DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Receipt of a Permit Application (Raz) for Incidental Take of the Houston Toad

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Martin Raz (Applicant) has applied for an incidental take permit (TE-042729-0) pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). The requested permit would authorize the incidental take of the endangered Houston toad. The proposed take would occur as a result of the construction and occupation of a single-family residence on approximately 0.5 acres of a 10.0-acre property on Old Potato Road, Bastrop County, Texas.

DATES: Written comments on the application should be received on or before September 6, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the application may obtain a copy by writing to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103.

Persons wishing to review the EA/HCP may obtain a copy by contacting Clayton Napier, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758 (512/490-0057). Documents will be available for public inspection by written request, by appointment only, during normal business hours (8:00 to 4:30) at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin, Texas. Written data or comments concerning the application and EA/HCP should be submitted to the Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin, Texas, at the above address. Please refer to permit number TE-042731-0 when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Clayton Napier at the above U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the Act prohibits the “taking” of endangered species such as the Houston toad. However, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take endangered wildlife species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22.

The Service has prepared the Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan (EA/HCP) for the incidental take application. A determination of jeopardy to the species or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will not be made until at least 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Applicant: Hal Reames plans to construct a single-family residence, within 8 years, on approximately 0.5 acres of a 20.0-acre property on Southshore Road, Bastrop County, Texas. This action will eliminate 0.5 acres or less of Houston toad habitat and result in indirect impacts within the lot. The Applicant proposes to compensate for this incidental take of the Houston toad by providing $2,000.00 to the Houston Toad Conservation Fund at the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the specific purpose of land acquisition and management within Houston toad habitat.

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Applicant: Martin Raz plans to construct a single-family residence, within 5 years, on approximately 0.5 acres of a 10.0-acre property on Old Potato Road, Bastrop County, Texas. This action will eliminate 0.5 acres or less of Houston toad habitat and result in indirect impacts within the lot. The Applicant proposes to compensate for this incidental take of the Houston toad by providing $2,000.00 to the Houston Toad Conservation Fund at the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the specific purpose of land acquisition and management within Houston toad habitat.

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Written data or comments concerning the application and EA/HCP should be submitted to the Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin, Texas, at the above address. Please refer to permit number TE-042733-0 when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Scott Rowin, at the above U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Section 9 of the Act prohibits the “taking” of endangered species such as the golden-cheeked warbler. However, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take endangered wildlife species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22.

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Applicants: Thomas V. Scarpato and Janet E. Neyland-Scarpato (Applicants) have applied for an incidental take permit (TE-042733-0) pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). The requested permit would authorize the incidental take of the endangered golden-cheeked warbler. The proposed take would occur as the result of the construction of one single family residence on Lot 11, Two Coves Drive, Austin, Travis County, Texas.

DATES: Written comments on the application should be received on or before September 6, 2001.

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Notice of Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals

On, May 22, 2001, a notice was published in the Federal Register (volume #66 FR page #28196), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Daniel Welch for a permit (PRT-042573) to import one polar bear (Ursus maritimus) trophy taken from the Northern Beaufort Sea population, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on July 9, 2001, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On, May 22, 2001, a notice was published in the Federal Register (volume #66 FR page #28196), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by William Cunningham for a permit (PRT-042218) to import one polar bear (Ursus maritimus) trophy taken from the Lancaster Sound population, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on July 9, 2001, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On, May 22, 2001, a notice was published in the Federal Register (volume #66 FR page #28196), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Gary Sorensen for a permit (PRT-042199) to import one polar bear (Ursus maritimus) trophy taken from the Southern Beaufort Sea population, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on July 10, 2001, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

Documents and other information submitted for those applications are available for review by any party who submits a written request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone (703) 358-2104 or fax (703) 358-2281.