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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

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**Foreign Endangered Species; Issuance of Permits**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of permits.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have issued permits to conduct activities with endangered and threatened species under the authority of the Endangered Species Act, as amended (ESA). With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits activities involving listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activity.

**ADDRESSES:** Information about the applications for the permits listed in this notice is available online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for details.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joyce Russell, 703–358–2023.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife 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.; ESA).

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 [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and search for the appropriate permit number (e.g., 12345C) provided in the following table:

<b>Permit #</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Permit issuance date</b>
65009A	William B. Montgomery	December 6, 2017
32933C	Mario A. Gutierrez	December 6, 2017
44006C	Houston Zoo, Inc.	December 11, 2017
99140B	Zooworld Zoological	December 11, 2017
95720B	McCarthy's Wildlife Sanctuary	December 14, 2017
35535C	Richard Frank Rueden	December 18, 2017
67438A	Jack Phillips	December 18, 2017
69947A	Bruce H. Fairchild	December 19, 2017
15139C	Omaha’s Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium	December 19, 2017

70470A	Lucky 7 Exotics Ranch	December 19, 2017
39695C	Joseph F. Mandola	November 14, 2017
72630A	Ripley's Aquarium	November 14, 2017
761887	American Museum of Natural History	November 14, 2017
280059C	Columbus Zoo & Aquarium	November 14, 2017
34507C	St. Catherines Island Foundation	November 21, 2017
362003C	Wildlife Conservation Society	November 30, 2017

**Authority**

We issue this notice under the authority of the ESA, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

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