

The public is invited to comment on the following application for permits to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application was submitted to satisfy requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*, the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*) and the regulations governing marine mammals and endangered species (50 CFR 17 and 18).

PRT-801652

Applicant: National Biological Service, Alaska Science Center, Anchorage, AK

Type of Permit: Scientific Research.
Name and Number of Animals:

Walrus (*Odobenus rosmarus*); 230.

Summary of Activity to be

Authorized: The applicant requests a permit to capture, immobilize, tag, implant transmitters, collect blood and whisker samples, biopsy, and release 230 walrus, aged 6 years or older, to continue scientific research to develop reliable methods for anesthetizing and holding walrus, develop methods for attaching transmitters and testing these devices in determining walrus movements, diving, and haulout patterns, and collect data on physiological status and life history parameters of walrus. The applicant also intends to import biological samples taken from Atlantic or Pacific walrus in Canada, Greenland, Norway, and Russia.

Source of Marine Mammals for Research: Cape Pierce, Round Island, and Bristol Bay, Alaska, and Bering and Chukchi seas.

Period of Activity: Through December 31, 2000.

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

Written data or comments, requests for copies of the complete application, or requests for a public hearing on this application should be submitted to the Director, Office of Management Authority (OMA), 4401 N. Fairfax Dr., Room 420(c), Arlington, VA 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

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 the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 420(c), Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

Dated: April 28, 1995.

Mary Ellen P. Amtower,
Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

The following applicants have applied 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.*):

PRT-801914

Applicant: Savannah River Ecology Laboratory, University of Georgia, Aiken, South Carolina.

Perform recovery-related management and monitoring activities on the endangered wood stork, *Mycteria americana*, for the purposes of enhancement of survival of the species.

PRT-801913

Applicant: Barrett Kays and Associates, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Perform recovery-related monitoring activities on the endangered dwarf-wedge mussel, *Alasmidonta heterodon*, to enhance the survival of the species.

Written data or comments on any of these applications should be submitted to: Regional Permit Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345. All data and comments must be received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and the Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345 (Attn: Permit Coordinator). Telephone: 404/679-7110; Fax: 404/679-7280.

Dated: April 28, 1995.

Judy L. Jones,

Acting Regional Director.

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Receipt of Application(s) for Permit

The following applicant(s) have applied 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.*)

PRT-801822

Applicant: Mr. Donald F. Eriacho, Governor, Pueblo of Zuni, New Mexico.

The applicant requests a permit to take (conduct presence/absence surveys) for the southwestern willow flycatcher *Empidonax trailii extimus* on Reservation lands in New Mexico for the purpose of scientific research and enhancement of propagation and survival of the species as prescribed by Service recovery documents.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103, and must be received by the Assistant Regional Director within 30 days for the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with this application 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 the above office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. (See **ADDRESSES** above.)

James A. Young,

Acting Regional Director, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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Draft Brown Tree Snake Control Plan

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the Draft Brown Tree Snake Control Plan for public review and comments. The document was prepared by the Brown Tree Snake Control Committee of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, as required by section 1209 of the

Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990. Comments received will be considered in preparing the final Brown Tree Snake Control Plan, which will become the basis for a cooperative and integrated Brown Tree Snake Control Program with the involvement of Federal, State, and Territorial, and local resource agencies.

DATES: Comments on the Draft Brown Tree Snake Control Plan should be received by June 19, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Written responses and requests for copies of the document should be mailed to Robert P. Smith, Chair, Brown Tree Snake Control Committee, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Box 50167, Honolulu, HI 96850.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert P. Smith, Chair, Brown Tree Snake Control Committee, at (808) 541-2749.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A native of Indonesia, New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, and Australia, the brown tree snake (*Boiga irregularis*) has caused or been a major factor in a modern extinction episode beyond its native range that is unprecedented in its scope: the extirpation of most of Guam's native terrestrial vertebrates, including fruit bats, lizards, and virtually all of the island's forest birds. In addition, brown tree snakes in Guam have caused more than a thousand power outages, damaged agricultural interests by preying on poultry, killed many pets, and envenomated numerous children.

Several governmental agencies and private entities have been working to prevent similar ecological disasters on other Pacific islands, since the threat of the brown tree snake's dispersal to other islands and continents is significant. The brown tree snake is a major threat to the biodiversity of the Pacific region and other areas at risk. High densities of snakes occur in many urban areas on Guam where cargo is loaded for transport by air and sea to other Pacific islands, and dispersal has been documented by snakes discovered on islands in Hawaii and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and even in the continental United States.

In recognition of this threat, the United States Congress included a section in the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 that authorizes a cooperative program to control the brown tree snake outside of its historic range. Representatives of the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, and the Interior; the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; the Territory

of Guam; and the State of Hawaii formed the Brown Tree Snake Control Committee on May 1993 to develop an integrated pest management approach that would:

- Reduce existing brown tree snake population on Guam;
- Prevent the spread of brown tree snakes to other Pacific islands and mainland areas;
 - Eradicate or contain new populations as soon as detected;
 - Protect endangered species and other wildlife from brown tree snake predation;
 - Assist organizations and individuals on Guam to manage and control brown tree snake infestations, and especially to reduce disruptions of electrical supplies and human-snake encounters resulting in emotional trauma and bites;
 - Develop adequate information on the brown tree snake's biology, dispersal dynamics, and control to support Federal, State, Territorial, and Commonwealth needs; and
 - Develop more effective and environmentally sound control strategies and methods.

To meet these objectives, the Brown Tree Snake Control Committee has developed a draft plan reviewing the biology of the brown tree snake, its population development and status on various Pacific islands, its current and potential impacts on the environment and the economy, and past and present brown tree snake control activities. The draft plan also outlines specific tasks that need to be accomplished and funding needed for operational and research activities.

Dated: April 28, 1995.

Gary Edwards,

Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Assistant Director—Fisheries.

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National Park Service

Concession Contract Negotiations for Continued Operation of Air Transportation Services; Isle Royale National Park, MI

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.
ACTION: Public notice.

SUMMARY: Public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to award a concession permit authorizing continued operation of air transportation services to and from Isle Royale National Park for the public at Isle Royale National Park, Michigan, for a period of approximately five (5) years

from date of execution through December 31, 2000.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 3, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should contact the Superintendent, Isle Royale National Park, 800 East Lakeshore Drive, Houghton, Michigan 49931 to obtain a copy of the prospectus describing the requirements of the proposed permit.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This permit renewal has been determined to be categorically excluded from the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act and no environmental document will be prepared. The existing concessioner has performed its obligations to the satisfaction of the Secretary under an existing permit which expired by limitation of time on December 31, 1994, and therefore pursuant to the provisions of section 5 of the Act of October 9, 1965 (79 Stat. 969; 16 U.S.C. 20), is entitled to be given preference in the negotiation of a new proposed permit providing that the existing concessioner submits a responsive offer (a timely offer which meets the terms and conditions of the Prospectus). This means that the permit will be awarded to the party submitting the best offer, provided that if the best offer was not submitted by the existing concessioner, then the existing concessioner will be afforded the opportunity to match the best offer. If the existing concessioner agrees to match the best offer, then the permit will be awarded to the existing concessioner.

If the existing concessioner does not submit a responsive offer, the right of preference in renewal shall be considered to have been waived, and the permit will then be awarded to the party that has submitted the best responsive offer.

The Secretary will consider and evaluate all proposals received as a result of this notice. Any proposal, including that of the existing concessioner, must be received by the Superintendent not later than the sixtieth (60th) day following publication of this notice to be considered and evaluated.

Dated: April 4, 1995.

William W. Schenk,

Regional Director, Midwest Region.

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Grand Canyon National Park, AZ Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.
ACTION: General Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement; Grand