The adverse effects of predatory lending practices on minority and elderly borrowers;
Possible improvements under existing federal laws and proposals for new protections;
The role of state laws in stemming abusive lending;
Predatory lending, the secondary market and the securities industry—from Main Street to Wall Street;
The role of enforcement in stemming predatory lending practices under federal laws, such as the Fair Housing Act and RESPA;
Counseling and consumer education; and
Positive and negative effects of technology on predatory abuses.

The agendas for each forum will be established in advance and made available by HUD through its web site (http://www.hud.gov) and through HUD's Office of Public Affairs. Following these forums, HUD will propose protections to address abusive lending practices.

Gail W. Laster,
General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

Endangered Species

The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, et seq.).

PRT–025112
Applicant: Dana M. Biasatti, Dallas, TX
The applicant requests a permit to import samples obtained from salvaged Leatherback (Dermochelys coriacea), Green (Chelonia mydas) and Olive Ridley (Lepidochelys olivacea) marine turtles for the purpose of in enhancement of the species through scientific research.

PRT–024610
Applicant: Michael J. Flannery, Soldotna, AK
The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (Damaliscus pygargus dorcas) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

PRT–024500
Applicant: James D. McChesney, Cooperstown, NY
The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (Damaliscus pygargus dorcas) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

PRT–024498
Applicant: Roland Garrett, Yorktown, VA
The applicant requests a permit to import two male and one female captive-born Cheetah (Acinonyx jubatus) from the Hoedspruit Research and Breeding Centre, Waterkloof Ridge, South Africa for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

PRT–024740
Applicant: Robert D. Adams, Hazel, SD
The applicant requests a permit to import two male and one female captive-born Amur leopard (Panthera pardus orientalis) from Jelly Cat World, Ontario, Canada for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

PRT–024861
Applicant: Center for Environmental Research and Conservation, Columbia University, New York, NY
The applicant requests a permit to import blood, hair and tissue samples from wild, captive held and/or captive born Asian elephant (Elephas maximus) for the purpose of enhancement of the species through scientific research.

PRT–023848
Applicant: Toledo Zoological Gardens, Toledo, OH
The applicant requests a permit to import two male and one female captive-born Cheetah (Acinonyx jubatus) from the Hoedspruit Research and Breeding Centre, Waterkloof Ridge, South Africa for the purpose of enhancement of the species through captive propagation.

PRT–023849
Applicant: Minnesota Zoological Garden, Apple Valley, MN
The applicant requests a permit to import one captive-born male black-footed cat (Felis nigripes) from the Pretoria Zoo, Pretoria, South Africa, for the purpose of enhancing the survival of the species through propagation.

PRT–024092
Applicant: Black Pine, Inc. Albion, IN
The applicant requests a permit to import one captive-born male black-footed cat (Felis nigripes) from the Pretoria Zoo, Pretoria, South Africa, for the purpose of enhancing the survival of the species through propagation.
The applicant requests a permit to export 0.2 captive born tigers (Panthera tigris) to Dream World’s Tiger Island, Coomera, Queensland, Australia, for the purpose of enhancement of the species through captive propagation.

PRT–799726
Applicant: Duke University Primate Center, Durham, NC
The applicant requests a permit to import tissue samples from captive white-fronted lemurs (Lemur fulvus albifrons) at Parc Ivoloina, Madagascar for scientific research.

PRT–025015
Applicant: Jack W. Nicklas, North Palm Beach, FL
The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (Damaliscus pygargus dorcas) culled from a captive herd 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.

Marine Mammal

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–024046
Applicant: Craig W. Scott, Corinth, TX
The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (Ursus maritimus) sport-hunted from the Northern Beaufort Sea polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

PRT–024496
Applicant: Chris Walgreen, Chicago, IL
The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (Ursus maritimus) sport-hunted from the Southern Beaufort Sea polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

PRT–024621
Applicant: Alfred G. Hoover, Bloomfield Hills, MI
The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (Ursus maritimus) sport-hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

PRT–024741
Applicant: Michael T. Warn, Aurora, OR
The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (Ursus maritimus) sport-hunted from the Northern Beaufort Sea polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

PRT–024962
Applicant: Richard A. Belotti, Monroe Township, NJ
The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (Ursus maritimus) sport-hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Written data, comments or requests for copies of these complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications 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 703/358–2095 or fax 703/358–2811. These requests 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.

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 these 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)358–2905; FAX: (703)358–2998.

Mark Phillips,
Acting Chief, Branch of Operation, Office of Management Authority.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Receipt of Application for Approval

The following applicant has applied for approval to conduct certain activities with birds that are protected under the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992. This notice is provided under Section 112, paragraph 4, of the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992, and Title 50, of the Code of Federal Regulations, 15.26(c).

Applicant: Jeanette Rilling, Kintnersville, PA. The applicant wishes to establish a cooperative breeding program for the Red-crested cardinal (Paroaria coronorata) and the Yellow-billed cardinal (Paroaria capitata). The applicant wishes to be an active participant in this program with four other private individuals and two zoological organizations. The American Federation of Aviculture Inc. has assumed the responsibility for the oversight of the program.

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.

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 these 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)358–2905; FAX: (703)358–2998.

Kristen Nelson,
Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals

On, January 6, 2000 a notice was published in the Federal Register, Vol. 65, No.4, Page 787, that an application had been filed with the Fish and