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FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Jackie Ferrier, Refuge Planner, Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex, 752 County Road 99W, Willows, California 95988; telephone 530-934-2801; fax 530-934-7814.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Refuge was established in 1989 by the authority provided under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, and the Emergency Wetlands Resources Act of 1986, using funds made available through the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965. Sacramento River Refuge is part of the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex located in the Sacramento Valley of north-central California. The Refuge is located along both banks of the Sacramento River between Red Bluff and Princeton, California, in Glenn, Butte, and Tehama Counties. The 10,304-acre Refuge is managed to maintain, enhance and restore habitats for threatened and endangered species, migratory birds, anadromous fish and native fish, wildlife, and plants.

The availability of the Draft CCP and Environmental Assessment (EA) for a 45-day public review and comment period was published in the **Federal Register** on Tuesday, June 29, 2004, in volume 69, number 124. The Draft CCP/EA identified and evaluated three alternatives for managing the Refuge for the next 15 years. Alternative A was the no-action alternative which described current Refuge management activities. Alternative B, the selected alternative, will continue to emphasize restoration for migratory birds and threatened and endangered species. The Refuge will be open for wildlife dependent public uses and management programs will be expanded. Alternative C would accelerate habitat restoration and maximize public use and is similar to Alternative B except the agricultural program would end immediately and hunting would be allowed on larger percentage of the Refuge.

The Service received 1,187 comment letters on the Draft CCP and EA. The comments were incorporated into the CCP when appropriate, and are otherwise addressed in an appendix to the CCP. Alternative B was selected for implementation and is the basis for the Final CCP.

Under Alternative B, the focus of the Refuge will be to continue to restore and maintain riparian habitat for threatened

and endangered species, migratory birds, anadromous and native fish, wildlife, and plants. The Refuge will use active and passive management practices to achieve and maintain full restoration/enhancement of all units (5,855 acres) where appropriate, as funding becomes available. The agricultural program will be phased out as restoration funding becomes available. Under Alternative B, the Service will improve and expand visitor services with a focus on a balance of priority public use opportunities distributed throughout the entire Refuge. New visitor services projects under this alternative include: developing interpretive kiosks, creating a new refuge brochure, and constructing walking trails and parking facilities on vehicle accessible units. Hunting opportunities will increase under Alternative B. Approximately 52 percent of the Refuge will be opened to hunting dove, waterfowl, coot, common moorhen, pheasant, quail, snipe, turkey, and deer. Hunting will be limited to shotgun or archery only. Twenty-three riverbank miles and seasonally submerged areas will be opened to sport fishing consistent with State regulations. Camping will be allowed on gravels bars below the ordinary high water mark.

This alternative was selected for implementation because it includes needed improvements in migratory bird and special status species management and makes an important contribution to regional biodiversity. It also provides a balanced mix of compatible wildlife-dependant recreation opportunities to meet the growing demand in the region. Implementation of this alternative will require additional staff and funding.

Dated: July 27, 2005.

Steve Thompson,

Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Sacramento, California.

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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 September 2, 2005.

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: John D. Teeter, Hickory, NC, PRT-104056.

The applicant requests 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: Gino A. Harrison, Newberg, OR, PRT-105859.

The applicant requests 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: August S. Haugen, Springfield, OR, PRT-105804.

The applicant requests 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: Craig S. Phillips, Tomball, TX, PRT-106368.

The applicant requests 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: Nicholas D. Cortezi, Towson, MD, PRT-106446.

The applicant requests 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: Grant R. Gilbert, Houston, TX, PRT-106618.

The applicant requests 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: Feld Entertainment, Vienna, VA, PRT-106086, 105000, 104999.

The applicant requests permits to export and re-import three captive-born Asian elephants (*Elephas maximus*), Rudy, Angelica, and Gunther, to worldwide locations for the purpose of enhancement of the species through conservation education. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period and the import of any potential progeny born while overseas.

Applicant: Hawthorn Corporation, Grayslake, IL, PRT-058658, 058659, 058660, 058661, 058662, 058663, 058664, 058665, 058666, 058667, 058668, 058669, 058670, 058672, 058679, 058680, 058681, 058682, 058683, 058685, 058686, 058687, 058734, 058735, 058736, 058737, 058738, 058739, 058745, 058747, 058748, 058750, 058751, 058752, 058753, 058758, 058759, 058762, 058780, 059163, and 777744.

The applicant requests permits to export 41 captive-born tigers (*Panthera tigris*) to worldwide locations for the purpose of enhancement of the species through conservation education. 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.

Endangered Marine Mammals and Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered marine mammals and/or marine mammals. The applications 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 requests for a public 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.

Applicant: The Marine Mammal Center, Sausalito, CA, PRT-101713

The applicant requests a permit to rescue, provide medical treatment (including routine sampling for diagnostic & treatment purposes), rehabilitate and, if feasible, release rehabilitated Southern sea otters (*Enhydra lutris nereis*) to the wild for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

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

Applicant: Charles W. Lewensten, Edina, MN, PRT-104141.

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, noncommercial use.

Applicant: Terry L. Shupe, Anchorage, AK, PRT-105668.

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, noncommercial use.

Dated: July 15, 2005.

Michael L. Carpenter,

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

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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 permits 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
066158, 066159, 097785,	Thomas Productions	70 FR 15118, March 24, 2005	May 17, 2005.