

conservation education. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a three-year period. The tiger names and PRT numbers are as follows: Mohan, 061900; Apollo, 063774; Assam, 063775; Ghandi, 063776; Jaipur, 063777; Tibet, 063778; Tora, 063779; Vanja, 063780; Ares, 063781; Athena, 063782; Marissa, 063783; Shankar, 063784; and Ussuri, 063785.

*Applicant: Donald L. Fetterolf, Somerset, PA, PRT-065225*

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: Julian Weltsch, Phoenix, AZ, PRT-061112*

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: Robert A. Powell, Texas A & M University, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences, College Station, TX, PRT-064189*

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples taken from wild specimens of black-capped vireo (*Vireo atricapillus*) for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a period of 5 years.

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: November 22, 2002.

**Monica Farris,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals

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

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of permit for marine mammals.

**SUMMARY:** The following permit was issued.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents and other information submitted for this application is available for review by any party who submits a written request to the 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:

On July 9, 2002, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 45530), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Ikande L.V. Larkin, University of Florida to amend a permit (PRT-038448) to conduct scientific research on captive-held and wild Florida manatees (*Trichechus manatus*) to study manatee reproductive physiology and indicators of stress.

Notice is hereby given that on November 26, 2002, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*), the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested amended permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

Dated: November 29, 2002.

**Charles S. Hamilton,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Proposed Finding Against Federal Acknowledgment of the Schaghticoke Tribal Nation

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed finding.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to 25 CFR 83.10(h), notice is hereby given that the Assistant

Secretary—Indian Affairs proposes to decline to acknowledge that the Schaghticoke Tribal Nation (STN), c/o Mr. Richard L. Velky, 33 Elizabeth Street, 4th Floor, Derby, Connecticut 06148, exists as an Indian tribe within the meaning of Federal law. This notice is based on a determination that the petitioner does not satisfy all seven of the criteria set forth in 25 CFR 83.7, specifically criteria (b), and (c), and therefore does not meet the requirements for a government-to-government relationship with the United States.

**DATES:** As provided by 25 CFR 83.10(i), any individual or organization wishing to comment on the proposed finding may submit arguments and evidence to support or rebut the proposed finding. The time periods and some of the procedures in 25 CFR part 83 for considering the STN petition are modified by a court-approved negotiated agreement in pending litigation. Parties to the litigation have six months from the service of the proposed finding to provide comments, documents and arguments on the proposed finding to the Department. Interested and informed parties who are not also parties to the litigation have 180 days from the date of publication of this notice of the proposed finding to provide comments to the Department. These comment periods are virtually identical. The petitioner and all interested and informed parties commenting on the proposed finding must provide copies of their comments to all parties and *amici curiae* of the litigation at the same time. The names and addresses of commenters on the proposed finding will be available for public review. Commenters wishing to have their name and/or address withheld must state this request prominently at the beginning of their comments. Such a request will be honored to the extent allowable by law.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the proposed finding or requests for a copy of the report which summarizes the evidence, reasoning, and analyses that are the basis for this proposed finding, or a list of parties in the litigation, should be addressed to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Branch of Acknowledgment and Research, 1849 C Street NW., Mailstop 4660-MIB, Washington, DC 20240.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** R. Lee Fleming, Chief, Branch of Acknowledgment and Research, (202) 208-3592.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is published in accordance with authority delegated by the Secretary of