

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).

PRT-837847

Applicant: Arthur Cantando, Huntingdon Valley, PA.

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

PRT-837990

Applicant: Stephen C. Slack, Chanhassen, MN.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Davis Strait polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada prior to April 30, 1994, 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 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 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 31, 1997.

MaryEllen Amtower,

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

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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: Richard T. Adams, Reno, NV, PRT-837459.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Olds Schupp, Ann Arbor, MI, PRT-837779.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one bontebok *Damaliscus pygargus dorcas* culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Thomas R. Plooy, Anchorage, AK, PRT-837778.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one bontebok *Damaliscus pygargus dorcas* culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: S.C. Department of Natural Resources, Columbia, SC, PRT-834977.

The applicant requests a permit to export biological samples of loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*) sea turtles, collected by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources under a Section 6 Agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This notice is applicable for the proposed activities carried out under the permit, if issued, for a period of five years.

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 432, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

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.*) and the regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR 18).

Applicant: David Dybvig, Tucson, AZ, PRT-837757.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the McClintock Channel 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 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 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 19, 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 November 5, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 214, Page 59876, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Robert Moses, Worthington, IN, for a permit (PRT-836090) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken from the Lancaster Sound population, Northwest Territories, Canada prior to April 30, 1994, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on December 16, 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.

On October 21, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 203, Page 54648, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by William R. Williamson, Austin, TX for a permit (PRT-832316) 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 December 9, 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.

On September 25, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 186, Page 50394, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Wilton Hardesty, Gunnison, CO for a permit (PRT-832902) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken from the Davis Strait population, Northwest Territories, Canada, prior to April 30, 1994, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on December 16, 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.

On September 25, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 186, Page 50394, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by the Seattle Aquarium, Seattle, WA for a permit (PRT-834418) to take for the purpose of public display one female northern sea otter (*Enhydra lutris lutris*) recovered by the Fish and Wildlife Service as an orphaned pup near Kodiak, AK.

Notice is hereby given that on November 20, 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.

Dated: December 31, 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 25, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 186, Page 50394, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Mote Marine Laboratory, for a permit (PRT-834406) to opportunistically take manatees (*Trichechus manatus*) for scientific research of the manatee cellular immune system.

Notice is hereby given that on November 26, 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.

Dated: December 19, 1997.

MaryEllen Amtower,
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Denial of Permit for Marine Mammals

On July 31, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 147, Page 41072, that an

application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Bruce Shoeneweis for a permit (PRT-831928) 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 December 3, 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 denied the requested permit.

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: December 19, 1997.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Letters of Authorization To Take Marine Mammals

AGENCY: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of Letters of Authorization to take marine mammals incidental to oil and gas industry activities.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 101(a)(5) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service implementing regulations [50 CFR 18.27(f)(3)], notice is hereby given that Letters of Authorization to take polar bears incidental to oil and gas industry exploration, development, and production activities have been issued to the following companies:

Company	Activity	Location	Date issued
ARCO Alaska, Inc	Exploration	Colville River	December 9, 1997.
ARCO Alaska, Inc	Exploration	Kuparuk River Unit	December 9, 1997.
Northern Geophysical	Exploration	Hemisprings, Fish Creek, Sag River	December 16, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Mr. John W. Bridges at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals

Management Office, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, (800) 362-5148 or (907) 786-3810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Letters of Authorization were issued in accordance with U.S. Fish and Wildlife