
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.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by April 4, 2007.

ADDRESS: 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: Sierra Endangered Cat Haven, Dunlap, CA, PRT–135919.

The applicant requests a permit to import two captive-born male cheetahs (Acinonyx jubatus) from the DeWildt Cheetah and Wildlife Trust, South Africa for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Nashville Zoo, Nashville, TN, PRT–145446.

The applicant requests a permit to import two males and two female captive-born clouded leopards (Neofelis nebulosa) from Khao Kheow Open Zoo, Chonburi, Thailand for the purpose of enhancement of the species through captive breeding.

Applicant: Panther Ridge Sanctuary, Wellington, FL, PRT–128590.

The applicant requests a permit to import multiple shipments of biological samples from wild or captive-held, or captive-born specimens of any endangered species for the purpose of scientific research. No animals can be intentionally killed for the purpose of collecting specimens. Any invasively collected sample can only be collected by trained personnel. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a period of 5 years.


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The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from Nile Crocodile (Crocodylus niloticus), slender-snouted crocodile (Crocodylus cataphractus) and dwarf crocodile (Osteolaemus tetraspis) collected from...
both wild and captive animals in Cote D’Ivoire and Ghana, for the purpose of scientific research.

**Applicant:** Memphis Zoo, Memphis, TN, PRT–146704.

The applicant requests a permit to import one captive-born male Sumatran orangutan (Pongo pygmaeus abelii) from the Toronto Zoo, Ontario, Canada, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species and captive propagation.

**Applicant:** Robert H. Clark, Spring Lake, MI, PRT–146530.

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:** Nicholas H. Altman, Houston, TX, PRT–143415.

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:** Mark D. Growther, Lilburn, GA, PRT–144846.

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**Applicant:** New York State Museum, Albany, NY, PRT–140174.

The applicant requests a permit to export and re-import non-living museum specimens of endangered and threatened species previously accessioned into the applicant’s collection for scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.


**Michael L. Carpenter,**
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**Draft Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan; Issuance of a Section 10(a)(1)(B) Permit for Incidental Take of the Golden-Cheeked Warbler in Williamson County, TX (CA 1100, LTD.)**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** CA 1100, LTD. (Applicant) has applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit (TE–139553–0) pursuant to Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended. The requested permit, which is for a period of 30 years, would authorize incidental take of the golden-cheeked warbler (Dendroica chrysoparia). The proposed take would occur as a result of the construction and occupation of a residential development on 176 acres of the Shadow Canyon property, Williamson County, Texas. We invite public comment.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, written comments must be received on or before May 4, 2007.

**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 draft Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan (EA/HCP) may obtain a copy by contacting William Amy, 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 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at the Service’s Austin office. Written data or comments concerning the application and draft EA/HCP should be submitted to the Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758. Please refer to permit number TE–139553–0 when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become a part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William Amy at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Austin office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758 (512–490–0057) or by e-mail, William_Amy@fws.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Applicant has applied to the Service for a Section 10(a)(1)(B) incidental take permit for a period of 30 years in order to authorize incidental take of the golden-cheeked warbler.

Section 9 of the Act prohibits the “taking” of endangered species such as the golden-cheeked warbler. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take endangered wildlife species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities.

We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22), and the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4371 et seq.) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

**Applicant:** The Applicant plans to construct a residential and commercial development on the 176-acre property located on Shadow Canyon property, Williamson County, Texas. This action will adversely affect 70.1 acres of oak-juniper woodland resulting in take of three pairs of golden-cheeked warblers. The Applicant proposes to mitigate for incidental take of the golden-cheeked warbler by purchasing 97 mitigation credits from a conservation bank approved by the Service to preserve 97 acres of golden-cheeked warbler habitat in perpetuity within the acquisition area of the Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge.

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Acting Regional Director, Region 2,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.
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**Draft Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan; Receipt of Application for Incidental Take of the Houston Toad in Bastrop County, TX (Combs Lot 3)**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Lee Combs (Applicant) has applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit (TE–141969–0) pursuant to Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended. The requested permit, which is for a period of five years, would authorize incidental take of the Houston toad