

*Name:* Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services (FICEMS).

*Date of Meeting:* June 5, 2003.

*Place:* Building J, Room 107, National Emergency Training Center (NETC), 16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727.

*Time:* 10:30 a.m.

*Proposed Agenda:* Review and submission for approval of previous FICEMS Committee Meeting Minutes; Ambulance Safety Subcommittee and Counter-terrorism Subcommittee report; presentation of member agency reports; and reports of other interested parties.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting will be open to the public with limited seating available on a first-come, first-served basis. See the Response and Security Procedures below.

*Response Procedures:* Committee Members and members of the general public who plan to attend the meeting should contact Ms. Patti Roman, on or before Tuesday, June 3, 2003, via mail at NATEK Incorporated, 4200-G Technology Court, Chantilly, Virginia 20151, or by telephone at (703) 818-7070, or via facsimile at (703) 818-0165, or via e-mail at [proman@natekinc.com](mailto:proman@natekinc.com). This is necessary to be able to create and provide a current roster of visitors to NETC Security per directives.

*Security Procedures:* Increased security controls and surveillance are in effect at the National Emergency Training Center. All visitors must have a valid picture identification card and their vehicles will be subject to search by Security personnel. All visitors will be issued a visitor pass, which must be worn at all times while on campus. Please allow adequate time before the meeting to complete the security process.

*Conference Call Capabilities:* If you are not able to attend in person, a toll free number has been set up for teleconferencing. The toll free number will be available from 10:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Members should call in around 10:30 a.m. The number is 1-800-320-4330. The FICEMS conference code is "10." If you plan to call in, you should just enter the number "10"—no need to hit any other buttons, such as the star or pound keys.

*FICEMS Meeting Minutes:* Minutes of the meeting will be prepared and will be available upon request 30 days after they have been approved at the next FICEMS Committee Meeting on September 5, 2003. The minutes will also be posted on the United States Fire Administration website at <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/ems/ficems.htm> within 30 days after their approval at

the September 5, 2003 FICEMS Committee Meeting.

Dated: May 7, 2003.

**R. David Paulison,**

*Director, Preparedness Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Emergency Exemption: Issuance of Permit for Endangered Species

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

**ACTION:** Notice of emergency issuance of permit for endangered species.

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

**ADDRESSES:** Documents and other information submitted for this application 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, telephone (703) 358-2104 or fax (703) 358-2281.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On April 17, 2003, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) issued a permit (PRT-070221) to the Cincinnati Zoo, Cincinnati, Ohio, to import biological samples collected from bonobos (*Pan paniscus*) from Lola ya Bonobo sanctuary in the Democratic Republic of Congo, for the purpose of scientific research. The 30-day comment period required under the Endangered Species Act was waived pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1539(c). The Service determined that an emergency affecting the health and life of the remaining bonobos sanctuary population existed, and that no reasonable alternative was available to the applicant for several reasons.

The Cincinnati Zoo requested a permit to import multiple blood samples, tracheal washings, gastric washings, urine, feces, hair and tissues samples from all animals housed at the Lola ya Bonobo sanctuary in the Democratic Republic of Congo for emergency and ongoing health/disease evaluation purposes. Samples will be utilized exclusively for diagnostic and scientific purposes. The specimens will be used to run diagnostics tests to

determine the cause of the death of several animals that have died during an ongoing disease outbreak at the sanctuary within the past several weeks. The necessary diagnostic testing is not available in Africa. The results of health and disease testing from these bonobos may result in a secondary benefit by providing important clues to disease threats to the wild bonobo population.

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.

**Timothy J. Van Norman,**

*Chief, Branch of Permits—International 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 March 3, 2003, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 10026), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Ricky H. Jackson for a permit (PRT-067142) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Foxe Basin polar bear population, Canada, prior to April 30, 1994, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on April 17, 2003, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and