

and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, *subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act*, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

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 regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR 18).

PRT-777239

Applicant: Ronald J. Jameson, U.S.G.S., Western Ecological Research Center, Corvallis, OR

Permit Type: Take for scientific research.

Name and Number of Animals: Northern Sea Otter (*Enhydra lutris lutris*).

Summary of Activity to be

Authorized: The applicant requests an amendment to his permit to take an additional 33 sea otters for the purpose of scientific research to continue his study of the animal's ability to reoccupy historical habitats and the possible impacts of greater contaminant loads.

Source of Marine Mammals: Wild sea otters along the northern coast of Washington State.

Period of Activity: Up to 5 years, if issued.

PRT-018196

Applicant: International Animal Consulting Group, Inc., Shadow Hills, CA

Permit Type: Take (from the wild) and export for public display.

Name and Number of Animals: Northern Sea Otter (*Enhydra lutris lutris*) 1.2.

Summary of Activity to be

Authorized: The applicant requests a permit to live capture and export for public education and breeding 1.2 juvenile animals to the Toba Aquarium, Toba 3-3-6 MIE Pref., Japan.

Source of Marine Mammals: Wild sea otters along the coast of Alaska.

Period of Activity: Up to 5 years, if issued.

PRT-018197

Applicant: International Animal Consulting Group, Inc., Shadow Hills, CA

Permit Type: Take (from the wild) and export for public display.

Name and Number of Animals: Northern Sea Otter (*Enhydra lutris lutris*) 0.2.

Summary of Activity To Be

Authorized: The applicant requests a permit to live capture and export for public education and breeding 0.2 juvenile animals to the IZU-MITO Sea Paradise, Numazu Shizuoka, Japan.

Source of Marine Mammals: Wild sea otters along the coast of Alaska.

Period of Activity: Up to 5 years, if issued.

PRT-020346

Applicant: Leviathan Legacy, Inc., 1318 SW 14th Street, Boca Raton, FL

Permit Type: Take for scientific research.

Name and Number of Animals: West Indian Manatee (*Trichechus manatus*).

Summary of Activity To Be

Authorized: The applicant requests a permit to study the reactions of West Indian manatees to and possible impacts from controlled boat approaches, underwater acoustic projections of approaching boats, and narrow beam manatee alerting sounds.

Source of Marine Mammals: 50-100 wild manatees occurring in waters adjacent to Buzzard Island in Crystal River, Florida.

Period of Activity: Up to 5 years, if issued.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Office of Management Authority is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

Written data or comments, requests for copies of the complete application, or requests for a public hearing on this application should be sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone 703/358-2104 or fax 703/358-2281 and must be received within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

Dated: December 13, 1999.

Pamela Hall,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Emergency Exemption; Issuance

On December 7, 1999, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) issued a permit (PRT-020339) to the US Fish and Wildlife Service Jacksonville Florida Field Office, Jacksonville, Florida, to import a juvenile Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*). The 30-day public comment period required by section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act was waived. The Service determined that an emergency affecting the health and life of this turtle existed and that no reasonable alternative was available to the applicant, for the following reasons:

a. This turtle was found stranded outside of its normal range on a beach in Wales, UK, on December 1, 1999, and was being housed at the Oceanarium, St. David's Sea Life Centre (Centre), Wales.

b. The Centre's facilities allow for water temperature to be maintained at a temperature of 14.5 Celsius (58.1 Fahrenheit). Optimal water temperature for this species is 24 Celsius (75 Fahrenheit). Therefore, the Centre was unable to adequately maintain this specimen.

c. The specimen is being housed for evaluation at Sea World of Orlando, Orlando, Florida. Sea World of Orlando is licensed by the State of Florida as a sea turtle rehabilitation center in accordance with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's agreement with the Service under Section 6 of the Endangered Species Act.

d. Following a satisfactory health and evaluation period, this specimen will be released back into the marine environment.

Dated: December 13, 1999.

Pamela Hall,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Amended Notice of Intent (NOI) To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement To Protect Seabird Nesting Islands on Maine's Coast To Further Include a Comprehensive Conservation Plan for Petit Manan National Wildlife Refuge

SUMMARY: This NOI is an amendment to the previous notice published on 10/4/