DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service
Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species and/or marine mammals.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by April 21, 2004.

ADDRESSES: 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: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax (703) 358–2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone (703) 358–2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Endangered Species
The public is invited to comment on the following applications 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.). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (address above). Applicant: Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University/ Biomedical Sciences and Pathobiology, Blacksburg, VA, PRT–082597.

The applicant request a permit to import DNA samples isolated from feces of wild chimpanzees (Pan troglodytes) collected in Tanzania. The samples being re-exported from Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany, will be imported for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five year period. Applicant: Jack O. L. Saunders, Las Cruces, NM, PRT–083524.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (Damaliscus pygargus pygargus) 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. Applicant: Corey Lee Goss, Council Bluffs, IA, PRT–083479.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (Damaliscus pygargus pygargus) 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. Applicant: Jose V. Cardenal, Miami, FL, PRT–083574.

The applicant requests a permit to import one polar bear (Ursus maritimus) sport hunted from the Southern Beaufort Sea polar bear population in Canada prior to February 18, 1997, for personal use. Applicant: Charles Johnson, New Brighton, MN, PRT–083529.

The applicant requests a permit to import one polar bear (Ursus maritimus) sport hunted from the Foxe Basin polar bear population in Canada prior to February 18, 1997, for personal use. Applicant: Charles Johnson, New Brighton, MN, PRT–083529.

Endangered Marine Mammals and Marine Mammals
The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered marine mammals and/or marine mammals. The applications were submitted to satisfy requirements of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, et seq.) and/or the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.), and the regulations governing endangered species (50 CFR Part 17) and/or 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: Charles S. Harrison, Mechanicsburg, PA, PRT–083389.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (Ursus maritimus) sport hunted from the Western Hudson Bay polar bear population in Canada for personal use. Applicant: Corey Lee Goss, Council Bluffs, IA, PRT–083479.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (Ursus maritimus) sport hunted from the Foxe Basin polar bear population in Canada prior to February 18, 1997, for personal use. Applicant: Charles Johnson, New Brighton, MN, PRT–083529.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of permits for endangered species.

SUMMARY: The following permits were issued.

ADDRESSES: 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: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax (703) 358–2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone (703) 358–2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that on the dates below, as authorized by the provisions of the
Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, et seq.), and/or the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.), the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permit(s) subject to certain conditions set forth therein. For each permit for an endangered species, the Service found that (1) the application was filed in good faith, (2) the granted permit would not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species, and (3) the granted permit would be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in Section 2 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

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The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, identify, and release) the following species: Cape Fear shiner (Notropis mekistochilus), Waccamaw silverside (Menidia extensa), Roanoke logperch (Percina rex), yellowfin madtom (Noturus flavipinnis), slender chub (Erinystox (Hybopsis) cahni), blue shiner (Cyprinella caerulea), blackside dace (Phoxinus cumberlendensis), Conasauga logperch (Percina jenkinsii), spotfin chub (Cyprinella (Hybopsis) monacha), Cherokee darter (Etheostoma scotti), snail darter (Percina tanasi), duskytail darter (Etheostoma percnurum), goldline darter (Percina aurolineata), Amber darter (Percina antsellia), Etowah darter (Etheostoma etowahae), Applachian elktoe (Alasmidonta raveneliana), Carolina heaven splitter (Lasigmogona decorata), Dwarf wedge mussel (Alasmidonta heterodon), James spinymussel (Pleurobema collina), Little-wing pearl mussels (Pegias fabula), Oyster mussel (Epioblasma capsaeformis), Tar spinymussel (Elliptio steinstansana), bog turtle ( Clemmys (Glyptemys) muhlenbergii), Eastern indigo snake (Drymarchon corais couperi), goopher tortoise (Gopherus polyphemus), and flatwoods salamander (Ambystoma cingulatum) while conducting presence and absence studies and population monitoring. The proposed activities would occur in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.

Applicant: Jerome N. Phillips, Gulf Shores, Alabama, TE083648–0.

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, hold temporarily, tissue collection, transport for treatment, nest monitoring, euthanize, and release) the loggerhead sea turtle (Caretta caretta), Kemp’s Ridley (Lepidochelys kempii), green sea turtle (Chelonia mydas), Hawksbill sea turtle (Ereothemochelys imbricata), and leatherback sea turtle...