

to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application(s) was/were submitted to satisfy requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR 18).

Applicant: National Biological Service, Gainesville, FL, PRT-791721

Type of Permit: Scientific research

Name and Number of Animals: Sirenia, unlimited

Summary of Activity to be

Authorized: The applicant has requested an amendment to their permit, PRT-791721, to authorize for the purposes of scientific research the import, export, and re-export of biological samples from live and dead sirenians collected in the course of scientific research.

Source of Marine Mammals for Research/Public Display: various countries; live and dead specimens as allowed by the laws of that country.

Period of Activity: Up to five years from issuance of a permit, if issued.

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 sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 430, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone 703/358-2104 or fax 703/358-2281 and must be received 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 within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice at the above address.

Dated: April 5, 1996.

Caroline Anderson,

Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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Endangered And Threatened Species; Public Hearing on Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Public Hearings.

Notice of Public Hearings regarding a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan submitted in support of an application for an incidental take permit by Washington Department of Natural Resources.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) and the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will jointly be hosting five public hearings to receive comments on a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The DEIS considers a permit application by the DNR to incidentally take certain federally listed species, under the provisions of section 10(a) of the Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA). The proposed habitat conservation plan (HCP) and implementation agreement submitted by the DNR in support of its application would cover unlisted species in the HCP area as well as those listed under the ESA.

DATES: Public hearings will be held on April 15, 16, 18, and 30, and May 6, 1996, in the locations identified below.

ADDRESSES: Public hearings will be held in the following locations:

Evergreen School District Board Room, Vancouver, Washington

April 15, 1996; 6:00-9:00 pm

Spokane Falls Community College, Spokane, Washington

April 16, 1996; 6:00-9:00 pm

Port of Seattle, Seattle, Washington

April 18, 1996; 6:00-9:00 pm

Van Burton Community Center, Port Angeles, Washington

April 30, 1996; 6:00-9:00 pm

Senate Hearing Room 4, Olympia, Washington

May 6, 1996; 4:00-7:00 pm

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Curt Smith, Assistant Regional Director; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 3704 Griffin Lane; Suite 102; Olympia, Washington 98501, (360) 534-9330.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As a further opportunity for interested persons to comment on this planning effort, a series of public hearings are scheduled as listed above. Representatives from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or the National Marine Fisheries Service will conduct the hearings to receive comments on the

DEIS that was prepared to analyze the incidental take permit application submitted by the DNR.

Interested parties may contact the Service at the address listed above to receive additional information, including maps to the hearing locations.

Dated: April 5, 1996.

Thomas Dwyer,

Deputy Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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Geological Survey

National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program (NCGMP) Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 102-285, the NCGMP Advisory Committee will meet in room 5149 of the Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC. The Advisory Committee, comprised of scientists from Federal agencies, State agencies, academic institutions, and private companies, will advise the Director on planning and implementation of the geologic mapping program.

Topics to be reviewed and discussed by the Advisory Committee include a draft implementation plan for the National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program; the scientific progress of the Program; progress of the Federal, State, and educational geologic mapping activities toward fulfilling the purposes of the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992; and others.

DATES: April 25-26, 1996, commencing at 8:30 a.m. on April 25th and adjourning by 3:00 p.m. on April 26th.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dr. John F. Sutter, U.S. Geological Survey, Mail Stop 908, National Center, Reston, Virginia 22092, (703) 648-6960.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Meetings of the National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program Advisory Committee are open to the public.

P. Patrick Leahy,

Chief Geologist, U.S. Geological Survey.

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