

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

## Fish and Wildlife Service

## Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals

On December 11, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 238, Page 65281, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by George Kalb for a permit (PRT-837107) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy taken from the Southern Beaufort Sea population, Northwest Territories, Canada.

Notice is hereby given that on January 29, 1998, 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 August 28, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 167, Page 45674, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Collins Kellogg, Sr. for a permit (PRT-833625) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy taken from the Lancaster Sound population, Northwest Territories, Canada, prior to April 30, 1994.

Notice is hereby given that on January 16, 1998, 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 November 14, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 220, Page 61139, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Curtis H. Springer for a permit (PRT 835829) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken from the South Beaufort Sea population, Northwest Territories, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on January 9, 1998, 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: February 6, 1998.

**Mary Ellen Amtower,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

## Fish and Wildlife Service

## Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Establishment of Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge.

**SUMMARY:** The Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Act requires that when sufficient property is acquired, public notices be published. The Connecticut River Watershed Council donated Third Island, Deerfield, Massachusetts, to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for inclusion in the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge. This notice is to inform the public that sufficient property has been acquired to be managed as a refuge.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 12, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge, at the Great Falls Discovery Center; 38 Avenue A, Turners Falls, Massachusetts, 01376.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lawrence Bandolin, Project Leader, at (413) 863-0209, FAX (413) 863-3070, E-mail: r5w\_socnwr@mail.fws.gov

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Act, Public Law 102-212, Section 106(b) Establishment, requires that when sufficient property is acquired public notices be published. The Connecticut River Watershed Council donated Third Island, Deerfield, Massachusetts, to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for inclusion in the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge. With this donation sufficient property has been acquired for the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge.

**Ronald Lambertson,**

*Regional Director, Region 5, Hadley, Massachusetts.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

## Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-040-1040-00]

## Availability of the Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area Management Plan, Safford Field Office, AZ.

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Safford Field Office, United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management has completed the Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area Management Plan, Environmental Assessment, and Record of Decision. The Arizona Desert Wilderness Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-628) designated the Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area (RNCA) in order to conserve, protect, and enhance its riparian areas and associated resources, and the aquatic, wildlife, archaeological, paleontological, scientific, cultural, recreational, educational, scenic, and other resources and values of such areas. The law also required the BLM to develop a comprehensive management plan. The Gila Box Management Plan, sets the management direction for the RNCA for the next 15 years. For a period of 30 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested parties have the right of appeal pursuant to 43 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 4. Please submit any appeal to William T. Civish, Safford Field Office Manager, 711 14th Avenue, Safford, Arizona 85546. For further assistance contact Elmer Walls, Gila Box Team Leader, Safford Field Office, 711 14th Avenue, Safford, Arizona 85546; telephone number (520) 348-4400.

Dated: January 30, 1998.

**William T. Civish,**

*Field Office Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

## Bureau of Land Management

[AK-932-1410-00; AA-6678]

## Public Land Order No. 7314; Withdrawal of Public Lands for Levelock Village Selection; Alaska

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.