

applications should be mailed to the same address. The application form has been approved under Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Number 0915-0140.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further program information and technical assistance, please contact the Branch Chief at the above address, phone or FAX number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 846 of the PHS Act provides that the Secretary will repay a portion of an individual's educational loans incurred for nursing education costs if that individual enters into an agreement with the Secretary to serve as a registered nurse for 2 or 3 years in a variety of eligible health facilities or in a health facility determined by the Secretary to have a critical shortage of nurses. For an individual who is selected to participate in this program, repayment shall be on the following basis:

(1) By the completion of the first year of agreed service, the Secretary will have paid 30 percent of the principal of, and interest on, the outstanding balance on each qualified loan as of the beginning date of service;

(2) By the completion of the second year of agreed service, the Secretary will have paid another 30 percent of the principal of, and interest on, the outstanding balance of each qualified loan as of the beginning date of service; and

(3) By the completion of a third year of agreed service, if any, the Secretary will have paid another 25 percent of the principal of, and interest on, the outstanding balance of each qualified loan as of the beginning date of service.

No more than 85 percent of the principal balance of any qualified loan which was unpaid as of the beginning date of service will be paid under this program.

Prior to entering an agreement for repayment of loans, other than Nursing Student Loans, the Secretary will require that satisfactory evidence be provided of the existence and reasonableness of the educational loans.

These loan repayment amounts are unrelated to any salary paid to the nursing education loan repayment recipient by the health facility by which he or she has been employed.

To be eligible to participate in this program, an individual must:

(1) Have received, prior to the start of service, a baccalaureate or associate degree in nursing, a diploma in nursing, or a graduate degree in nursing;

(2) Have outstanding educational loans for the costs of his/her nursing education;

(3) Agree to be employed full-time for not less than 2 years in any of the following types of eligible health facilities: an Indian Health Service health center; a Native Hawaiian health center; a public hospital (operated by a State, county, or local government); a community or migrant health center [Sections 330(a) and 329(a)(1) of the PHS Act]; a Federally Qualified Health Center receiving Sections 330 or 329 funding; a rural health clinic (Section 1861 (aa)(2) of the Social Security Act); or a public or nonprofit private health facility determined by the Secretary to have a critical shortage of nurses; and

(4) Plan to begin employment as a registered nurse no later than September 30, 1995.

Funding Preferences

As required under section 846, the Secretary will give preference to qualified applicants:

(1) Who have the greatest financial need; and

(2) Who agree to serve in the types of health facilities described in paragraph (3) above, that are located in geographic areas determined by the Secretary to have a shortage of and need for nurses.

Breach of Agreement

Participants in this program who fail to provide health services for the period specified in their agreements with the Secretary, shall be liable to the Federal Government for payments made by the Secretary during the service period pursuant to such agreement, plus interest on this amount at the maximum legal prevailing rate, payable within 3 years from the date the agreement with the Secretary is breached.

Waiver or Suspension of Liability

A waiver or suspension of liability may be granted by the Secretary if compliance with the agreement with the Secretary by the individual participant is impossible, or would involve extreme hardship to the individual, and if enforcement of the agreement with respect to the individual would be unconscionable.

Other Award Information

This program is not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs, since payments to individuals are not covered. In addition, this program is not subject to the submission of a Public Health System Impact Statement.

The OMB Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 93.908.

Dated: May 24, 1995.

Ciro V. Sumaya,

Administrator.

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National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting:

Name of Committee: National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: June 13, 1995.

Time: 10:30 am to 1:00 pm.

Place: 6120 Executive Boulevard, Room 400C, Rockville, MD 20852.

Contact Person: Marilyn Semmes, Ph.D., Acting Chief, Scientific Review Branch, DEA, NIDCD, NIH, EPS Room 400C, 6120 Executive Boulevard, MSC 7180, Bethesda, MD 20892-7180, 301/496-8683.

Purpose/Agenda: To review and evaluate grant application.

The meeting, which will be conducted as a telephone conference call, will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in sec. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. Applications and/or proposals and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the urgent need to meet timing limitations imposed by the review cycle.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.173 Biological Research Related to Deafness and Communication Disorders)

Dated: May 25, 1995.

Susan K. Feldman,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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.):

Applicant: University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, PRT-677648

The applicant requests renewal of their permit to export and reimport endangered and threatened specimens already accessioned into the permittee's collection for scientific research.

Applicant: Dennis A. Smithback, Deerfield, WI, PRT-802847

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from the captive herd maintained by Pat F. Cawood, Gannahoek, Cradock, Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: National Museum of Natural History, Washington D.C., PRT-802845

The applicant requests a permit to import 5cc of blood samples from 10 Vancouver Island marmot (*Marmota vancouverensis*) within the Vancouver Canada, Island Region, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through scientific research.

Applicant: National Zoological Park, Washington D.C., PRT-802925

The applicant requests a permit to import one wild female Komodo Island monitor (*Varanus komodoensis*) from Ueno Zoological Gardens, Tokyo, Japan for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through propagation.

Applicant: J. Michael Allgood, Lafayette, CA, PRT-803098

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from the captive herd maintained by D. B. Pohl, "Teafountain", Grahamstown, Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 420(c), Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director 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 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: May 26, 1995.

Caroline Anderson,

Acting Chief Branch of Permits Office of Management Authority.

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Enforcement of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act on Machias Seal Island, Maine

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information.

SUMMARY: Machias Seal Island, a colonial seabird nesting site and rookery 10 miles off the coast of Maine, has become a popular attraction among bird enthusiasts and photographers during the breeding season from June 1 through July 31 of each year. Visitors to the Island who are not careful risk killing or injuring the birds or destroying their eggs in violation of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Whenever the number of visitors to the Island in a single day exceeds 30, the likelihood of killing or injuring the birds at the site or destroying their eggs increases substantially.

This notice presents the intention of the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to closely scrutinize any visitation of the Island in excess of 30 people per day for potential enforcement action against individuals visiting or facilitating the visitation of the Island for the taking or killing of migratory birds. This policy is undertaken in cooperation with the State of Maine and the Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) to protect migratory birds nesting on this island and prevent the destruction of migratory bird nests and nestlings associated with public access to the nesting Island, while still providing a unique opportunity for the public to visit and observe an important seabird rookery.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 1, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A. Eugene Hester, Assistant Regional Director for Law Enforcement, telephone (413) 253-8274.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Service Authority: The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) was enacted in 1918 to implement the convention between the United States and Great Britain (on behalf of Canada) for the protection of

migratory birds (16 U.S.C. 703-711 (1988 & Supp. 1992)). The MBTA prescribes criminal sanctions for the taking of migratory birds in the United States except as permitted by regulations published by the FWS (16 U.S.C. 703, see also 50 C.F.R. parts 20 and 21). The express language of the statute, as well as its legislative history confirms that the MBTA is a wildlife management statute that delegates broad discretionary power to the Federal government through the Secretary of the Interior (16 U.S.C. 712).

Justification: Visitors to the seabird rookery on Machias Seal Island present many risks to the birds found there. Young birds or eggs can be stepped on by visitors. The mere presence of humans near nesting birds can disrupt their breeding activities and the incubation of chicks and eggs. Adult birds also can be flushed from or discouraged from returning to the nests, exposing chicks and eggs to loss by exposure or predation. Actions that result in bird mortalities are unlawful and prohibited by the MBTA. The likelihood of disruption and the associated taking or killing of birds increases with the number of visitors to the Island. Human presence in excess of 30 people per day on Machias Seal Island has resulted in bird mortality. In contrast, the FWS believes that if no more than 30 people per day visit the Island, and do so in such a manner as to minimize the disturbance to nesting migratory birds, bird mortality should be minimal. The FWS will closely scrutinize any visitation of the Island in excess of 30 people per day, including the role of any who aid and abet in actions resulting in the taking or killing of migratory birds in violation of the MBTA, and take appropriate enforcement action. The FWS will also take appropriate enforcement action with respect to any taking or killing resulting from actions not consistent with reasonable attempts to minimize disturbance to migratory birds, without regard to the number of visitors to the Island.

Additional Information

Machias Seal Island, a migratory bird rookery located approximately 10 miles off the coast of Maine, is United States territory that is also claimed by Canada. In 1944, Canada designated the area as a Migratory Bird Sanctuary pursuant to the Canadian Migratory Birds Convention Act, as amended. Because the Island is one of the few areas in North America, where bird enthusiasts and photographers may actually visit a colonial seabird nesting site, visitor demand has increased substantially in