The applicant requests a permit to import one angulated tortoise (Geochelone yniphora) from the Singapore Zoological Gardens, Singapore, for the purpose of enhancement of the species through captive propagation and scientific research.

Applicant: William H. Zovickian, Dacula, GA, PRT-086430

The applicant requests a permit to export five captive-born cotton-top tamarins (Saguinus oedipus) to the St. Maarten Zoological and Botanical Gardens, St. Maarten, Netherlands Antilles, for the purpose of enhancement of the species through conservation education.

Applicant: University of Wisconsin-Madison, Psychology Department, Madison, WI, PRT-082542

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from peninsula pronghorn (Antilocapra americana peninsularis) from both captive-born and wild caught specimens in Mexico, for scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five year period.

Applicant: Los Angeles Zoo, Los Angeles, CA, PRT-079682

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Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The applications were 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 part 18). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be submitted to the Director (address above). 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.

Applicant: Steven W. Stock, Oneida, WI, PRT-086456

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (Ursus maritimum) sport hunted from the Southern Beaufort Sea polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

Applicant: Douglas R. Scandrol, Pittsburgh, PA, PRT-086589

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (Ursus maritimum) sport hunted from the Viscount Melville Sound polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

Applicant: Leon A. Naccarato, Priest River, ID, PRT-086824

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (Ursus maritimum) sport hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population in Canada for personal use.


Michael S. Moore,
Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of decision and availability of decision documents.

SUMMARY: Between July 18, 2003 and April 20, 2004, the Pacific Region of the Fish and Wildlife Service (we, the Service) issued 16 permits in response to applications for incidental take of threatened and endangered species, pursuant to sections 10(a)(1)(B) and 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). Copies of the permits and associated decision documents are available upon request.

ADDRESSES: Documents are available from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 911 NE. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232; facsimile (503) 231-6243. Charges for copying, shipping and handling may apply.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you would like copies of any of the documents cited in this notice, please contact Shelly McKeever, Administrative Assistant, at telephone (503) 231-6241.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Section 9 of the Act and Federal regulations prohibit the take of wildlife species listed as endangered or threatened. The term “take” means to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect listed wildlife, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. The Service may, under limited circumstances, issue permits to authorize take that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, carrying out an otherwise lawful activity. Regulations governing permits for threatened and endangered species are found in 50 CFR 17.32 and 17.22.

Although not required by law or regulation, it is Service policy to notify the public of its permit application decisions. Between July 18, 2003 and April 20, 2004, we issued the following permits within the Pacific Region of the Service for incidental take of threatened and endangered species subject to certain conditions set forth therein, pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) and section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act. We issued each permit after determining that: (1) The permit application was submitted in good faith; (2) all permit issuance criteria were met, including the requirement that granting the permit will not jeopardize the continued existence of listed species; and (3) the permit was consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in the Act and applicable regulations, including a thorough review of the environmental effects of the action and alternatives pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

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Copies of these permits, the accompanying Habitat Conservation Plan, Safe Harbor Agreement or Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances, and associated documents are available upon request. Decision documents for each permit include a Findings and Recommendation; a Biological Opinion; and either a Record of Decision, Finding of No Significant Impact, or an Environmental Action Statement. Associated documents may also include an Implementing Agreement, Environmental Impact Statement, or Environmental Assessment, as applicable.

David J. Wesley, Deputy Regional Director, Portland, Oregon. [FR Doc. 04–11036 Filed 5–14–04; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered Species Recovery 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 (16 USC 1531 et seq.). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (“we”) solicits review and comment from local, State, and Federal agencies, and the public on the following permit requests.

DATES: Comments on these permit applications must be received on or before June 16, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Chief, Endangered Species, Ecological Services, 911 NE. 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 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 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 (telephone: 503–231–2063). Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when requesting copies of documents.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Permit No. TE–017352

Applicant: The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Saipan, Mariana Islands. The permittee requests an amendment to take (collect blood and mark) the Mariana swiftlet (Aerodramus bartschi) in conjunction with scientific research in the Mariana Islands for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

We solicit public review and comment on each of these recovery permit applications.


David J. Wesley
Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered Species Recovery Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Permit No. TE–081220

Applicant: William Wagner, Mountain Center, California.

The permittee requests an amendment to take (survey by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (Euphydryas editha quino) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE–084254

Applicant: Ellen Schaflauer, Ridgecrest, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (survey by pursuit) the Delhi Sands flower-loving fly (Rhaphiomidas terminatus abdominalis) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

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