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: Tom Stehn, Whooping Crane Recovery Plan Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 2, Austwell, TX, PRT–022747.

The applicant requests renewal of their permit to export/re-export captive-bred/captive-hatched and wild live specimens, captive-bred/wild collected viable eggs, biological samples and salvaged materials from captive-bred/wild specimens of Whooping cranes (Grus americana) to Canada, for completion of identified tasks and objectives mandated under the Whooping Crane Recovery Plan. Salvage materials may include, but are not limited to, whole or partial specimens, feathers, eggs, and egg shell fragments. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Applicant: University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Wilmington, NC, PRT–168756.

The applicant requests a permit to export biological samples from Kemp’s Ridley sea turtle (Lepidochelys kempii) to Ontario, Canada for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Applicant: Dr. Leslie Lyons, University of California, Davis, Davis, CA, PRT–154582.

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from wild and captive born species of Felidae from various locations for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Applicant: Priour Brothers Ranch, Ingram, TX, PRT–707102.

The applicant requests renewal of their permit which authorizes interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cult of excess animals of the following species: swamp deer (Cervus duvauceli), Eld’s deer (Cervus eldi) and red lechwe (Kobus leche) from their captive herd for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species in the wild. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

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: Monterey Bay Aquarium, Monterey, CA, PRT–032027.

The applicant requests renewal and amendment of their permit to take up to 100 southern sea otters (Enhydra lutris nereis) annually by capturing and recapturing, tagg ing and instrumenting, taking biological samples, conducting non-invasive and minimally invasive experiments on captive-held animals, conducting birth control, rehabilitating stranded animals, releasing animals, and care and maintenance of animals deemed provisionally non-releasable and non-releasable for the purpose of scientific research and enhancement of the survival of the species. The applicant is also requesting authorization to export and re-import captive-held sea otters deemed non-releasable for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Applicant: Beyond Bears, Inc., Frazier Park, CA, PRT–142439.

The applicant requests a permit to import one female captive-born polar bear (Ursus maritimus) from Beyond Bears’ facility in Abbotsford, British Columbia, Canada, for the purpose of public display.

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


Lisa J. Lierheimer,
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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 issuance of permits for endangered species and/or marine mammals.

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 212, 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.
The Department of the Interior

Final Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan, Great Falls, Park, VA.

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.


SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(c), the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan, Great Falls Park, Virginia (FEIS/GMP), administered by the George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP), a unit of the National Park System.

DATES: The NPS will execute a Record of Decision no sooner than 30 days following publication by the Environmental Protection Agency of the notice of availability of the FEIS/GMP. A 60-day public review period took place on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan (DEIS/GMP), Great Falls Park, Virginia, from October 15 to December 15, 2005 (70 FR 47853). Responses to public comment are addressed in the FEIS/GMP.

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ADDRESSSES: Comments on this FEIS/GMP may be submitted in writing to: Mr. David Vela, Superintendent, George Washington Memorial Parkway, Turkey Run Park, McLean, Virginia 22101; e–mailed to gwmp_supervisor@nps.gov; or submitted via an electronic link at http://parkplanning.nps.gov. To submit comments on http://parkplanning.nps.gov, click on the link “Plans/Documents Open for Comment” and follow that link to “Great Falls Park GMP/EIS.”

The FEIS/GMP will be available for public inspection Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. through 4 p.m., at the GWMP Headquarters, Turkey Run Park, McLean, Virginia 22101, and at the following sites: Great Falls Park, Virginia, Visitor Center, 9200 Old Dominion Drive, McLean, Virginia 22101, (703) 285-2965; Office of the Chief of Planning, National Capital Region, National Park Service, 1100 Ohio Drive SW., Washington, D.C. 20242, (202) 619–7277; Great Falls Library, 9830A Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, Virginia; and at http://www.nps.gov/gwmp/parkplanning/documents.html.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Vela, Superintendent, George Washington Memorial Parkway, Turkey Run Park, McLean, Virginia, 22102, (703) 289–2500, or Mr. Walter McDowney, Site Manager, Great Falls Park, Virginia, 9300 Old Dominion Drive, McLean, Virginia 22101, (703) 285–2965.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FEIS/GMP analyzes two alternatives for managing Great Falls Park, Virginia. The plan is intended to provide a foundation to help park managers guide park programs and set priorities for the management of Great Falls, Park, Virginia, for the next 20 years. The FEIS/GMP evaluates the environmental consequences of the preferred alternative and the status quo alternative on natural and cultural resources, recreational opportunities, traditional park character and visitor experience, and public health and safety.

Alternative A, “Status Quo/Continuation of Current Conditions,” maintains the status quo in the park, and describes resource conditions where existing practices continue to guide park practices. This alternative does not address resource protection planning needs including a Climbing Management Plan and a Trail Management Plan.

Alternative B (Preferred Alternative [Modified]) is based on an overall goal for the park of balancing opportunities for recreation while protecting sensitive natural and cultural resources. The preferred alternative described in the DEIS/GMP has been modified based on public and agency Comments that were received, as well as additional review by the internal planning team.

All interested individuals, agencies, and organizations are urged to provide comments on the FEIS/GMP. The NPS, in making a final decision regarding this matter, will consider all comments received by the closing date.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made