

should be submitted to the Director (address above).

*Applicant:* Martin Koop, Escondido, CA, PRT-083770.

The applicant requests a permit to export one personally-owned captive-bred pet golden conure (*Guarouba guarouba*), hatched 4/12/2001, and return with it within five years.

*Applicant:* University of New Mexico, Museum of Natural History, Albuquerque, New Mexico, PRT-084874.

The applicant requests a permit to export and re-import museum specimens of endangered and threatened species of plants and animals 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.

*Applicant:* Jacksonville Zoological Society, Jacksonville, FL, PRT-072761.

The applicant requests a permit to import five jaguar (*Panthera onca*) and biological samples from these same specimens for diagnostic health screening, from the government of Guyana for the purpose of enhancement of the species through captive propagation and conservation education.

*Applicant:* Duke University Primate Center, Durham, NC, PRT-081211.

The applicant requests a permit to import seven (3 male and 4 female) captive born lemurs (*Microcebus murinus*) from the Paris Zoo, France, for the purpose of enhancement of the species through scientific research and enhancement of the survival of the species in the wild.

*Applicant:* Wilfred P. Schmoie, Jackson, WY, PRT-085899.

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:* John Penek, Warren, NJ, PRT-085896.

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:* Clyde Bros./Johnson Circus Corp, Seagoville, TX, PRT-085446,

085448, 085449, 085450, 085451, 085452, 085453, and 085454.

The applicant requests permits to re-export and re-import tigers (*Panthera tigris*) to worldwide locations for the purpose of enhancement of the species through conservation education. The permit numbers and animals are: 085446—Barnum; 085448—Tangiers, 085449—Conan, 085450—Voltan, 085451—Bengali, 085452—Kismet, 085453—India, and 085454—Robin. 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 application(s) for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered marine mammals and/or marine mammals. The application(s) was/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:* Phillip A. Teel, Dix Hills, NY, PRT-086649.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Northern Beaufort Sea polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

*Applicant:* Robert D. Yajko, Glenwood Springs, CO, PRT-086723.

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 use.

Dated: May 7, 2004.

#### Monica Farris,

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

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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 May 10, 2004, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) re-issued a permit (PRT-011646) to the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho, Bonners Ferry, ID, to export white sturgeon (*Acipenser transmontanus*) fertilized eggs from a spawning and rearing facility in Bonners Ferry, Idaho to the Kootenay Trout Hatchery in Fort Steele, British Columbia, as advised in the USFWS White Sturgeon Recovery Team Plan for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through conservation and propagation. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a five year period. This action was authorized under Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*). The Service determined that an emergency affecting the health of the Kootenai River white sturgeon population existed, and that no reasonable alternative was available to the applicant for the following reasons.

The Kootenai Tribe of Idaho requested re-issuance of a permit (PRT-011646) to export multiple shipments of white sturgeon (*Acipenser transmontanus*) fertilized eggs from a spawning and rearing facility in Bonners Ferry, Idaho to the Kootenay Trout Hatchery in Fort Steele, British Columbia, an action addressed in the white sturgeon recovery plan. This action is taken to protect against the loss of the entire hatchery and/or wild stock due to natural or man-made catastrophic events. This permit was issued as an

emergency action in order to accommodate the white sturgeon's spawning season.

Dated: May 10, 2004.

**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 Permits**

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

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

**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 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.

**Marine Mammals**

Permit No.	Applicant	Receipt of application <b>Federal Register</b> notice	Permit issuance date
083389 .....	Charles S. Harrison .....	69 FR 13324; March 22, 2004 .....	May 6, 2004.
083529 .....	Charles H. Johnson .....	69 FR 13324; March 22, 2004 .....	May 7, 2004.

Dated: May 14, 2004.

**Michael S. Moore,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[WY-030-1310-DB]

**Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Desolation Flats Natural Gas Field Development Project**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability (NOA) of a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Desolation Flats Natural Gas Field Development Project, Wyoming.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Desolation Flats Natural Gas Field Development Project FEIS that analyzes the environmental consequences of the Desolation Flats proposed natural gas development and production operation. The 233,542 acre Desolation Flats project area is located within the administrative jurisdictions of the BLM Rawlins and Rock Springs Field Offices, approximately 21 miles south of Wamsutter and 14 miles west of Baggs, Wyoming in Townships 13-16 North, Ranges 93-96 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Sweetwater and Carbon Counties.

**DATES:** The FEIS will be available for review for 30 calendar days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes its NOA in the **Federal Register**. The BLM can best utilize your comments and resource information submissions within the 30 day review period provided above.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the FEIS has been sent to affected Federal, State, and local government agencies and to interested parties. Copies of the FEIS will be available for public inspection at the following locations:

- Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009.
- Bureau of Land Management, Rawlins Field Office, 1300 N. Third Street, Rawlins, Wyoming 82301.
- Bureau of Land Management, Rock Springs Field Office, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, Wyoming 82901.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. David Simons, Project Manager, BLM Rawlins Field Office, 1300 N. Third Street, Rawlins, Wyoming 82301. Mr. Simons may also be reached at (307) 367-5309. Ms. Teri Deakins, Environmental Protection Specialist, BLM Rock Spring Field Office, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, Wyoming 82901 may also be contacted and reached at (307) 352-0211.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** EOG Resources, Inc., Tom Brown, Inc., Basin Exploration, Inc., Yates Petroleum Corporation, Questar Exploration and Production Company, Merit Energy Company, Santa Fe Snyder Corporation and other companies (referred to the

Operators) propose to drill up to 592 wells. Over the next 20 years the Operators propose to explore and develop the oil and gas resources held through their existing leases within the Desolation Flats Project Area. Well density would range from two wells per 640 acres to four wells per 640 acres, depending on geologic conditions.

Expansion of natural gas exploration and development is proposed in and adjacent to other oil and gas developments including the Willow Reservoir, Wedge, Mulligan Draw, Powder Mountain, Desolation Flats, Ruger, Dripping Rock, Cedar Chest, Triton, and Lookout Wash Units and the surrounding areas, collectively referred to as the Desolation Flats Area. Of the approximately 233,500 acres area surface ownership of the project area is 96 percent Federal lands administered by the BLM, 3 percent private, and less than 1 percent State of Wyoming. Currently, there are approximately 127 producing oil and gas wells drilled within the Desolation Flats project area, and up to 592 additional wells could be drilled over the next 20 years.

The BLM published its Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Desolation Flats Natural Gas Development Project in the **Federal Register**, on May 18, 2000. The Notice of Availability of a Desolation Flats Draft EIS was published by the EPA in the **Federal Register** May 2, 2003. Based upon issues and concerns identified during scoping and throughout the NEPA process, the Desolation Flats FEIS analyses focus on the impacts to air quality, biological and