throughout the species' range in California; in conjunction with scientific research, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. 840895
Applicant: State of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii

The applicant requests an amendment to his permit to take (capture, collect, and release) the nene or Hawaiian goose (Branta sandvicensis), 'o'ili (Melanprosops phaeosoma), Maui parrotbill (Pseudonestor xantephyrs), 'akohikohe or crested honeycreeper (Palmeria dolei), and 'alalā or Hawaiian crow (Corvus hawaiiensis) throughout their ranges in Hawaii in conjunction with captive breeding and population management activities, for the purpose of enhancing their survival. These activities have been previously authorized under subpermit HIDLNR.

DATES: Written comments on these permit applications must be received on or before May 11, 1998.

ADDRESS: Written data or comments should be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, Chief, Division of Consultation and Conservation Planning, 911 N.E. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181; FAX: (503) 231-6243. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments. All comments, including names and addresses, received will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and the Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents within 20 days of the date of publication of this notice to the address above; telephone: (503) 231-2063. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when requesting copies of documents.

Dated: March 26, 1998.

Cynthia U. Barry,
Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service
Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Application

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application.

Permit No. PRT-676811
Applicant: Assistant Regional Director—Ecological Services, Region 2, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Applicant requests authorization to renew U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Endangered Species Permit PRT-676811, from June 15, 1998, through December 31, 2003. This permit would allow "take" of species listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act. Taking would be for scientific research and recovery purposes or the enhancement of propagation or survival for approved recovery activities.

SUMMARY: The applicant listed above has applied for a permit renewal to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

DATES: Written comments on this permit application must be received on or before May 11, 1998.

ADDRESS: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Legal Instruments Examiner, Division of Endangered Species/Permits, Ecological Services, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Please refer to the permit number for this application when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and the Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice, to the address above.

Renne Lohoefener,
ARD—Ecological Services, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service
Endangered 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's. 834488, 780656
Applicants: Gregg Miller, Tustin, California; Ruben Ramirez, Jr., Diamond Bar, California

The applicants request amendments to their permits to take (capture, handle, and release) the San Bernardino kangaroo rat (Dipodomys merriami parvus) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys and population monitoring in San Bernardino and Riverside counties, California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. 839890
Applicant: Gregory P. Smith, Arroyo Grande, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, nest monitor, and band) the California least tern (Sterna albifrons browni) in the Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area in San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties, California in conjunction with presence or absence surveys and nest monitoring for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No's. 840036, 839984, 820306, 839986, 840619, 800930, 840623, 840624
Applicants: Gilbert B. Ruiz, Santa Monica, California; Gladys T. Baird, San Diego, California; KEA Environmental, San Diego, California; Samuel J. Reed, Temecula, California; Jeff Prest, San Diego, California; Viviane Marquez, Chula Vista, California; Anita Eng, San Diego, California; Chris Norby, San Diego, California

The applicants request a permit or permit amendment to take (harass by survey) the Quino checkerspot butterfly...