

the applicant. The seized animals were at risk because of the immediate need for disease screening and health evaluation which could best be performed in the United States and overcrowding in the Netherlands quarantine facility.

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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 August 26, 1998, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 63, No. 165, Page 45511-12, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Joseph Crawley for a permit (PRT-001978) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy taken from the Lancaster Sound population, Canada prior to April 30, 1994 for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on October 23, 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 26, 1998, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 63, No. 165, Page 45512, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Kurt von Besser for a permit (PRT-001631) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy taken from the Viscount Melville population, Canada, taken prior to April 30, 1994, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on November 4, 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 September 11, 1998, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 63, No. 176, Page 48751, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Ricardo E. Longoria for a permit (PRT-002446) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy taken from the McClintock Channel population, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on November 4, 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 September 17, 1998, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 63, No. 180, Page 49707, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by George Gard for a permit (PRT-002693) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy taken from the Foxe Basin population, Canada prior to April 30, 1994 for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on November 10, 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 September 23, 1998, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 63, No. 184, Page 50922, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Robert B. Ashton, Hanover, NH, for a permit (PRT-002869) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, from the Southern Beaufort Sea population, Northwest Territories, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on November 18, 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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New Mexico Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Council Meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix 1, The Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), announces a meeting of the New Mexico Resource Advisory Council (RAC). The meeting will be held on January 21 and 22, 1999 at the Doubletree Hotel, 3347 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, NM.

The meeting on Thursday January 21 starts at 8:30 a.m., and the meeting on Friday January 22 starts at 8 a.m. The draft agenda for the RAC meeting includes presentations and discussions on the following: agreement on the meeting agenda, any RAC comments on the draft summary minutes of the last RAC meeting on November 19 and 20, 1998 at Las Cruces, NM, check in with RAC members, the Rio Puerco watershed study, two different times for the public to address the RAC, Culp Canyon Wilderness Study Area and the NM/BLM Wilderness Study Area program, RAC recommendations follow up, Rio Grande Corridor Proposed Plan and Final EIS, Quivira Coalition, McGregor Range Withdrawal update, Standards and Guidelines RMPA/EIS update, BLM Field Office Managers presentations and discussion, selection of next RAC meeting location and development of draft agenda items for the next RAC meeting, and a RAC assessment on the meeting. Specific agenda items, dates and times may be adjusted with approval of the RAC.

The time for the public to address the RAC is on Thursday, January 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The RAC may reduce or extend the end time for public comment of 12:00 noon and of 5:00 p.m. depending on the number of people wishing to address the RAC. The length of time available for each person to address the RAC will be established at the start of the public comment period and will depend on how many people there are that wish to address the RAC. At the completion of the public comments the RAC may continue discussion on its agenda items. The meeting on January 22, 1999, will be