

delisting of that distinct population segment would be warranted.

For the Coastal, Mid-Columbia, and Upper Snake Recovery Units, the recovery criteria provide that primary threats must be managed effectively in at least 75 percent of all core areas, representing 75 percent or more of bull trout local populations within each of these three recovery units. For the Columbia Headwaters Recovery Unit, the recovery criteria provide that primary threats must be managed effectively in at least 75 percent of complex core areas and at least 75 percent of simple core areas, representing 75 percent or more of bull trout local populations within the recovery unit. For the Klamath and St. Mary Recovery Units, the recovery criteria provide that all primary threats must be managed effectively in all existing core areas, representing all existing local populations. In addition, because 9 of the 17 known local populations in the Klamath Recovery Unit have been extirpated and others are significantly imperiled and require active management, we believe that the geographic distribution of bull trout within this recovery unit needs to be substantially expanded before it can be considered to have met recovery goals. To achieve recovery, we seek to add seven additional local populations distributed among the three core areas (two in the Upper Klamath Lake core area, three in the Sycan core area, and two in the Upper Sprague core area). In recovery units where shared foraging/migratory/overwintering (FMO) habitat outside core areas has been identified, connectivity and habitat in these shared FMO areas should be maintained in a condition sufficient for regular bull trout use and successful dispersal among the connecting core areas for those core areas to meet the criterion.

If threats are effectively managed at these thresholds, we expect that bull trout populations will respond accordingly and reflect the biodiversity principles of resiliency, redundancy, and representation. Specifically, achieving the recovery criteria in each recovery unit would result in geographically widespread and demographically stable local bull trout populations within the range of natural variation, with their essential cold water habitats connected to allow their diverse life history forms to persist into the foreseeable future; therefore, the species would be brought to the point where the protections of the Act are no longer necessary.

Authority: The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: September 3, 2015.

Robyn Thorson,

Regional Director, Pacific Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2015-0152; FXIA1671090000-156-FF09A30000]

Endangered Species; 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 applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species and migratory birds. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is acquired that allows such activities. The public is also invited to comment on the following applications for approval to conduct certain activities with bird species covered under the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992, which was enacted to ensure that exotic bird species are not harmed by international trade and to encourage wild bird conservation programs in countries of origin.

DATES: We must receive comments or requests for documents on or before October 30, 2015.

ADDRESSES: *Submitting Comments:* You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2015-0152.
- *U.S. mail or hand-delivery:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2015-0152; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, MS: BPHC; 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

We will post all comments on <http://www.regulations.gov>. This generally means that we will post any personal information you provide us (see the Public Comments section below for more information).

Viewing Comments: Comments and materials we receive will be available

for public inspection on <http://www.regulations.gov>, or by appointment, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803; telephone 703-358-2095.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Endangered Species Applications: Brenda Tapia, Program Analyst/Data Administrator, Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, MS: IA; 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803; telephone 703-358-2104; facsimile 703-358-2280.

Wild Bird Conservation Act Applications: Craig Hoover, Chief, Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, MS: IA; 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803; telephone 703-358-2095; facsimile 703-358-2298.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Comment Procedures

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

For how to obtain copies of the complete applications, and how to submit written data or comments, see **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 comments sent to an email or address not listed under **ADDRESSES**.

Please make your 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 on regulations.gov and at the address found in **ADDRESSES**.

II. Permit Applications

A. Endangered Species

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.*), 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.

Applicant: Valley Zoological Society, Brownsville, TX; PRT-63567B

The applicant requests a permit to import four captive-bred Philippine crocodile (*Crocodylus mindorensis*) for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 1-year period.

Applicant: White Oak Conservation Holdings, LLC, Yulee, FL; PRT-58992B

The applicant requests a permit to import one female captive-bred Andean condor (*Vultur gryphus*) for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species from Taronga Zoo, Mosman, New South Wales, Australia.

Applicant: Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, Cleveland, OH; PRT-69476B

The applicant requests a permit to export one female captive-bred Golden Lion Tamarin (*Leontopithecus rosalia*) for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Wildlife & Environmental Conservation, Inc., Moorpark, CA; PRT-75313B

The applicant requests a permit to purchase in interstate commerce two captive-born male African leopards (*Panthera pardus*) from Living Treasures Wild Animal Park, New Castle, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of

enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: University of Colorado Denver, Aurora, CO; PRT-64101B

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from 129 brush-tailed bettong (*Bettongia penicillata*) from the wild for purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 1-year period.

Applicant: Bhagavan Antle, Myrtle Beach, SC; PRT-71654B

The applicant requests a permit to export and re-import 18 captive-born tigers (*Panthera tigris*) for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species to and from Cancun, Quintana Roo, Mexico. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 3-year period.

Applicant: City of Bridgeton/Cohanzick Zoo, Bridgeton, NJ; PRT-63829B

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following species to enhance species propagation or survival: Radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*), spotted pond turtle (*Geoclemys hamiltonii*), aquatic box turtle (*Terrapene coahuila*), Jamaican boa (*Epicrates subflavus*), Cabot's tragopan (*Tragopan caboti*), Moluccan cockatoo (*Cacatua moluccensis*), White cockatoo (*Cacatua alba*), Blue-throated macaw (*Ara glaucogularis*), ring-tailed lemur (*Lemur catta*), cottontop tamarin (*Saguinus oedipus*), lar gibbon (*Hylobates lar*), and spotted leopard (*Panthera pardus*). This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Peter Langeegger, Silt, CO; PRT-64786B

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following species to enhance species propagation or survival: Radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*), Bolson tortoise (*Gopherus flavomarginatus*), aquatic box turtle (*Terrapene coahuila*), yellow-spot river turtle (*Podocnemis unifilis*), spotted pond turtle (*Geoclemys hamiltonii*), and Galapagos tortoise (*Chelonoidis nigra*). This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

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: Jared Golding, Draper, UT; PRT-66604B

Applicant: Anden Neal Van Beek, Beresford, SD; PRT-73793B

Applicant: Luke Snyder, Springfield, MO; PRT-76168B

B. Wild Bird Conservation Act

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for approval to conduct certain activities with bird species covered under the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992 (16 U.S.C. 4901-4916). This notice is provided pursuant to section 112(4) of the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992, 50 CFR 15.26(c).

Applicant: The Peregrine Fund, Boise, Idaho

The applicant seeks to establish a cooperative breeding program for Taita falcon (*Falco fasciinucha*). The applicant wishes to be an active participant in this program, along with Weaver Ranch, Causey, New Mexico. If approved, the program will be overseen by The Peregrine Fund, Boise, Idaho.

Applicant: John Aynes, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

The applicant seeks to establish a cooperative breeding program for grey parrot (*Psittacus erithacus*). The applicant wishes to be an active participant in this program along with Susan Clubb, DVM, Loxahatchee, Florida, and Walter Frey, Parrot Ranch, Idabel, Oklahoma. If approved, the program will be overseen by the Zoological Association of America, Punta Gorda, Florida.

III. Public Comments

You may submit your comments and materials concerning this notice by one of the methods listed in **ADDRESSES**. We will not consider comments sent by email or fax or to an address not listed 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. 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.

We will post all hardcopy comments on <http://www.regulations.gov>.

IV. Authority

Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992 (16 U.S.C. 4901–4916).

Brenda Tapia,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service**

[FW–HQ–MB–2015–N186; FF09M29000–156F1611MD–FXMB12320900000]

Proposed Information Collection; Depredation Orders for Double-Crested Cormorants

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection (IC) described below. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and as part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this IC. This IC is scheduled to expire on February 29, 2016. We may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

DATES: To ensure that we are able to consider your comments on this IC, we must receive them by November 30, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on the IC to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS BPHC, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803 (mail); or hope_grey@fws.gov (email). Please include “1018–0121” in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this IC, contact Hope Grey at hope_grey@fws.gov (email) or 703–358–2482 (telephone).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

This information collection is associated with regulations implementing the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) (16 U.S.C. 703 *et seq.*). Under the MBTA, it is unlawful to take, possess, import, export, transport, sell, purchase, barter, or offer for sale, purchase, or barter, migratory birds or their parts, nests, or eggs, except as authorized by regulations implementing the MBTA.

The regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 21.47 (Aquaculture Depredation Order) authorize aquaculture producers and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (APHIS—Wildlife Services) in 13 States to take double-crested cormorants when the birds are found committing or about to commit depredations on commercial freshwater aquaculture stocks. The regulations at 50 CFR 21.48 (Public

Resource Depredation Order) authorize State fish and wildlife agencies, APHIS—Wildlife Services, and federally recognized tribes in 24 States to take double-crested cormorants to prevent depredations on the public resources of fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats.

Both 50 CFR 21.47 and 21.48 impose reporting and recordkeeping requirements on those operating under the depredation orders. We use the information collected to:

- Help assess the impact of the depredation orders on double-crested cormorant populations.
- Protect nontarget migratory birds or other species.
- Ensure that agencies and individuals are operating in accordance with the terms, conditions, and purpose of the orders.
- Help gauge the effectiveness of the orders at mitigating cormorant-related damages.

II. Data

OMB Control Number: 1018–0121.

Title: Depredation Orders for Double-Crested Cormorants, 50 CFR 21.47 and 21.48.

Service Form Number(s): 3–202–18–2147; 3–202–19–2148.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Description of Respondents: Aquaculture producers, States, and tribes.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Frequency of Collection: Annually for reports; ongoing for recordkeeping.

| Activity | Number of respondents | Number of responses | Completion time per response (hours) | Total annual burden hours |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Report take of migratory bird species other than double-crested cormorants (21.47(d)(7); 21.48(d)(7)) | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Report take of species protected under Endangered Species Act (21.47(d)(8); 21.48(d)(8)) | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Written notice of intent to conduct control activities (21.48(d)(9)) | 12 | 12 | 3 | 36 |
| Report of control activities (21.48(d)(10) and (11)) | 12 | 12 | 20 | 240 |
| Report effects of management activities (21.48(d)(12)) | 9 | 9 | 75 | 675 |
| Recordkeeping (21.47(d)(9)) | 325 | 325 | 7 | 2,275 |
| Totals | 360 | 360 | | 3,228 |

Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: None.

III. Comments

We invite comments concerning this information collection on:

- Whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including

whether or not the information will have practical utility;

- The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information;
- Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this IC. Before including your address, phone number,