

development of alternatives was also informed by Service policies regarding the use of pesticides and the minimum requirements analysis process under the Wilderness Act. Three alternatives are analyzed in the draft EIS:

Alternative 1: No-Action Alternative

Under this alternative, we would not take any action to eradicate mice from the South Farallon Islands, maintaining the status quo. Native species would continue to be impacted by invasive mice. However, other ongoing invasive species management programs on the South Farallones would continue based on previous agency decisions. Low-intensity mouse control, primarily snap-trapping, currently occurs within and around the residences and other buildings on Southeast Farallon Island. These localized control efforts would continue under the no-action alternative, but the mouse population on the rest of the South Farallones would not be subject to control efforts.

Under this alternative, we would also continue management activities focused on protecting storm-petrels and their habitat on the islands, including invasive plant control and nest habitat construction. The current biosecurity measures would likely continue under this alternative, which could leave the Farallones at risk of additional invasions by non-native animal species.

Alternative 2: Eradicate invasive house mice from the South Farallon Islands by aerial broadcast of Brodifacoum 25D-Conservation as the primary method of bait delivery

Under this alternative, the project area would be treated with the rodenticide Brodifacoum 25D Conservation. The primary delivery of the bait would be through two aerial applications, with hand baiting and bait stations as a secondary means of bait delivery in selected areas. Bait applications would be separated by 10 to 21 days. The applications would take place between October and December. A comprehensive gull hazing program would be implemented as part of the action to minimize the exposure of gulls to bait. Mitigation measures in this alternative include minimizing activities in wilderness areas, protecting cultural resources, minimizing wildlife disturbances, minimizing bait drift into the marine environment, raptor capture and hold/relocation, use of bait stations in certain areas with high numbers of roosting gulls, and the removal of carcasses of mice and non-target species, and covering the water catchment pad.

Monitoring of operational, mitigation, and ecosystem restoration objectives would be conducted before, during, and after the proposed mouse eradication. In addition, in order to mitigate the risk of future rodent reinvasion, a biosecurity plan would be implemented prior to the proposed eradication to prevent and detect future rodent incursions.

Alternative 3: Eradicate invasive house mice from the South Farallon Islands by aerial broadcast of Diphacinone D50-Conservation as the primary method of bait delivery

Under this alternative, the project area would be treated with the rodenticide Diphacinone D50-Conservation. Alternative 3 differs from Alternative 2 in the type of rodenticide used for the proposed eradication and the number of applications that may be necessary. A comprehensive gull hazing program would be implemented to minimize the exposure of gulls to bait. Alternative 3 would include the same mitigation measures described under Alternative 2, as well as the monitoring program and the biosecurity plan. Under Alternative 3, Diphacinone D50-Conservation would be broadcast primarily by helicopter, with some hand baiting and bait stations used in selected areas. However, under Alternative 3 we would need to broadcast a portion of the total amount of bait required during up to three or four applications, each separated by approximately 7 days. The number of applications will be determined partly by mouse uptake of bait and degradation of bait by rainfall. The bait application would take place between October and December.

NEPA Compliance

We are conducting environmental review in accordance with the requirements of NEPA, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), its implementing regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), other applicable regulations, and our procedures for compliance with those regulations. The draft EIS discusses the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of the alternatives on biological resources, cultural resources, wilderness, water quality, and other environmental resources. Measures to minimize adverse environmental effects are identified and discussed in the draft EIS.

Public Comments

We request that you send comments only by one of the methods described in **ADDRESSES**. If you submit a comment via <http://www.regulations.gov>, your entire comment—including any personal identifying information—will be posted

on the Web site. We will post all hardcopy comments on <http://www.regulations.gov> as well. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Comments and materials we receive, as well as documents associated with the notice, will be available for public inspection on <http://www.regulations.gov> at Docket No. FWS–R8–NWRS–2013–0036.

We will hold one public meeting to solicit comments on the draft EIS. We will mail a separate announcement to the public with the exact date, time, and location of the public meeting. We will also post the time, date, and location of the public meeting on our refuge Web site at: www.fws.gov/refuge/farallon. We will accept both oral and written comments at the public meeting.

Alexandra Pitts,

Acting Regional Director, Pacific Southwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered Species; Marine Mammals; Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species, marine mammals, or both. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and [Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA)] prohibit activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is acquired that allows such activities.

DATES: We must receive comments or requests for documents on or before September 16, 2013. We must receive requests for marine mammal permit public hearings, in writing, at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section by September 16, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Brenda Tapia, Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax

Drive, Room 212, Arlington, VA 22203; fax (703) 358–2280; or email DMAFR@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brenda Tapia, (703) 358–2104 (telephone); (703) 358–2280 (fax); DMAFR@fws.gov (email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Comment Procedures

A. How do I request copies of applications or comment on submitted applications?

Send your request for copies of applications or comments and materials concerning any of the applications to the contact listed under **ADDRESSES**. Please include the **Federal Register** notice publication date, the PRT-number, and the name of the applicant in your request or submission. We will not consider requests or comments sent to an email or address not listed under **ADDRESSES**. If you provide an email address in your request for copies of applications, we will attempt to respond to your request electronically.

Please make your requests or comments as specific as possible. Please confine your comments to issues for which we seek comments in this notice, and explain the basis for your comments. Include sufficient information with your comments to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include.

The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) Those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**) or comments delivered to an address other than those listed above (see **ADDRESSES**).

B. May I review comments submitted by others?

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the street address listed under **ADDRESSES**. The public may review documents and other information applicants have sent in support of the application unless our allowing viewing would violate the Privacy Act or Freedom of Information Act. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time.

While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), along with Executive Order 13576, “Delivering an Efficient, Effective, and Accountable Government,” and the President’s Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies of January 21, 2009—Transparency and Open Government (74 FR 4685; January 26, 2009), which call on all Federal agencies to promote openness and transparency in Government by disclosing information to the public, we invite public comment on these permit applications before final action is taken. Under the MMPA, you may request a hearing on any MMPA application received. If you request a hearing, give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Service Director.

III. Permit Applications

A. Endangered Species

Applicant: University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC; PRT–73008A

The applicant requests amendment and renewal of the permit to import biological specimens collected from nesting female and hatchling hawksbill sea turtles (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) on or near Long Island, Antigua, and on or near 11-Mile Beach, Barbados, for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Zoological Society of San Diego, San Diego, CA; PRT–08827B

The applicant requests a permit to re-import a live female African elephant (*Loxodonta africana*) born in the wild for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species from Franklin Zoo & Wildlife Sanctuary, c/o Auckland Zoo, Auckland, New Zealand.

Applicant: Jeffrey Dundek, Palos Park, IL; PRT–12356B

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*) to enhance the species’ propagation or survival. This

notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Pinto Ranch, Hunt, TX; PRT–13263B

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for barasingha (*Rucervus duvaucelii*), Eld’s deer (*Rucervus eldii*), scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*), Arabian oryx (*Oryx leucoryx*), addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*), dama gazelle (*Nanger dama*), and red lechwe (*Kobus leche*) to enhance the species propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Pinto Ranch, Hunt, TX; PRT–13254B

The applicant requests a permit authorizing interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cull of excess barasingha (*Rucervus duvaucelii*), scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*), Arabian oryx (*Oryx leucoryx*), addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*), and red lechwe (*Kobus leche*) from the captive herd maintained at their facility, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Dakota Zoological Society, Bismarck, ND; PRT–176086

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following species in the Cebidae family—Cotton-top tamarin (*Saguinus oedipus*), snow leopard (*Uncia uncia*), and red-ruffed lemur (*Varecia rubra*)—to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: William Burnett, North Little Rock, AR; PRT–034480

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for spotted pond turtle (*Geoclemys hamiltonii*) and radiated tortoise (*Geochelone radiata*), to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Omaha’s Henry Doorly Zoo, Omaha, NE; PRT–10967B

The applicant requests a permit to import a captive-bred Malayan tapir (*Tapirus indicus*) for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: John Klauss, Pipe Creek, TX; PRT-13560B

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for barasingha (*Rucervus duvaucelii*), Eld's deer (*Rucervus eldii*), scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*), Arabian oryx (*Oryx leucoryx*), addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*), dama gazelle (*Nanger dama*), and red lechwe (*Kobus leche*), to enhance the species' propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: John Klauss, Pipe Creek, TX; PRT-13559B

The applicant requests a permit authorizing interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cull of excess addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*) from the captive herd maintained at their facility, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Fresno Chaffee Zoo, Fresno, CA; PRT-690128

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following families to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Families:

- Bovidae
- Cebidae
- Cercopithecidae
- Felidae (*does not* include jaguar, margay, or ocelot)
- Hylobatidae
- Lemuridae
- Tapiridae
- Boidae (*does not* include Mona boa or Puerto Rico boa)
- Gekkonidae

Multiple Applicants

The following applicants each request 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: Dale James, Lesterville, SD; PRT-12915B;

Applicant: Anthony Gaglio, Stamford, CT; PRT-13216B;

Applicant: Shane Erving, Billings, MT; PRT-13270B.

B. Endangered Marine Mammals and Marine Mammals

Applicant: Bristol Bay Native Association, Dillingham, AK; PRT-05664B

The applicant requests a permit to conduct population surveys which could cause Level B harassment of northern sea otters (*Enhydra lutris kenyoni*) along the coasts of Bristol Bay and the Alaskan Peninsula, Alaska, for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 3-year period.

Concurrent with publishing this notice in the **Federal Register**, we are forwarding copies of the above applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

Brenda Tapia,

Program Analyst/Data Administrator, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

United States Geological Survey

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Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Meeting notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, we announce that the Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science will hold a meeting.

DATES: *Meetings:* The meetings will be held as follows: Wednesday, September 18, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.; and Thursday, September 19, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (All times Eastern).

ADDRESSES: Hall of the States Building, 444 North Capitol Street NW., Washington, DC 20001, Room 283/285.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robin O'Malley, Designated Federal Officer, Policy and Partnership Coordinator, National Climate Change

and Wildlife Science Center, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Mail Stop 400, Reston, VA 20192, romalley@usgs.gov, (703) 648-4086.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Chartered in May 2013, the Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science (ACCCNRS) advises the Secretary of the Interior on the establishment and operations of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center (NCCWSC) and the Department of the Interior (DOI) Climate Science Centers (CSCs). ACCCNRS members represent federal agencies; tribal, state, and local governments; nongovernment organizations; academic institutions; and the private sector. Duties of the committee include: (A) Advising on the contents of a national strategy identifying key science priorities to advance the management of natural resources in the face of climate change; (B) advising on the nature, extent, and quality of relations with and engagement of key partners at the regional/CSC level; (C) advising on the nature and effectiveness of mechanisms to ensure the identification of key priorities from management partners and to effectively deliver scientific results in useful forms; (D) advising on mechanisms that may be employed by the NCCWSC to ensure high standards of scientific quality and integrity in its products, and to review and evaluate the performance of individual CSCs, in advance of opportunities to re-establish expiring agreements; and (E) coordinating as appropriate with any Federal Advisory Committee established for the DOI Landscape Conservation Cooperatives. More information about the ACCCNRS is available at <https://nccwsc.usgs.gov/content/advisory-committee-climate-change-and-natural-resource-science-accnrs>.

Meeting Agenda: The objectives of this meeting are to: (1) Provide ACCCNRS Members with a working understanding of the USGS National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center and the DOI Climate Science Centers; (2) provide an overview of other federal climate science services and programs; (3) review the Committee's charge, scope, operating procedures, and ground rules; (4) review and solicit Committee input on the CSCs and NCCWSC approach to science and stakeholder engagement; and (5) define an agenda for future Committee meetings. The final agenda will be posted on <https://nccwsc.usgs.gov/content/advisory-committee-climate-change-and-natural-resource-science-accnrs> prior to the meeting.