included in the monthly list of HHS-certified laboratories and participate in the NLCP certification maintenance program.

Summer King,

Statistician.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered Species; Marine Mammals; Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

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.

DATES: We must receive comments or requests for documents on or before September 2, 2015. We must receive requests for marine mammal permit public hearings, in writing, at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section by September 2, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Brenda Tapia, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, Branch of Permits, MS: IA, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041; fax (703) 358–2281; or email *DMAFR@fws.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Tapia, (703) 358–2104 (telephone); (703) 358–2281 (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: KJC Holdings LP, Lohn, TX; PRT–200211

The applicant requests a permit for cull and take of excess barasingha (*Rucervus duvaucelii*) 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.

Applicant: Fleming Creative Concept LLC, Scottsdale, AZ; PRT–65772B

The applicant requests a permit for interstate transport of 10 jackass penguins (*Spheniscus demersus*) from the Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, Vallejo, California to Miami Seaquarium, Miami, Florida, 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.

Applicant: Earth Promise, Glen Rose, TX; PRT–59071B

The applicant requests a permit to export two scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*) and two addaxes (*Addax nasomaculatus*) born in captivity to African Lion Safari, Ontario, Canada, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Barefoot Zoological, dba Alligator Adventure, North Myrtle Beach, SC; PRT–141742

The applicant requests renewal of a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following species to enhance species propagation or survival: Ring-tailed lemur (*Lemur catta*), red ruffed lemur (*Varecia rubra*), black and white ruffed lemur (*Varecia variegata*), Chinese alligator (*Alligator sinensis*), Nile crocodile (*Crocodylus niloticus*), saltwater crocodile (*Crocodylus porosus*), common caiman (*Caiman crocodilus crocodilus*), brown caiman (*Caiman crocodilus fuscus*), Cuban crocodile (*Crocodylus rhombifer*), Siamese crocodile (*Crocodylus siamensis*), Yacare (*Caiman yacare*), dwarf crocodile (*Osteolaemus*

tetraspis), false gavial (*Tomistoma schlegelii*), Tracaja (*Podocnemis unifilis*), Galapagos tortoise (*Chelonoidis nigra*), radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*), Cuban ground iguana (*Cyclura nubila nubila*), and the Aruba Island rattlesnake (*Crotalus unicolor*). 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: Mark Corry, Washington, UT; PRT–71117B

Applicant: Gary Loveless, Oklahoma City, OK; PRT–71073B

B. Endangered Marine Mammals and Marine Mammals

Applicant: Florian Schulz; PRT–61681B

The applicant requests a permit to photograph polar bears (*Ursus maritimus*) in Alaska for the purpose of photography for commercial and educational purposes from land and boat. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant up to a 4-year period.

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

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Native American Policy for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of a draft policy for public notice and comment.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) issues this draft Native American policy for public comment. The purpose of this policy is to further the United States' trust responsibility to Indian tribes by establishing a framework on which to base our continued interactions with federally recognized tribes as well as interactions with Alaska Native Corporations. The policy recognizes the sovereignty of federally recognized tribes; states that the Service will work on a government-to-government basis with tribal governments; and includes guidance on co-management, access to and use of cultural resources, capacity development, law enforcement, and education.

DATES: The Service will accept public comment through September 2, 2015.

ADDRESSES: The draft Native American policy is available at *http://www.fws.gov/policy/draft510fw1.pdf.* The existing policy is available in the Fish and Wildlife Service Manual at *http://www.fws.gov/policy/native-american-policy.pdf.* To submit comments, please mail or email them to Scott Aikin (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Aikin, Native American Programs Coordinator, by mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, OR, 97232; or via email at *scott_aikin@fws.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

We are publishing this draft Native American policy, which is available at *http://www.fws.gov/policy/draft510fw1.pdf.*

When it becomes final, we will incorporate the policy in Part 510 of the Fish and Wildlife Service Manual. The purpose of the policy is to articulate principles and serve as a framework for government-to-government relationships and interactions between the Service and federally recognized tribes to conserve fish and wildlife and protect cultural resources. The policy includes guidance on:

- The relationship between the Service and federally recognized tribes, inter-tribal organizations, including Alaska Native Organizations (ANO), and Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) corporations,
- Service employee responsibilities,
- Government-to-government consultation and relations,
- Communication,
- Co-management,
- Tribal access to Service lands and Service-managed resources for cultural and religious practices,
- Tribal cultural use of plants and animals,
- Law enforcement,
- Training and education,
- Capacity building and funding, and
- Guidance for implementing and monitoring the policy.

This policy is not meant to stand on its own. To implement this policy, the Service will update its *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Tribal Consultation Handbook* and develop training so that Service employees will be able to better perform duties related to this policy.

Draft Policy

We recognize that when the Service and tribes work together on resource matters, our longstanding relationship is strengthened and resources are better served. This policy provides guidance on recognition of tribal sovereign status, Service responsibilities, and opportunities for the Service and tribes to work together toward natural and cultural resource conservation and access. The purpose of this policy is to provide Service employees with guidance when working with recognized tribes and other entities such as Alaska Native Organizations and Corporations.

Section 1 of this policy recognizes the unique relationship that Federal governmental agencies have with federally recognized tribes. It explains that while this is a nationwide policy, the Service maintains flexibility for Service Regions and programs to work more appropriately with the tribes and ANCSA corporations.

Section 2 includes the definitions of terms used in the policy.

Section 3 lists the authorities under which the Service is able to take the actions described in the policy.

Section 4 describes the responsibilities of employees at all levels of the Service to carry out this policy.

Section 5 recognizes the U.S. Government's trust responsibility toward federally recognized tribes, tribes' sovereign authority over their members and territory, the tribes' rights to self-govern, and that government-to-government communication may occur at various levels within the Service and the tribes.

Section 6 describes communication, consultation, and information sharing between the Service and tribes.

Section 7 sets out a range of collaborative management opportunities and establishes principles of co-management where tribes and the Service have shared responsibility.

Section 8 recognizes that, for meaningful cultural and religious