

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Endangered Species

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (address above).

Applicant: Tom Stehn, Whooping Crane Recovery Plan Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 2, Austwell, TX, PRT-022747.

The applicant requests renewal of their permit to export/re-export captive-bred/captive hatched and wild live specimens, captive-bred/wild collected viable eggs, biological samples and salvaged materials from captive-bred/wild specimens of Whooping cranes (*Grus americana*) to Canada, for completion of identified tasks and objectives mandated under the Whooping Crane Recovery Plan. Salvage materials may include, but are not limited to, whole or partial specimens, feathers, eggs, and egg shell fragments. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Applicant: University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Wilmington, NC, PRT-168756.

The applicant requests a permit to export biological samples from Kemp's Ridley sea turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*) to Ontario, Canada for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Applicant: Dr. Leslie Lyons, University of California, Davis, Davis, CA, PRT-154582

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from wild and captive born species of Felidae from various locations for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Applicant: Priour Brothers Ranch, Ingram, TX, PRT-707102

The applicant requests renewal of their permit which authorizes interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cull of excess animals of the following species: swamp deer (*Cervus duvauceli*),

Eld's deer (*Cervus eldi*) and red lechwe (*Kobus lechwe*) from their captive herd for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species in the wild. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Endangered Marine Mammals and Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered marine mammals and/or marine mammals. The applications 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: Monterey Bay Aquarium, Monterey, CA, PRT-032027

The applicant requests renewal and amendment of their permit to take up to 100 southern sea otters (*Enhydra lutris nereis*) annually by capturing and recapturing, tagging and instrumenting, taking biological samples, conducting non-invasive and minimally invasive experiments on captive-held animals, conducting birth control, rehabilitating stranded animals, releasing animals, and care and maintenance of animals deemed provisionally non-releasable and non-releasable for the purpose of scientific research and enhancement of the survival of the species. The applicant is also requesting authorization to export and re-import captive-held sea otters deemed non-releasable for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Applicant: Beyond Bears, Inc., Frazier Park, CA, PRT-142439

The applicant requests a permit to import one female captive-born polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) from Beyond Bears' facility in Abbotsford, British

Columbia, Canada, for the purpose of public display.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Division of Management Authority is forwarding copies of the above applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

Dated: November 16, 2007.

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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 endangered species and/or 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 212, 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 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.*), the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permit(s) subject to certain conditions set forth therein. For each permit for an endangered species, the Service found that (1) the application was filed in good faith, (2) the granted permit would not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species, and (3) the granted permit would be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in Section 2 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

ENDANGERED SPECIES

Permit number	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
072945, 072948, 074389–074393, 074395, 074397, and 074398.	Mitchel Kalmanson	72 FR 37795; July 11, 2007	October 31, 2007.

ENDANGERED MARINE MAMMALS AND MARINE MAMMALS

Permit number	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
046081	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals Management.	72 FR 37039; July 6, 2007	August 30, 2007.
134165	Edward Keith	72 FR 16383; April 4, 2007	August 20, 2007.
134907	North Slope Borough	72 FR 52905; September 17, 2007	November 7, 2007.
156390	University of Massachusetts Lowell	72 FR 48292; August 23, 2007	November 7, 2007.
801652	U.S. Geological Survey, BRD	72 FR 31601; June 7, 2007	November 7, 2007.
155087	Tom L. Miranda	72 FR 33242; June 15, 2007	September 20, 2007.
156712	John M. Azevedo	72 FR 37795; July 11, 2007	October 15, 2007.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

**Final Environmental Impact Statement
for the General Management Plan,
Great Falls Park, VA.**

AGENCY: National Park Service,
Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of the
Final Environmental Impact Statement
for the General Management Plan, Great
Falls Park, Virginia.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National
Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42
U.S.C. 4332(c), the National Park
Service (NPS) announces the
availability of the Final Environmental
Impact Statement for the General
Management Plan, Great Falls Park,
Virginia (FEIS/GMP), administered by
the George Washington Memorial
Parkway (GWMP), a unit of the National
Park System.

DATES: The NPS will execute a Record
of Decision no sooner than 30 days
following publication by the
Environmental Protection Agency of the
notice of availability of the FEIS/GMP.
A 60-day public review period took
place on the Draft Environmental
Impact Statement for the General
Management Plan (DEIS/GMP), Great
Falls Park, Virginia, from October 15, to
December 15, 2005 (70 FR 47853).
Responses to public comment are
addressed in the FEIS/GMP.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this FEIS/
GMP may be submitted in writing to:
Mr. David Vela, Superintendent, George
Washington Memorial Parkway, Turkey
Run Park, McLean, Virginia 22101; e-
mailed to
gwmp_superintendent@nps.gov; or
submitted via an electronic link at
<http://parkplanning.nps.gov>. To submit
comments on [http://](http://parkplanning.nps.gov)
parkplanning.nps.gov, click on the link
“Plans/Documents Open for Comment”
and follow that link to “Great Falls Park
GMP/EIS.”

The FEIS/GMP will be available for
public inspection Monday through
Friday, 8 a.m. through 4 p.m., at the
GWMP Headquarters, Turkey Run Park,
McLean, Virginia 22101, and at the
following sites: Great Falls Park,
Virginia, Visitor Center, 9200 Old
Dominion Drive, McLean, Virginia
22101, (703) 285-2965; Office of the
Chief of Planning, National Capital
Region, National Park Service, 1100
Ohio Drive SW., Washington, D.C.
20242, (202) 619–7277; Great Falls
Library, 9830A Georgetown Pike, Great
Falls, Virginia; and at [http://](http://www.nps.gov/gwmp/parkmgmt/documents.html)
www.nps.gov/gwmp/parkmgmt/
[documents.html](http://www.nps.gov/gwmp/parkmgmt/documents.html).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr.
David Vela, Superintendent, George
Washington Memorial Parkway, Turkey
Run Park, McLean, Virginia, 22102,
(703) 289–2500, or Mr. Walter
McDowney, Site Manager, Great Falls
Park, Virginia, 9300 Old Dominion
Drive, McLean, Virginia 22101, (703)
285–2965.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FEIS/
GMP analyzes two alternatives for
managing Great Falls Park, Virginia. The
plan is intended to provide a foundation
to help park managers guide park
programs and set priorities for the

management of Great Falls Park,
Virginia, for the next 20 years. The
FEIS/GMP evaluates the environmental
consequences of the preferred
alternative and the status quo
alternative on natural and cultural
resources, recreational opportunities,
traditional park character and visitor
experience, and public health and
safety.

Alternative A, “Status Quo/
Continuation of Current Conditions,”
maintains the status quo in the park,
and describes resource conditions
where existing practices continue to
guide park practices. This alternative
does not address resource protection
planning needs including a Climbing
Management Plan and a Trail
Management Plan.

Alternative B (Preferred Alternative
[Modified]) is based on an overall goal
for the park of balancing opportunities
for recreation while protecting sensitive
natural and cultural resources. The
preferred alternative described in the
DEIS/GMP has been modified based on
public and agency Comments that were
received, as well as additional review by
the internal planning team.

All interested individuals, agencies,
and organizations are urged to provide
comments on the FEIS/GMP. The NPS,
in making a final decision regarding this
matter, will consider all comments
received by the closing date.

Our practice is to make comments,
including names and home addresses of
respondents, available for public review
during regular business hours. Before
including your address, phone number,
e-mail address, or other personal
identifying information in your
comment, be advised that your entire
comment—including your personal
identifying information—may be made