

**ADDRESSES:** Information about the applications for the permits listed in this notice is available online at <https://www.regulations.gov>. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for details.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brenda Tapia, by phone at 703-358-2185 or via email at [DMAFR@fws.gov](mailto:DMAFR@fws.gov). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have issued permits to conduct certain activities with endangered and threatened species in response to permit applications that we received under the authority of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the Marine Mammal Protection Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*).

After considering the information submitted with each permit application and the public comments received, we issued the requested permits subject to certain conditions set forth in each permit. For each application for an endangered species, we 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 ESA.

**Availability of Documents**

The permittees' original permit application materials, along with public comments we received during public comment periods for the applications, are available for review. To locate the application materials and received comments, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for the appropriate permit number (e.g., 12345C) provided in the following table:

**Endangered Species**

Permit No.	ePermit No.	Applicant	Permit issuance date
82000D .....	.....	Cherokee Exotic Adventures .....	4/21/2022
82001D .....	.....	Cherokee Exotic Adventures .....	4/21/2022

**Marine Mammals**

Permit No.	ePermit No.	Applicant	Permit issuance date
02713D .....	.....	Scot Boyd/Stanford University Medical Center .....	2/23/2022

**Authorities**

We issue this notice under the authority of the Endangered Species Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the Marine Mammal Protection Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and their implementing regulations.

**Brenda Tapia,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

[Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2021-0008; FXIA1671090000-FF09A30000-223]

**Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES); Nineteenth Regular Meeting; Provisional Agenda; Announcement of Virtual Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The United States, as a Party to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), will attend the nineteenth regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES (CoP19) in Panama City, Panama, November 14-25, 2022. Currently, the United States is developing its negotiating positions on proposed resolutions, decisions, and amendments to the CITES Appendices (species proposals), as well as other agenda items that have been submitted by other Parties, the permanent CITES committees, and the CITES Secretariat for consideration at CoP19. With this notice, we announce the provisional agenda for CoP19, solicit your comments on the items on the provisional agenda, and announce a virtual public meeting to discuss the items on the provisional agenda.

**DATES:** *Virtual public meeting:* The virtual public meeting will be held on September 6, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. EDT.

*Comment submission:* In developing the U.S. negotiating positions on species proposals and proposed resolutions, decisions, and other agenda items submitted by other Parties, the permanent CITES committees, and the

CITES Secretariat for consideration at CoP19, we will consider written information and comments you submit if we receive them by September 21, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** *Virtual public meeting:* The virtual public meeting will be held on the Zoom videoconferencing platform. For more information about the meeting, see "Announcement of Virtual Public Meeting" under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

*Comment submission:* You may submit comments pertaining to items on the provisional agenda for discussion at CoP19 by one of the following methods:

(1) *Electronically:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on FWS-HQ-IA-2021-0008 (the docket number for this notice).

(2) *U.S. Mail:* Submit by U.S. mail to Public Comments Processing; Attn: Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2021-0008; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; MS: PRB (JAO/3W); 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

We will not accept email or faxes. Comments and materials we receive, as well as supporting documentation, will be available for public inspection on <https://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information pertaining to resolutions, decisions, and other agenda items, contact Naimah Aziz, Branch Manager, Division of Management Authority, at 703-358-2028 (telephone); 703-358-2298 (fax); or [managementauthority@fws.gov](mailto:managementauthority@fws.gov) (email). For information pertaining to species proposals, contact Rosemarie Gnam, Chief, Division of Scientific Authority, at 703-358-1708 (telephone); 703-358-2276 (fax); or [scientificauthority@fws.gov](mailto:scientificauthority@fws.gov) (email). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point of contact in the United States.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, hereinafter referred to as CITES or the Convention, is an international treaty designed to control and regulate international trade in certain animal and plant species that are or may be affected by trade and are now, or potentially may become, threatened with extinction. Species are included in the Appendices to CITES, which are available on the CITES Secretariat's website at <https://cites.org/eng/app/appendices.php>.

Currently there are 184 Parties to CITES—183 countries and 1 regional economic integration organization, the European Union. The Convention calls for regular biennial meetings of the Conference of the Parties, unless the Conference decides otherwise. At these meetings, the Parties review the implementation of CITES, make provisions enabling the CITES Secretariat in Switzerland to carry out its functions, consider amendments to the list of species in Appendices I and II, consider reports presented by the Secretariat, and make recommendations for the improved effectiveness of CITES. Any country that is a Party to CITES may propose amendments to Appendices I and II, as well as resolutions, decisions, and agenda items for consideration by all the Parties.

This is our fourth in a series of **Federal Register** notices that, together with the announced virtual public meeting, provides you with an opportunity to participate in the development of U.S. negotiating positions for the nineteenth regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties

to CITES (CoP19). We published our first CoP19-related **Federal Register** notice on March 2, 2021 (86 FR 12199), in which we requested information and recommendations on animal and plant species proposals and proposed resolutions, decisions, and agenda items for the United States to consider submitting for consideration at CoP19. We published our second CoP19-related **Federal Register** notice on March 7, 2022 (87 FR 12719); that notice described proposed resolutions, decisions, and agenda items that the United States might submit for consideration at CoP19 and provided information on how U.S. nongovernmental organizations can attend CoP19 as observers. In our third CoP19-related **Federal Register** notice, published on April 26, 2022 (87 FR 24577), we responded to recommendations received from the public concerning proposed amendments to the CITES Appendices (species proposals) that the United States might submit for consideration at CoP19 and invited public comments and information on these proposals.

The three prior CoP19 **Federal Register** notices are in the docket (FWS-HQ-IA-2021-0008) at <https://www.regulations.gov>. A link to these notices, along with information on U.S. preparations for CoP19, can also be found at <https://www.fws.gov/program/cites/conference-parties-cites>. Our regulations governing this public process are found in title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations at 50 CFR 23.87.

On June 17, 2022, the United States submitted to the CITES Secretariat, for consideration at CoP19, its species proposals, proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, and other agenda items. These documents are listed on the CITES Secretariat's website at <https://cites.org/eng/cop19>.

**Announcement of Provisional Agenda for CoP19**

The provisional agenda for CoP19 is available on the CITES Secretariat's website at <https://cites.org/eng/cop19/agenda-documents>. The working documents associated with the items on the provisional agenda, including proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, and discussion documents, can be found at that location. To view the working document associated with a particular agenda item, locate the particular agenda item on the provisional agenda, and click on the document link in the column titled "Files." The proposals to amend Appendices I and II can be accessed at <https://cites.org/eng/cop19/amendment-proposals/provisional>.

**Announcement of Virtual Public Meeting**

We will hold a virtual public meeting to discuss the items on the provisional agenda for CoP19. The virtual public meeting will be held on the date specified in **DATES**. We will post additional information regarding the virtual public meeting on our website at <https://www.fws.gov/program/cites/conference-parties-cites>, including how to register for the meeting, access the meeting via computer or telephone, and indicate if you intend to provide comments during the meeting. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is committed to providing access to this virtual meeting for all participants, and closed captioning will be provided.

**Public Comments**

We will not consider comments sent by email or fax or to an address not listed in **ADDRESSES**. If you submit a comment via <https://www.regulations.gov>, your entire comment, including any personal identifying information, will be posted on the website. 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 <https://www.regulations.gov>.

**Future Actions**

Through another notice and website posting in advance of CoP19, we will inform you of the tentative U.S. negotiating positions on species proposals, proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, and agenda items that were submitted by other Parties, the permanent CITES committees, and the CITES Secretariat for consideration at CoP19.

**Author**

The primary author of this notice is Anne St. John, Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

**Signing Authority**

Martha Williams, Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, approved this action on August 11, 2022, for publication. On August 16, 2022, Martha Williams authorized the undersigned to sign the document electronically and submit it to the Office of the Federal Register for publication as an official document of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

**Authority**

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

**Madonna Baucum,**

Chief, Policy and Regulations Branch, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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

[FWS–HQ–ES–2022–0080; FF09420000/223/FXES111609M0000; OMB Control Number 1018–New]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Approval Procedures for Incidental Harassment Authorizations of Marine Mammals**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), are proposing a new information collection in use without an Office of Management and Budget control number.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 21, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. Please provide a copy of your comments to the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: PRB (JAO/3W), 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803 (mail); or by email to [Info\\_Coll@fws.gov](mailto:Info_Coll@fws.gov). Please reference “1018–IHA” in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Madonna L. Baucum, Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, by email at [Info\\_Coll@fws.gov](mailto:Info_Coll@fws.gov), or by telephone at (703) 358–2503. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to

access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), all information collections require approval under the PRA. We may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

On January 27, 2022, we published in the *Federal Register* (87 FR 4277) a notice of our intent to request that OMB approve this information collection. In that notice, we solicited comments for 60 days, ending on March 28, 2022. In an effort to increase public awareness of, and participation in, our public commenting processes associated with information collection requests, the Service also published the *Federal Register* notice on <https://www.regulations.gov> (Docket FWS–HQ–ES–2021–0151) to provide the public with an additional method to submit comments (in addition to the typical [Info\\_Coll@fws.gov](mailto:Info_Coll@fws.gov) email and U.S. mail submission methods). We received 3 comments in response to that notice. None of the comments addressed the information collection requirements; therefore, no response was required.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we invite the public and other Federal agencies to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

- (1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- (2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) How might the agency minimize the burden of the collection of

information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of response.

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 ICR. 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.

**Abstract:** Section 101(a)(5)(D) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking by harassment of small numbers of marine mammals of a species or population stock by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specific geographic region for periods of not more than 1 year. The Service may authorize incidental take by harassment if statutory and regulatory procedures are followed and the Service finds: (i) take is of a small number of marine mammals of a species or stock, (ii) take will have a negligible impact on the species or stock, and (iii) take will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock for taking for subsistence uses by Alaska Natives.

The term “take” means to harass, hunt, capture, or kill, or attempt to harass, hunt, capture, or kill, any marine mammal. Harassment means any act of pursuit, torment, or annoyance which (i) has the potential to injure a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild (the MMPA defines this as “Level A harassment”), or (ii) has the potential to disturb a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild by causing disruption of behavioral patterns, including, but not limited to, migration, breathing, nursing, breeding, feeding, or sheltering (the MMPA defines this as “Level B harassment”).

The terms “negligible impact,” “small numbers,” and “unmitigable adverse impact” are defined in 50 CFR 18.27 (*i.e.*, the Service’s regulations governing small takes of marine mammals