DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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Pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act and the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, invites the public to submit comments on applications for permits to conduct certain activities with listed species.

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 we can ask you 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: Saginaw Valley Zoological Society, Saginaw, MI; PRT–31852A

The applicant requests an amendment of an existing captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following species to enhance species propagation or survival: Black-footed cat (Felis nigripes). This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Phoenix Herpetological Society, Scottsdale, AZ; PRT–02044A

The applicant requests a permit to import four captive-bred Tomistoma, or false gharial (Tomistoma schlegelii), 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.

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: Lawrence Miller, Palatine, IL; PRT–03197C
Applicant: Seixas Milner, Lawrenceville, GA; PRT–04168C
Applicant: David McNeil, Buhl, AL; PRT–05019C

I. Background

The BIA initially contracted with the Center of Indigenous Research & Justice (CIRJ) to develop the first Code in 1988 after the passage Public Law 99–570, title IV, section 4221, which required the creation of a “Model Indian Juvenile Code” (25 U.S.C. 2454).

The updated and annotated Model Indian Juvenile Code was created. Additionally, after the passage of the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010, a Memorandum of Agreement among DOI, DOJ, and DHHS was developed to establish a framework for collaboration that results in the coordination of resources and programs. The MOA specifically referenced 25 U.S.C. 2454 and the Model Indian Juvenile Code.

Since the creation of the initial Model Indian Juvenile Code, much has changed in the field of juvenile justice. Since the late 1980s, many jurisdictions have engaged in reforms of their juvenile justice systems in response to research finding that the standard juvenile justice system model used in the United States showed no impact to juvenile delinquency and may have, in fact, increased delinquency rates. Research has also found that adolescent brains develop later in life than previously thought. Researchers, advocates and policy makers urge changes to the more punitive models of juvenile justice and encourage systems that are more restorative.

II. Summary of the Model Indian Juvenile Code

The 2016 Model Indian Juvenile Code is divided into three categories: (1) Delinquency; (2) Child in Need of Services; and (3) Truancy.

The 2016 Model Indian Juvenile Code focuses on several principles including, but not limited to:

- Ability to divert out of formal process at each decision point;
- Embeds right to counsel for juveniles in delinquency/truancy;
- Restricts use of detention;
- Commentary on choices made in the code and discussion of options for implementation—including diversion examples;
- Distinguishing between delinquent acts and need for services;
- For delinquent acts, focus on supervision, treatment and rehabilitation;
- Process ensuring rights of parties; and
- Coordination of services.

We have considered the comments received on the draft; and now issue the updated and annotated Model Indian Juvenile Code available at: http://www.bia.gov/cs/groups/xojs/documents/document/idc2-047015.pdf or by contacting the person listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this notice. The updated Code is available in both an Annotated PDF and a Microsoft Word version which can be adapted for each Tribe’s needs. Further information is available on the Tribal Justice Support Directorate’s page at http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/BIA/OJS/ojs-services/ojs-tjs/index.htm.

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