DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

ENDANGERED MARINE MAMMALS

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**Applicant:** The Science and Conservation Center, Zoo Montana, Billings, MT, PRT–187319.

The applicant requests a permit to import blood samples from 4 female captive bred Przewalski’s horses (*Equus przewalskii*) at the Association pour le cheval de Przewalski, France, for the purpose of enhancement of the propagation or survival of the species. This notification covers a one-time import.

**Applicant:** North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, Beaufort, NC, PRT–192398.

The applicant requests a permit to import one live stranded Kemp’s ridley (*Lepidochelys kempi*) sea turtle from the United Kingdom for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

**Applicant:** Virginia Safari Park, Natural Bridge, VA, PRT–192751.

The applicant requests a permit to import two male captive-bred cheetahs (*Acinonyx jubatus*) from the Do Wildt Cheetah Breeding Center, South Africa for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

**Applicant:** Houston Zoo, Inc., Houston, TX, PRT–192243.

The applicant requests a permit to purchase in interstate commerce one female Asian elephant (*Elephas maximus*) born in the wild during 1983 from Have Trunk Will Travel, Perris, California for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

**Applicant:** Ricardo Longoria, Laredo, TX, PRT–192403.

The applicant requests a permit authorizing take, interstate and foreign commerce of swamp deer (*Rucervus duvaucelli*), from his captive herd for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

**Applicant:** Arno W. Weiss, St. Charles, MI, PRT–191092.

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:** Eldon R. Bell, San Angelo, TX, PRT–191126.

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**Applicant:** University of Illinois  
Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory,  
Maywood, IL, PRT–187330.

The applicant requests a permit to import biological specimens taken worldwide from dead wild and captive-held threatened and endangered species of Canidae (wolves, foxes, dholes and wild dogs), Hyaenidae (hyaenas), Felidae (cats), and Mustelidae (otters, not including marine and sea otters) for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through disease and death investigations. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

**Applicant:** Florida Museum of Natural History, Gainesville, FL, PRT–677336.

The applicant requests renewal of their permit to import, export, and re-export non-living museum specimens of endangered and threatened species of plants and animals 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.

**Applicant:** El Paso Zoo, El Paso, TX,  
PRT–191094.

The applicant requests a permit to export one female captive-born Malayan tapir (*Tapirus indicus*) to Africam Safari, Mexico for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through captive breeding and conservation education.

**Applicant:** Captive-bred Wildlife Foundation, Portal, AZ, PRT–191393.

The applicant requests a permit to export 6 captive hatched Galapagos tortoises (*Chelonoidis nigra*) to Edward Cham, Quezon City, Philippines for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

**Applicant:** David W. Nesbit, Gonzales, TX, PRT–189408.

The applicant requests a permit authorizing take, interstate and foreign commerce of swamp deer (*Bucovirus duvaucelii*), from his captive herd for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

**Applicant:** David E. Robinson, Rancho Santa Fe, CA, PRT–162422.

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**Applicant:** Aymer L. Curtin, Gainesville, FL, PRT–170073.

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**Applicant:** Christopher J. Reinesch, Gilbert, AZ, PRT–185764.

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**Applicant:** Thomas D. Lund, Gardnerville, NV, PRT–185974.

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**Applicant:** Brook F. Minx, Houston, TX, PRT–185959.

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**Applicant:** Patricia A. Pilia, Longmont, PRT–190199.

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Dated: August 8, 2008.  
Michael L. Carpenter,  
Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits,  
Division of Management Authority.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

**California Desert District Advisory Council; Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Public Laws 92–463 and 94–579, that the California Desert District Advisory Council to the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior, will participate in a field tour of BLM-administered public lands on Friday, November 14, 2008 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and meet in formal session on Saturday, November 15 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Heritage Inn and Suites, 1050 N. Norma, Ridgecrest, CA.

The Council and interested members of the public will depart for the field tour at 8 a.m. from the lobby of the Heritage Inn and Suites. The public is welcome to participate in the tour but should plan on providing their own transportation, lunch, and beverage. A four-wheel drive vehicle is strongly recommended for the field tour.

Agenda topics for the formal session on Saturday will include updates by Council members and reports from the BLM District Manager and field office managers. Additional agenda topics are being developed. Once finalized, the field tour and meeting agendas will be published in a news release prior to the meeting and posted on the BLM California state Web site at [http://www.blm.gov/ca/news/rac.html](http://www.blm.gov/ca/news/rac.html).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** All California Desert District Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. Public comment for items not on the agenda will be scheduled at the beginning of the meeting Saturday morning. Time for public comment may be made available by the Council Chairperson during the presentation of various agenda items, and is scheduled at the end of the meeting for topics not on the agenda.

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