

## United States Department of the Interior



FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE Post Office Box 1306 Albuquerque, N.M. 87103

In Reply Refer To R2/FWE-SE

AUG 20 1992

Dr. David J. Hafner New Mexico Museum of Natural History 1801 Mountain Road NW Albuquerque, New Mexico 87104

Dear Dr. Hafner:

You and no more than four qualified field assistants are hereby authorized through December 1992 to use the Regional Director's blanket U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Endangered Species Permit PRT-676811 as subpermittees. The specific activities for which you are covered as subpermittees are given in this letter. Terms and conditions of this subpermit are inclusive. Any activity not specifically permitted is prohibited.

You are authorized to conduct surveys, document distribution and abundance of populations, capture (using mist nets), and take one voucher specimen of lesser longnosed bat (Leptonycteris curasoae) from the Gray Ranch and/or Animas Mountains, Hidalgo County, New Mexico, for scientific research and recovery purposes. No more than five total lesser long-nosed bats are to be captured, from which the one voucher specimen may be collected. No lesser long-nosed bats will be handled excessively and must be released immediately unharmed at capture site. After capture of lesser longnosed bats, mist nets must be taken down. Mist nets must be checked at least every 1/2 hour and are **not** to be left unattended overnight.

You are further authorized to retain the lesser long-nosed bat voucher specimen in the collection at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History, Albuquerque, New Mexico. In addition, you are authorized to properly prepare and store tissue samples for future electrophoresis and mtDNA analyses. Approval from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service must be obtained prior to furnishing any tissue samples to researchers.

Disposal or release of live wildlife taken or held under the terms of this subpermit, unless specifically authorized, shall require prior written approval of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Dead wildlife taken or possessed under terms of this subpermit can be disposed of as indicated by terms of the subpermit or, if terms are not specified, they can be destroyed or transferred to a public institution for research or educational purposes. A copy of the permit and this letter, along with a cover letter, must accompany each shipment and must be retained with the specimens. The cover letter must specify who will receive the specimens and the numbers involved. A copy of the letter must be furnished to the Division of Endangered Species, Fish and Wildlife Enhancement, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103, and a copy should be retained in your files. Transfers deviating from the above require prior written approval of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Dr. David J. Hafner

Please note that this subpermit is limited to the above activities and species and is functional only when used in combination with a **valid State permit**. This subpermit does not, either directly or by implication, allow or grant right of trespass. Such permission must be obtained from the landowner or land managing agency. Be aware that you are constrained by the stipulations on the enclosed copy of the Regional Director's permit and that you must abide by them.

A report of the activities conducted under authority of this subpermit and a request for a renewal, if appropriate, must be submitted to the Regional Director by December 1, 1992. This report should include copies of any unpublished or published reports generated by the study and other data which would be useful for the conservation or recovery of the species. The report should include U.S. Geological Survey 7.5 minute quad sheets depicting the sites where species covered by this permit were found. Any report completed after December 1, 1992, but resulting from these permitted activities must be sent to the Regional Director. Failure to furnish required reporting information is cause for revocation and/or future denial of subpermit.

You must have a copy of this letter <u>and</u> the permit in your possession while conducting the activities authorized.

Sincerely,

Acting Regional Director

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## Enclosure

cc:

Assistant Regional Director, Law Enforcement, FWS, Region 2
Chief, Office of Management Authority, FWS, Arlington, VA
State Supervisor, Ecological Services Field Office, FWS, Phoenix, AZ
Director, Arizona Game & Fish Dept., Phoenix, AZ
Director, New Mexico Game & Fish Dept., Santa Fe, NM
State Supervisor, Ecological Services Field Office, FWS, Albuquerque, NM
Preserve Manager, TNC, The Gray Ranch, Star Route Box 179A, Animas, NM 88020
Director, The Nature Conservancy of New Mexico, Santa Fe, NM

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

## FEDERAL FISH AND WILDLIFE PERMIT

1. PERMITTEE

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TAKE: WITHIN USFWS REGION 2

IMPORT & EXPORT BETWEEN THE U.S., CANADA, AND MEXICO: THRO ANY PORT LISTED IN 50 CFR 14.12 OR 14.16.

11. CONDITIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS:

- A. GENERAL CONDITIONS SET OUT IN SUBPART D OF 50 CFR 13, AND SPECIFIC CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN FEDERAL REGULATIONS CITED HEREBY MADE A PART OF THIS PERMIT. ALL ACTIVITIES AUTHORIZED HEREIN MUST BE CARRIED OUT IN ACCORD WITH AND FOR THE PURP APPLICATION SUBMITTED. CONTINUED VALIDITY, OR RENEWAL, OF THIS PERMIT IS SUBJECT TO COMPLETE AND TIMELY COMPLIANCE CONDITIONS, INCLUDING THE FILING OF ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION AND REPORTS.
- B. THE VALIDITY OF THIS PERMIT IS ALSO CONDITIONED UPON STRICT OBSERVANCE OF ALL APPLICABLE FOREIGN, STATE, LOCAL OR OT
- C. VALID FOR USE BY PERMITTEE NAMED ABOVE.
- D. Acceptance of this permit serves as evidence that the permittee understands and agrees to abide by the "Special Conditions for Marine Mammals and Native Endangered and Threatened Species" (copy attached).
- E. Authorized to take listed species identified on the attached sheets for scientific purposes or the enhancement of propagation or survival, as prescribed by Service recovery documents, as specified in permittee's application and as conditioned below.
- F. Prior to conducting any activities not categorically excluded under the Service's NEPA categorical exclusions (516 DM 6, Appendix I) (e.g., killing, removal from natur habitat, permanent impairment of reproductive capability)

  Additional conditions and authorizations on Reverse also APPLY

12. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

ANNUAL REPORT DUE 1 December 1992. A complete report of activities m to the Division of Endangered Species, Fish and Wildlife Enhancement, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103.

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- F. (cont.) the permittee must ensure that the requirements of NEPA are satisfied.
- G. Permittee must monitor each action taken under this permit to assure that the limits specified in each subpermit are not exceeded, that research efforts and handling of individual species is not duplicated by overlapping research and that no action taken under this permit will violate subsection 7(a)(2) of the U.S. Endangered Species Act of 1973.
- H. No incidental take in the form of injury, disease transmission or death is allowed, unless specifically noted under the species on the attached sheets (i.e., level of incidental take was approved under a previous section 7 consultation). In the event that the level of incidental take is reached, the permittee must:
  - (a) Cease permitted activities and immediately notify the Office of Management Authority (OMA), FWS, 4401 N. Fairfax Dr., Room 432, Arlington, VA, 22203, (telephone #703/358-2104), (fax #703//358-2281), providing the date(s) and causative circumstances, and suggesting measures to prevent or minimize the chances of future mortalities.
  - (b) OMA may subsequently authorize continuation of the research with any necessary modifications/conditions or initiate revocation procedures.
  - (c) Subpermits must be conditioned to reflect the level of incidental take authorized before subpermitted activities must cease.
- I. Take to accommodate distribution and population studies, habitat surveys and other management activities is authorized only as a specific task in an approved recovery plan or recovery outline. All other activities can be authorized only on completion of a biological opinion based on the data required by 50 CFR 402.14(c).
- J. Studies in progress at the time of listing to determine the status of the species and satisfy other recovery tasks may be conducted prior to completion of a recovery outline, or for 60 days, whichever is less.
- K. Specimens found dead may be salvaged, provided such death did not occur directly or indirectly as a result of permitted research. A copy of all reports describing the results of disease studies should be sent to the Endangered Species Coordinator, Region 8.
- L. Take to accommodate captive propagation and reintroduction activities is authorized only when habitat protection not feasible (done only as a last resort), or as a specific task in an approved recovery plan or recovery outline.

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- M. Taxonomic and other research studies may result in take of individuals or parts, and is authorized only as determined to be a necessary task in an approved recovery plan or recovery outline.
- N. This permit is conditioned upon strict construction of Mr. Wallenstrom's memo of 5/30/85 (copy enclosed).
- O. Subpermittee's may be designated in writing. A copy of each subpermit must be sent to: Office of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Dr., Room 432, Arlington, Virginia 22203.
- P. Subpermittee's must be required to hold and transport living specimens captured in the wild according to the provisions and procedures outlined in professionally established protocols for the handling and transport of the affected species.
- Q. All activities are to be coordinated with the Fish and Wildlife Service's Field or State Supervisor, Fish and Wildlife Enhancement. That office must be informed of all activities conducted under these subpermits.
- R. Procedures will be instituted to ensure that disease transmission does not occur during tissue sampling or other invasive procedures and that such activities are only performed by persons skilled in the techniques of handling the affected species.
- S. Any importation into or exportation from the U.S. of species protected under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) must be accompanied by appropriate documentation under that law.