

passing vessels on moored ships, recreational boater education issues, and port security. Not all working groups will provide a report at this session. Further, working group reports may not necessarily include discussions on all issues within the particular working group's area of responsibility. All meetings are open to the public. Please note that the meetings may adjourn early if all business is finished.

Members of the public may make presentations, oral or written, at either meeting. Requests to make oral or written presentations should reach the Coast Guard 5 working days before the meeting at which the presentation will be made. If you would like to have written materials distributed to each member of the committee in advance of the meeting, you should send your request along with 15 copies of the materials to the Coast Guard at least 10 working days before the meeting at which the presentation will be made.

#### Information on Services for the Handicapped

For information on facilities or services for the handicapped or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Executive Director, Executive Secretary, or assistant to the Executive Secretary as soon as possible.

Dated: April 17, 2003.

**J.W. Stark,**

*Captain, Coast Guard, Commander, 8th Coast Guard Dist., Acting.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Availability of Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan for Seedskaadee National Wildlife Refuge, Green River, WY

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announces that a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Summary for Seedskaadee National Wildlife Refuge is available. This CCP, prepared pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, describes how the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service intends to manage this Refuge for the next 15 years.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the Plan or Summary may be obtained by writing to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Seedskaadee National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 700, Green River, WY 82935; or download from <http://mountain-prairie.fws.gov/planning>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carol Damberg, Project Leader, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Seedskaadee National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 700, Green River, WY 82935. Phone 307-875-2187; fax 307-875-4425; or e-mail: [carol\\_damberg@fws.gov](mailto:carol_damberg@fws.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Seedskaadee National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), comprised of 26,382 acres, is long and narrow and is bisected throughout its length by the Green River, within the Upper Colorado River basin, in Sweetwater County, southwestern Wyoming. The Refuge is situated in a high desert plain where the native upland plant associations include sagebrush/grass, greasewood and shadscale, and bottomland plant associations include wet meadow riparian types with willows and cottonwoods dominating the overstory and riverine wetlands. Over 220 species, including some Federally listed species, of birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and fishes utilize, occur at, or migrate through this Refuge. Seedskaadee NWR was established in 1965 through the Colorado River Storage Project Act of 1956 and the principal purpose of the Refuge is to provide for the conservation, maintenance, and management of wildlife resources and its habitat including the development and improvement of such wildlife resources. Additionally, the Refuge is charged to protect the scenery, cultural resources, and other natural resources and provide for public use and enjoyment of compatible wildlife-dependent activities.

The availability of the Draft CCP and Environmental Assessment (EA) for 30-day public review and comment was announced in the **Federal Register** on October 31, 2001, in Volume 66, Number 211. The Draft CCP/EA identified and evaluated three alternatives for managing Seedskaadee National Wildlife Refuge for the next 15 years. Alternative 1, the no action alternative, would have continued current management of the Refuge. Alternative 2 (preferred alternative) emphasizes restoration of riparian habitat functions and forest health, and restoration of historic wetland types within the Refuge. Alternative 3 would have maximized wildlife benefits by

focusing on habitat protection and enhancement and de-emphasizing public use opportunities.

Based on this assessment and comments received, the preferred Alternative 2 was selected for implementation. The preferred alternative was selected because it best meets the purposes and goals of the Refuge, as well as the goals of the National Wildlife Refuge System. The preferred alternative will also benefit foraging raptors, marsh birds, migrating and nesting waterfowl, and neotropical migrants, as well as improvements in water quality from riparian habitat restoration. Modifications to existing vehicular routes will result in improved wildlife habitats and diversified visitor experiences. Cultural and historical resources will be interpreted and protected.

Dated: October 2, 2002.

**Elliott Sutta,**

*Regional Director, Region 6, Denver, Colorado.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Receipt of Applications for Permit

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

**SUMMARY:** The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species and/or marine mammals.

**DATES:** Written data, comments or requests must be received by May 28, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** 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 within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358-2281.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Endangered Species**

The public is invited to comment on the following application(s) 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.*). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (address above).

**PRT-070682**

*Applicant:* Andrew K. Stahl, Dallas, 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-070686**

*Applicant:* Lacy J. Harber, Denison, 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-070537**

*Applicant:* Melvin L. Roschelle, Los Gatos, CA.

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-070521**

*Applicant:* Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, Powell, OH.

The applicant requests a permit to import seven male and six female captive-born cheetahs (*Acinonyx jubatus*) from DeWildt Cheetah and Wildlife Centre, DeWildt, South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the species through captive breeding and conservation education.

**PRT-063702**

*Applicant:* S.O.S. Care, Inc., Valley Center, CA.

The applicant requests a permit to export and/or re-export carcasses from four tiger cat (*Leopardus tigrinus oncolla*), one margay (*Leopardus wiedii*), and two black-footed cat (*Felis nigripes*) to the National Museums of Scotland,

Edinburgh, United Kingdom, for the purpose of enhancement of the species through conservation education and scientific research.

**PRT-058835**

*Applicant:* Harold S. Countryman, Chantilly, VA.

The applicant requests a permit to import one female gibbon (*Hylobates* spp.) from Seoul, Korea, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

**PRT-810465**

*Applicant:* A.R. Galloway Exotic Ranch, Pearsall, TX.

The applicant requests amendment of an application previously published on March 17, 2003, for the renewal of a permit authorizing interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cull from their captive herds, to include excess male red lechwe (*Kobus lechwe*) for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a five year period. Permittee must apply for renewal annually.

**Endangered Marine Mammals and Marine Mammals**

The public is invited to comment on the following application(s) for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered marine mammals and/or marine mammals. The application(s) was/were submitted to satisfy requirements of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*), and/or the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing endangered species (50 CFR part 17) and/or marine mammals (50 CFR part 18). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete applications or request for a hearing on these applications should be submitted to the Director (address above). 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.

**PRT-070596**

*Applicant:* Marvin J. Winter, North Collins, NY.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Southern Beaufort Sea polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

**PRT-070536**

*Applicant:* Robert E. Speegle, Garland, TX.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

**PRT-070534**

*Applicant:* Walter P. Mays, Zanesfield, OH.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has information collection approval from OMB through March 31, 2004, OMB Control Number 1018-0093. Federal Agencies may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a current valid OMB control number.

Dated: April 18, 2003.

**Michael S. Moore,**

*Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Fish and Wildlife Service****Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement and Habitat Conservation Plan for the Natomas Basin, Sacramento and Sutter Counties, CA**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public of the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) on the application by the City of Sacramento, Sutter County, and the Natomas Basin Conservancy (the "applicants") to the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for 50-year incidental take permits for 22 covered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The applications address the potential for "take" of covered species associated with various activities within the Natomas Basin, a 53,537-acre area in the Sacramento Region. These activities (the "covered activities") include 15,517 acres of planned land development, and development and management of mitigation lands. A conservation program to minimize and mitigate for the covered activities would be