Permit Mammals; Receipt of Applications for Endangered Species; Marine Fish and Wildlife Service.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

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SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species, marine mammals, or both. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) prohibit activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is acquired that allows such activities.

DATE: We must receive comments or requests for documents on or before August 13, 2012. We must receive requests for marine mammal permit public hearings, in writing, at the address shown in the ADDRESSES section by August 13, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Brenda Tapia, Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, VA 22203; fax (703) 358–2280; or email DMAFR@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Tapia, (703) 358–2104 (telephone); (703) 358–2280 (fax); DMAFR@fws.gov (email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
I. Public Comment Procedures
A. How do I request copies of applications or comment on submitted applications?

Send your request for copies of applications or comments and materials concerning any of the applications to the contact listed under ADDRESSES. Please include the Federal Register notice publication date, the PRT-number, and the name of the applicant in your request or submission. We will not consider requests or comments sent to an email or address not listed under ADDRESSES. If you provide an email address in your request for copies of applications, we will attempt to respond to your request electronically.

Please make your requests or comments as specific as possible. Please confine your comments to issues for which we seek comments in this notice, and explain the basis for your
comments. Include sufficient information with your comments to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include.

The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) Those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see DATES) or comments delivered to an address other than those listed above (see ADDRESSES).

B. May I review comments submitted by others?

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the street address listed under ADDRESSES. The public may review documents and other information applicants have sent in support of the application unless our allowing viewing would violate the Privacy Act or Freedom of Information Act. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), and the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.), along with Executive Order 13576, “Delivering an Efficient, Effective, and Accountable Government,” and the President’s Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies of January 21, 2009—Transparency and Open Government (74 FR 4685; January 26, 2009), which call on all Federal agencies to promote openness and transparency in Government by disclosing information to the public, we invite public comment on these permit applications before final action is taken. Under the MMPA, you may request a hearing on any MMPA application received. If you request a hearing, give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Service Director.

III. Permit Applications

A. Endangered Species

Applicant: Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens, Los Angeles, CA; PRT–76851A

The applicant requests a permit to import one male and one female mountain tapir (Tapirus pinchaque), which were captive bred at the applicant’s facility, Mountain View Conservation and Breeding Center, Langley, BC, Canada, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: NOAA/National Marine Fisheries Service, Miami, FL; PRT–045532

The applicant requests reissuance of their permit to import and/or introduce from the sea biological samples collected from on the high seas and the land, from wild animals opportunistically salvaged and incidentally captured, and captive-held animals of Kemp’s ridley sea turtle (Lepidochelys kempii), hawksbill sea turtle (Eretmochelys imbricata), leatherback sea turtle (Dermochelys coriacea), green sea turtle (Chelonia mydas), and olive ridley sea turtle (Lepidochelys olivacea) for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Sacramento Zoo, Sacramento, CA; PRT–76156A

The applicant requests a permit to import one male captive-born snow leopard (Uncia uncia) from Zoo De Granby, Quebec, Canada, for the purpose of enhancement of the species through captive breeding and conservation education.

Applicant: Denver Zoological Foundation, Denver, CO; PRT–69465A

The applicant requests a permit to import two male Asian elephants (Elephas maximus) born in captivity from Emmen Zoo, Emmen, Netherlands, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through captive breeding and conservation education.

Applicant: Denver Zoological Foundation, Denver, CO; PRT–69463A

The applicant requests a permit to import one male Asian elephant (Elephas maximus) born in captivity from Dublin Zoo, Dublin, Ireland, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through captive breeding and conservation education.

Applicant: Lykes Bros. Inc., Alpine, TX; PRT–78004A

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the scimitar-horned oryx (Oryx damaah) and barasingha (Rucervus duvauceli) to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Lykes Bros. Inc., Alpine, TX; PRT–78003A

The applicant requests a permit authorizing interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cull of excess scimitar-horned oryx (Oryx damaah) from the captive herd maintained at their facility, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Families:

Bovidae

Cervidae

Equidae

Species:

Lemur catta (ring-tailed lemur)

Varecia variegata (black and white ruffed lemur)

Acinonyx jubatus (cheetah).
Multiple Applicants

The following applicants each request 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: Gary Benmark, Joelson, TN; PRT–77994A

Applicant: Coleman Floyd, Midland, TX; PRT–77911A

Applicant: Charles Nace, Sylmar, CA; PRT–78560A

Applicant: Glenn Herman, Castle Rock, CO; PRT–59368A

Applicant: Kevin Perry, Peyton, CO; PRT–78581A

B. Endangered Marine Mammals and Marine Mammals

Applicant: Terrie M. Williams, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA; PRT–045447

The applicant requests an amendment for the permit to take southern sea otters (Enhydra lutris nereis) to conduct Evans blue dye technique as part of the scientific research on the physiology of and metabolic demands on southern sea otters related to energetics, diving, and thermoregulation. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over the remainder of the 5-year permit.

Concurrent with publishing this notice in the Federal Register, we are forwarding copies of the above applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

Brenda Tapia,
Program Analyst/Data Administrator, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management, Interior

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Notice of Intent To Collect Fees and Modify Existing Fees on Public Lands in Natrona County, WY

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to applicable provisions of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA), the Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) Casper Field Office is proposing to establish fees for use of the Trapper’s Route Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) and intends to modify the existing fee structure for the Muddy Mountain Environmental Education Area (E EA).

DATES: Comments on the proposed fee changes must be received or postmarked by October 10, 2012, to be assured consideration. Effective 6 months after publication of this notice, the BLM Casper Field Office will initiate fee collection at campgrounds within the Trapper’s Route SRMA and change the existing fee structure within the Muddy Mountain EEA, unless the BLM publishes a Federal Register notice to the contrary. Comments received after the close of the comment period or comments delivered to an address other than the one listed in this notice may not be considered or included in the administrative record for the proposed fee.

ADDRESSES: The pertinent Recreation Business Management Plan is available at the BLM Casper Field Office, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, Wyoming 82601, and online at: http://wb.mil.gov/wy/st/en/field_offices/Casper.html. Comments can be mailed, hand-delivered, or faxed to the BLM, Attn: Outdoor Recreation Planner, Casper Field Office, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, Wyoming 82601; fax: 307–261–7587. You may also email your comment to Casper.WYMail@blm.gov with “Recreation Fee Collection” in the subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eve Bennett, Outdoor Recreation Planner, at the above address, or by calling 307–261–7600. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Comment Procedures

The BLM welcomes public comments on this Notice, and on the new and modified fees. Before including your address, telephone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

You may mail or hand-deliver comments as indicated in the ADDRESSES and DATES sections, above. The BLM will not necessarily consider or include in the administrative record comments received after the close of the comment period (see DATES) unless they are postmarked or electronically dated before the deadline, or comments...