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Brenda Tapia  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Division of Management Authority  
Branch of Permits, MS: IA  
5275 Leesburg Pike  
Falls Church, VA 22041

Re: Federal Register, Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit,  
November 6, 2014  
Corey Knowlton, PRT-33291B

Dear Ms. Tapia:

I urge you to grant the application of Corey Knowlton, PRT-33291B, for a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one black rhinoceros taken from the wild in Namibia pursuant to a hunting permit issued to him by the Namibian government.

The American public overwhelmingly supports the legal hunting of any animal. The fact that the black rhinoceros is an endangered species does not prevent it from being hunted for sport under mitigating circumstances. In this case, the hunting permit was issued by the Namibian government for an old, non-breeding, male black rhinoceros that can no longer contribute to the gene pool. Therefore, in the words of the Section 10(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Endangered Species Act, "the taking will not appreciably reduce the likelihood of the survival and recovery of the species in the wild."

Further, the application should be granted because the taking of this animal will enhance or benefit wild populations of the species. The Dallas Safari Club, which auctioned off the permit for \$350,000, pledged the proceeds to a rhinoceros conservation trust fund in Namibia. If Mr. Knowlton's application is not granted, the \$350,000 will have to be returned to him. In death, this particular black rhinoceros will help to preserve and increase the species' numbers. Granting the application will insure that a large amount of money will help fund Namibia's conservation efforts for insuring survival of the species.

Sincerely yours,



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