

*Total Annual Responses:* 0.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 0.

*Title:* Designated Port Exception permit application form.

*Approval Number:* 1018-0092.

*Service Form Number:* 3-200-2.

*Frequency of Collection:* On occasion, whenever permission is requested to import wildlife or wildlife products at a non designated port for use as scientific specimens, to minimize deterioration or loss, or to relieve economic hardship.

*Description of Respondents:* Scientific institutions, businesses or individuals that import or export scientific specimens, wildlife, or wildlife products.

*Total Annual Responses:* Approximately 607.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* The total annual burden is approximately 607 hours. We estimate the reporting burden to average one hour per response.

*Title:* Import/Export license application form.

*Approval Number:* 1018-0092.

*Service Form Number:* 3-200-3.

*Frequency of Collection:* On occasion, whenever permission is requested to import or export wildlife or wildlife products for commercial purposes.

*Description of Respondents:* Businesses or individuals that import or export wildlife or wildlife products for commercial purposes.

*Total Annual Responses:* Approximately 2,675.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* The total annual burden is approximately 2,675 hours. We estimate the reporting burden to average one hour per response.

We invite comments concerning this renewal on: (1) Whether the collection of information is useful and necessary for us to do our job, (2) the accuracy of our estimate of the burden on the public to complete the form; (3) ways to enhance the quality and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection on respondents, including use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. This information collection is part of a system of records covered by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552(a)).

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home addresses from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There may also be limited circumstances in which we would withhold a respondent's identity

from the rulemaking record, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this clearly at the beginning of your comment. We will not consider anonymous comments. We generally make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: March 1, 2004.

**Anissa Craghead,**

*Information Collection Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for D'Arbonne National Wildlife Refuge Located in Union and Ouachita Parishes, Louisiana

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

**SUMMARY:** The Fish and Wildlife Service, Southeast Region, intends to gather information necessary to prepare a comprehensive conservation plan and environmental assessment pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and its implementing regulations. The Service is furnishing this notice in compliance with the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 668dd *et seq.*), to achieve the following:

- (1) Advise other agencies and the public of our intentions, and
- (2) Obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to include in the environmental document.

Special mailings, newspaper articles, and other media announcements will be used to inform the public and state and local government agencies of the opportunities for input throughout the planning process. An open house style meeting will be held during the scoping phase of the comprehensive conservation plan development process.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, we must receive written comments on or before April 30, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Address comments, questions, and requests for more information to Lindy Garner, Planning Biologist, North Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex, 11372 Highway 143, Farmerville, Louisiana 71241.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** By Federal law, all lands within the National Wildlife Refuge System are to be managed in accordance with an approved comprehensive conservation plan. This plan guides management decisions and identifies the goals, long-range objectives, and strategies for achieving refuge purposes. The planning process will consider many elements, including wildlife and habitat management, public recreational activities, and cultural resource protection. Public input into this planning process is essential.

D'Arbonne National Wildlife Refuge, established in 1975, is located within the Lower Mississippi River Valley floodplain in north Louisiana. The refuge is located approximately 6 miles north of West Monroe Louisiana. The refuge's 17,421 acres include deep overflow swamp, bottomland hardwood forests, and upland mixed pine/hardwoods. D'Arbonne Refuge provides habitat for thousands of wintering waterfowl, wading birds, waterbirds, and year-round habitat for nesting wood ducks, squirrels, deer, river otters, and raccoons. The refuge is open year-round for wildlife observation, nature photography, and hiking. Hunting and fishing opportunities are permitted on most areas of the refuge.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Planning Biologist, North Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex, telephone: 318/726-4222; fax 318/726-4667; e-mail: [lindy\\_garner@fws.gov](mailto:lindy_garner@fws.gov); or mail (write to the Planning Biologist at address in the **ADDRESSES** Section).

**Authority:** This notice is published under the authority of the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, Public Law 105-57.

Dated: February 27, 2004.

**J. Mitch King,**

*Acting Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Issuance of Permits

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

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of permits for endangered species.

**SUMMARY:** The following permits were issued.

**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 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:

Notice is hereby given that on the dates below, as authorized by the provisions 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.*), the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permit(s) subject to certain conditions set forth therein. For each

permit for an endangered species, the Service found that (1) the application was filed in good faith, (2) the granted permit would not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species, and (3) the granted permit would be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in Section 2 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended*.

#### Endangered Species

| Permit number | Applicant                                    | Receipt of application Federal Register notice | Permit issuance date |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 040035 .....  | Michelle L. Sauther, University of Colorado. | 68 FR 70521; December 18, 2003                 | February 10, 2004    |
| 076689 .....  | Triple S Game Farm .....                     | 69 FR 2155; January 14, 2004 ....              | February 10, 2004    |

Dated: February 20, 2004.

**Charles S. Hamilton,**

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

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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.

**DATES:** Written data, comments or requests must be received by April 15, 2004.

**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).

*Applicant:* Stephen P. Baughman, Friendswood, TX, PRT-082555.

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:* Kay Rosaire, Sarasota, FL, PRT-083145-083156.

The applicant requests permits to export captive-born tigers (*Panthera tigris*) to world wide locations for the purpose of enhancement of the species through conservation education. The permit numbers and animals are: [083145, Czar; 083146, Sandy; 083147, Tyler; 083148, Samson; 083149, Nakita; 083150, Noelle; 083151, Blue; 083152, Niobu; 083153, Goliath; 083154, Menilick; 083155, Conan; 083156, Kira]. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a three-year period and the import of any potential progeny born while overseas.

*Applicant:* Oklahoma Museum of Natural History, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK, PRT-075249.

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

Dated: February 20, 2004.

**Charles S. Hamilton,**

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

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

##### Minerals Management Service

#### Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Scientific Committee; Announcement of Plenary Session

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The OCS Scientific Committee will meet at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans at Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans, Louisiana.

**DATES:** Wednesday, April 21, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, April 22, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Friday, April 23, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Hyatt Regency New Orleans at Louisiana Superdome, 500 Poydras Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70113-1805, telephone (504) 561-1234.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A copy of the agenda may be requested from MMS by calling Ms. Carolyn Beamer at (703) 787-1211. Other inquiries concerning the OCS Scientific Committee meeting should be addressed to Dr. James Kendall, Executive Secretary to the OCS Scientific Committee, Minerals Management Service, 381 Elden Street, Mail Stop 4043, Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817 or by calling (703) 787-1656.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The OCS Scientific Committee is an outside group of non-Federal scientists which advises the Director, MMS, on the feasibility, appropriateness, and