

II. Delegations of Authority

All delegations and redelegations of authority which were in effect immediately prior to the effective date hereof have been continued in effect in them or their successors pending further redelegation. I hereby ratify and affirm all actions taken by any DHHS officials which involved the exercise of these authorities prior to the effective date of this delegation.

This reorganization is effective upon date of signature.

Dated: June 19, 1998.

Claude Earl Fox,

Administrator.

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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-843092

Applicants: San Antonio Zoological Gardens and Aquarium, San Antonio, TX.

The applicant requests a permit to import 4.4 live Japanese Giant Salamanders (*Andrias japonicus*), bred in captivity by the Asa Zoological Park, Hiroshima, Japan, for the purpose of enhancement of the species through captive breeding and exhibition.

PRT-841435

Applicant: Panamerican Marketing, San Antonio, TX.

The applicant requests a permit to export 1.2 live ring-tailed lemurs (*Lemur catta*) to Promotora Zoofari, Morelos, Mexico for the purpose of enhancement of the propagation and survival of the species through captive breeding.

PRT-831689

Applicant: University of Wisconsin, Dept. of Zoology, Madison, WI.

The applicant requests a permit to import blood and feather samples taken from captive-held and wild caught Andean condors (*Vultur gryphus*) in South America, for the purpose of scientific research.

PRT-844311

Applicant: Geraldine Mr. Stallman, Salem, WI.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bonetebok (*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.

Writtend 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 this publication.

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: June 26, 1998.

MaryEllen Amtower,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Intent To Issue 2 Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plans and Associated Environmental Assessments for 2 National Wildlife Refuges in the Southwest Region

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has prepared draft Comprehensive Conservation Plans (CCP) and associated Environmental Assessments for the Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Roswell, New Mexico, and San Andres National Wildlife Refuge, Las Cruces, New Mexico pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, and National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and its implementing regulations.

DATES: The Service will be open to written comments through July 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Copies may be obtained by writing to: Mr. Tom Baca, Natural

Resource Planner, Division of Refuge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, NM 87103-1306. Comments should be submitted to: Lou Bridges, Project Coordinator, Research Management Consultants, Inc., 1746 Cole Blvd., Bldg. 21, Suite 300, Golden, CO 80401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: It is Service policy to have all lands within the National Wildlife Refuge System managed in accordance with an approved CCP. The CCP guides management decisions and identifies refuge goals, long-range objectives, and strategies for achieving refuge purposes. The planning process has considered many elements, including habitat and wildlife management, habitat protection and acquisition, public and recreational uses, and cultural resources. Public input into this planning process has assisted in the development of the draft documents. The CCP will provide other agencies and the public with a clear understanding of the desired conditions for the Refuges and how the Service will implement management strategies.

The Service intends to consider comments and advice generated in response to the draft documents prior to the preparation of a final CCP. The Service is furnishing this notice in compliance with Service CCP policy: (1) To advise other agencies and the public of the availability of the draft documents, and (2) to obtain suggestions and advice for consideration in preparation of final documents.

The Service anticipates that final CCP documents and any associated NEPA documents will be available by September 15, 1998.

Dated: June 26, 1998.

Renne Lohefner,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the White River Amphitheatre, Muckleshoot Indian Reservation, King County, WA

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent and public scoping notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs, with the cooperation of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Environmental