

forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

Applicant: George Kalb, Las Vegas, NV, PRT-837107.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Southern Beaufort Sea polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Applicant: Dwight Davis, Houston, TX, PRT-837238.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted prior to April 30, 1994 from the Davis Strait polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Written data or comments, requests for copies of any of these complete applications, or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone 703/358-2104 or fax 703/358-2281 and must be received on or before January 12, 1998. Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

Documents and other information submitted with the 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 address within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: December 5, 1997.

MaryEllen Amtower,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals

On September 17, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 180, Page 48880, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Daniel Currier, Fargo, ND for a permit (PRT-834123) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken from the McClintock Channel population,

Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on November 13, 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 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone (703) 358-2104 or Fax (703) 358-2281.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Operation and Maintenance Rate Adjustment: Fort Belknap Irrigation Project, Montana

ACTION: Notice of proposed irrigation Operation and Maintenance (O&M) rate adjustment.

SUMMARY: On October 2, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Volume 62, Number 191, Page 51680 (62 FR 51680), by the Bureau of Indian Affairs proposing to change the assessment rates for operating and maintaining the Fort Belknap Irrigation Project for 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 and subsequent years. See 62 FR 51680 for additional information concerning the proposed rate change. The notice of proposed rate adjustment provided a 30-day period for public comment. At the written request of the Fort Belknap Indian Community, Community Council, a second public comment period is being provided.

DATES: Interested parties may submit comments on the proposed rate adjustment. Comments must be submitted on or before January 12, 1998.

ADDRESSES: All comments concerning the proposed rate change must be in writing and addressed to: Director, Office of Trust Responsibilities, Attn.: Irrigation and Power, MS-4513-MIB, Code 210, 1849 "C" Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240, Telephone (202) 208-5480.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The authority to issue this document is vested in the Secretary of the Interior by 5 U.S.C. 301 and the Act of August 14, 1914 (38 Stat. 583, 25 U.S.C. 385). The Secretary has delegated this authority to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs pursuant to Part 209 Departmental Manual, Chapter 8.1A, and memorandum dated January 25, 1994, from the Chief of Staff, Department of the Interior, to the Assistant Secretaries and heads of bureaus and offices.

Dated: December 3, 1997.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Operation and Maintenance Rate Adjustment: Fort Hall Irrigation Project; Idaho

ACTION: Notice of Operation and Maintenance (O&M) rate adjustment.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs is adjusting the assessment rates for operating and maintaining the Fort Hall Irrigation Project, Michaud Unit, for 1998, 1999, and subsequent years. The following table illustrates the impact of the rate adjustment.

Fort Hall Irrigation Project

Michaud Unit Irrigation Rate Per Assessable Acre

Rate category	Present rate	1998 rate	1999 rate
Basic rate	\$25.50	\$26.50	\$27.50
Pressure rate	37.50	38.50	39.50

COMMENTS: On August 25, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Volume 62, Number 164, Page 44992, by the Bureau of Indian Affairs proposing to adjust the assessment rates for operating and maintaining the Fort Hall Irrigation Project, Michaud Unit, for 1998, 1999 and subsequent years. A 30-day public comment period was provided for the proposed irrigation rate adjustment. No comments were received.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Portland Area Office, 911 N.E. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4169, telephone (503) 231-6702.

DATES: The new irrigation assessment rates will become effective upon publication of this notice.