

**Agenda:** To review and evaluate grant applications.

**Place:** NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

**Contact Person:** Marcelina B. Powers, DVM, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4152, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1720.

**Name of Committee:** Biological and Physiological Sciences Special Emphasis Panel zrg2 sssc-01.

**Date:** August 14, 1998.

**Time:** 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

**Agenda:** To review and evaluate grant applications.

**Place:** Holiday Inn, 5520 Wisconsin Ave, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

**Contact Person:** Cheri Wiggs, PHD, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5194, MSC 7848, Bethesda, MD 20892 (301) 435-1261.

**Name of Committee:** Microbiological and Immunological Sciences Special Emphasis Panel zrg5 evr 05.

**Date:** August 19, 1998.

**Time:** 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM.

**Agenda:** To review and evaluate grant applications.

**Place:** NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

**Contact Person:** Garrett V. Keefer, PHD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4190, MSC 7808, Bethesda, MD 20892 (301) 435-1152.

**Name of Committee:** Microbiological and Immunological Sciences Special Emphasis Panel ZRG5 EVR 06.

**Date:** August 25, 1998.

**Time:** 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM.

**Agenda:** To review and evaluate grant applications.

**Place:** NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

**Contact Person:** Garrett V. Keefer, PHD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4190, MSC 7808, Bethesda, MD 20892 (301) 435-1152.

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**Dated:** July 24, 1998.

**LaVerne Y. Stringfield,**

*Committee Management Officer, NIH.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

The following applicants have applied 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.*):

PRT-844874

**Applicant:** Michael Frisina and Lajia Cairen, Buffalo, NY

The applicants request a permit to import biological samples obtained as salvage or from trophy specimens of Altai argali (*Ovis ammon ammon*) and Gobi argali (*Ovis ammon darwini*) in the wild in Mongolia, for the purpose of genetic studies for enhancement of the survival of the species.

PRT-695190

**Applicant:** Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology, Camarillo, CA

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

PRT-676851

**Applicant:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Regional Director, Region 2, Albuquerque, NM

The applicant request renewal of a permit to import salvaged specimens of Sonoran pronghorn (*Antilocapra americana sonoriensis*) and peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus*), and salvaged specimens, viable eggs, injured birds from the wild and viable eggs from captive-held birds of whooping crane (*Grus americana*) for the purpose of scientific study or enhancement of propagation or survival of the species.

PRT-971

**Applicant:** Lance Lester, College Station, TX

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) 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.

PRT-973

**Applicant:** Jack W. Lester, Jr, Bryan, TX

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one

male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) 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:** Steven E. Chancellor, Evansville, IN, PRT-972.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) 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:** Sandra R. Green, La Ward, TX, PRT-1009.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) 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:** Kenneth L. Green, La Ward, TX, PRT-1008.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) 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:** Michael F. Lonuzzi, Evansville, IN, PRT-1007.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) 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.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

The public is invited to comment on the following application for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application was submitted to satisfy requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR 18).

**Applicant:** Texas A&M University, Marine Mammal Research Program, Galveston, TX, PRT-766146.

**Permit Type:** Take for Scientific Research.

*Name and Number of Animals:*  
Manatee (*Trichechus manatus*), up to 20.

*Summary of Activity to be Authorized:* The applicant requests amendment of PRT-766146 to provide two new researchers authorization to work under the permit to take captive manatees at facilities in Florida for the purpose of scientific research.

*Source of Marine Mammals:* Captive manatees at facilities in Florida.

*Period of Activity:* Up to 5 years from issuance date of permit, if issued.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Office of Management Authority is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

Written data or comments, requests for copies of the complete application, or requests for a public hearing on this application should be sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone 703/358-2104 or fax 703/358-2281 and must be received within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

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 to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

Dated: July 24, 1998.

**Karen Anderson,**

*Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Geological Survey

#### **Request for Public Comments on Proposed Three-Year Program of Customer Satisfaction Information Collection—to be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act**

A plan for the three-year proposed information collection program described herein will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed information collection plan may be obtained by contacting the U.S. Geological Survey's (USGS) Clearance Officer at the phone number listed below or e-mail [customer@www.usgs.gov](mailto:customer@www.usgs.gov). Comments and suggestions on the plan are encouraged and should be made within 60 days directly to the Bureau Clearance Officer, USGS, National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, M.S. 807, Reston, Virginia 20192. Telephone 703/648-7313.

Specific Public comments are requested as to:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the USGS, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the USGS estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. How to minimize the burden at the collection of information on those who respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

*Title:* "Three-Year Program of Voluntary Customer Satisfaction Information Collections in Accordance with Executive Order 12862, 'Setting Customer Service Standards,' Within the U.S. Geological Survey."

*OMB approval number:* New collection.

*Abstract:* The USGS provides science for a changing world by delivering reliable and impartial information that describes the Earth, its natural processes, and its natural species. Much of this information is used to minimize the loss of life and property from natural disasters; manage water, biological, energy, and mineral resources; enhance and protect quality of life; and to

contribute to wise societal, economic, and physical development. The USGS recognizes that excellent customer service is a key component of good government and that its interface with customers reflects the effectiveness of its organization. USGS is committed to engaging customers in a dialog to identify customer needs and satisfaction levels, and to deliver USGS products, information and services to customers in a timely and accurate manner.

Under the proposed three year information collection program, voluntary customer surveys will be conducted to ascertain customer satisfaction with the products, information and services of the USGS. Measures such as timeliness, accessibility, accuracy, availability, product and service quality, service responsiveness, and courtesy of service will serve as the focus of these surveys. The surveys will involve individuals who interact directly with the USGS to use or to request its products, information and/or services. Over the three-year period, the USGS will focus on encouraging and obtaining satisfaction feedback from customers involved in three areas of effort: partnerships and cooperative agreements, technical assistance, and public inquiries and requests for publications, information, services, maps, and/or other products. This last area will also include a survey of our web-page customers to ensure that our web pages are useful and easy to access and read. For the partnerships and cooperative agreements area, the USGS will ask its partners and cooperators (many of them work for State government agencies) for feedback about our service and whether or not we are meeting their needs. For the technical assistance area, USGS will ask customers who have requested scientific technical assistance if this assistance has been provided in a timely manner, with courtesy, and whether or not the assistance met the customer's expectations. In the public inquiries and requests for information, products, and services area, customers of USGS web pages, Information Centers, and map sales centers will be asked if the service was satisfactory and if the product was delivered in a timely manner.

To minimize burden on respondents, the surveys will be conducted using a variety of mechanisms ranging from questionnaires, comment cards, electronic queries and web-based feedback systems to focus groups. Customer information gathered from the surveys will be used to evaluate and improve satisfaction levels and to better meet customer needs. The average