

Summary of Activity to be

Authorized: The applicant has requested a permit to take for the purpose of public display a polar bear cub that was recovered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as an orphaned animal. Because of its young age at the time it was removed from the wild, the Service has determined that this animal cannot develop the life skills needed to survive in the wild and considers this animal non-releasable. The Zoo is applying for a permit to permanently hold this animal for the purpose of public display.

Source of Marine Mammals: Orphaned cub as described above.

Period of Activity: 5 years from date of issuance of permit, if issued. Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Office of Management Authority is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

PRT-006116

Applicant: Ina L. Johnson, Immokalee, FL.

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

Written data or comments, requests for copies of the complete application, or requests for a public hearing on this application 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: January 19, 1999.

MaryEllen Amtower,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service**

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Notice of Availability and Opening of Comment Period for an Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan and Receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit for the Delmarva Fox Squirrel in Association With Home Port on Winchester Creek Development Project, Queen Anne's County, Maryland

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability and receipt of application; correction.

In the notice document 98-34673, beginning on page 72321, in the issue of Thursday, December 31, 1998, make the following correction:

On page 72322, the first full paragraph in the third column, under the heading, Background, should be replaced with the paragraph:

The EA considers the environmental consequences of four alternatives, including the proposed action, a no-action alternative, a conservation acquisition alternative, and a reduced impact alternative. The proposed action alternative is the issuance of a permit under Section 10(a) of the Act that would authorize incidental take of the DFS that may occur in the habitats of Home on Winchester Creek Development, and implementation of the HCP and IA as submitted by the Applicant. The proposed action would require the Applicant to implement their HCP. The HCP provides mitigation measures for the proposed incidental taking including habitat enhancement, permanent protection of an off-site parcel, and contribution to a trust fund. The HCP provides a funding mechanism for these mitigation measures. Under the no-action alternative, the Applicant would not develop the proposed development site in Queen Anne's County and thus avoid the take of DFS. No ITP would be deemed necessary or issued. Under the conservation acquisition alternative, the site would be acquired by a government or private conservation entity or land trust organization and would be retained in its natural state. No ITP would be deemed necessary or issued. Under the reduced impact alternative, the Service requested a number of modifications to the applicant's design plan including a shift in the location of the right-of-way entrance road away from the DFS forested edge habitat, a reduction in the

number of housing units, and relocation of some of the housing lots outside of the 150 foot conservation easement. These modifications would reduce the likelihood of take of DFS by unavoidable human disturbances as well as reducing the number of DFS killed by vehicles.

Dated: January 13, 1999.

Ronald E. Lambertson,

Regional Director, Region 5.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Geological Survey**

Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC); Application Notice Announcing the Opening Date for Transmittal of Applications Under the FGDC National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) Cooperative Agreements Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 1999

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice inviting applications for the NSDI Cooperative Agreements Program awards for Fiscal Year 1999, with performance to begin in August, 1999.

SUMMARY: The purpose of the FGDC National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) Cooperative Agreements Program is to facilitate and foster partnerships and alliances within and among various public and private entities to assist in building the NSDI. The initiative to build the NSDI was launched in 1994 by Executive Order 12906 to advance the nation's capacity to develop, use, share and disseminate geospatial data. The NSDI is the term used to describe the linking together of the array of technologies, spatial data, public policies, people and institutions needed to put current and accurate geographic data into the hands of citizens and decision-makers.

The Cooperative Agreements Program funds projects focused on promoting metadata collection and creating clearinghouses of geographic data linked to the Internet, and advancing the NSDI through education.

Applications may be submitted by Federal agencies, State and local government agencies, educational institutions, private firms, private foundations, non-profit organizations, and Federally acknowledged or state-recognized Native American tribes or groups. Authority for this program is contained in the Organic Act of March