

and Wildlife Service by the following individuals for a permit to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) from Canada for personal use.

Applicant/address	Population	PRT-
Jerome Eckrich, Aberdeen, SD.	Lancaster Sound	828883
Roger L. Baber, Jr., Churchville, VA.	Northern .. Beaufort	829415

On June 5, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 108, Page 28493, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by the following individuals for a permit to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) from Canada for personal use.

Applicant/address	Population	PRT-
Daniel Peyerk, Shelby Township, MI.	Northern .. Beaufort	829283
Tom Winn, Corpus Christi, TX.	Northern .. Beaufort	829418
Stewart Shaft, Northfield, MN.	McClintock Channel	829932
Greg Bond, Irving, TX.	McClintock Channel	829684
Loubert Suddaby, Orchard Park, NY.	Southern .. Beaufort	829687
Jan Bax, Appleton, WI.	McClintock Channel	829887

Notice is hereby given that between July 7 through 21, 1997, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permits subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On June 13, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 114, Page 32364, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by the Alaska Science Center, Anchorage, AK for amendment of the permit (PRT-801652) for the purposes of scientific research of walrus (*Odobenus rosmarus*).

Notice is hereby given that on July 17, 1997, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

Documents and other information submitted for these applications are available for review by any party who submits a written request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Rm 430, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone (703) 358-2104 or Fax (703) 358-2281.

Dated: July 25, 1997.

Karen Anderson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Request for Public Comments on Existing Information Collection Submitted to OMB for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

The existing information collection described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for emergency approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)). Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's clearance officer at the phone number listed below. Public comments on the proposal should be made within 15 days directly to: Desk Officer for the Interior Department, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503; and the Bureau Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, Reston, VA 20192.

As required by OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), the U.S. Geological Survey solicits specific public comments as to:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions on the bureaus, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: North American Reporting Center for Amphibian Malformations.

Summary: The collection of information referred herein applies to a World-Wide Web site that permits individuals who observed malformed amphibians or who inspect substantial numbers of normal or malformed amphibians to report those observations and related information. The Web site is termed the North American Reporting Center for Amphibian Malformations. Information will be used by scientists

and federal, state, and local agencies to identify areas where malformed amphibians occur and the rates of occurrence.

Estimated Completion Time: 20 minutes.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 900.

Frequency: Once.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 300 hours.

Affected Public: Primarily U.S. and Canadian residents.

Emergency Approval Requested by: Fifteen days from publication of this notice.

For Further Information Contact: To obtain copies of the survey, contact the Bureau's clearance officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192, telephone (703) 648-7313, or go to the Website (<http://www.npsc.nbs.gov./narcam>).

Dated: July 14, 1997.

Don Minnich,

Acting Chief Biologist.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Closure of Public Lands to Motorized Vehicles, Shoshone Resource Area

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior

ACTION: Closure of public land to motorized vehicles.

SUMMARY: Notice is given that a way and surrounding adjacent public land in the Little City of Rocks Wilderness Study Area (WSA) (ID-54-5, Shoshone/Sun Valley Environmental Impact Statement, 1986), in Gooding County, Idaho is closed to motorized use year round. The closed area includes all public land in Township 3 South, Range 15 East, Section 33 except for a signed parking area south of the historic stone and earthen dam in the Little City of Rocks WSA. Motorized cross country travel has caused significant surface disturbance in the described area. The purpose of the closure is to prevent unacceptable impacts to soils and vegetation in compliance with the Interim Management Policy Guidance for WSAs. All public land administered by the Bureau of Land Management within the above described area is closed to motorized vehicle use indefinitely from the date of this notice.