

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: Gloria Erickson, Holdrege, NE, PRT-033948.

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

Applicant: Robert Miller, North East, PA, PRT-034022.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the McClintock Channel, polar bear population, Canada for personal use.

Applicant: Chicago Zoological Society, Brookfield, IL, PRT-032510.

The applicant requests a permit to import 1.0 live captive born polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) from the Jardin Zoo, Quebec, Canada, for the purpose of public display and conservation education.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife has information collection approval from OMB through February 28, 2001. OMB Control Number 1018-0093. Federal Agencies may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a current valid OMB control number.

Documents and other information submitted with these applications 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 following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

Dated: September 28, 2000.

Charlie Chandler,

Chief, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Initial Meeting of the Alaska Migratory Bird Co-management Council

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Alaska Migratory Bird Co-management Council has scheduled its first meeting to begin the process of recommending regulations for the spring/summer migratory bird subsistence harvest for the period beginning March 10, 2002. At this meeting the Co-management Council will approve its by-laws, finalize an operations manual for Council members, elect officers, review resource information presented by staff of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and establish regulations frameworks for seven geographic regions.

DATES: The Co-management Council will meet October 30–November 1, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be conducted at the Hawthorn Suites Hotel at 1110 W. 8th Avenue in Anchorage, Alaska.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information call Mimi Hogan at 907/786-3673 or Bob Stevens at 907/786-3499. Individuals with a disability who may need special accommodations in order to participate in the public comment portion of the meeting should call one of the above numbers.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service formed the Alaska Migratory Bird Co-Management Council, which includes Native, State, and Federal representatives as equals, by means of a Notice of Decision published in the **Federal Register**, 65 FR 16405–16409, March 28, 2000. Amended migratory bird treaties with Canada and Mexico required the formation of such a management body. The Co-management Council will make recommendations for, among other things, regulations for spring/summer harvesting of migratory birds in Alaska. In addition to creation of the Co-management Council, the Notice of Decision identified seven geographic regions. Each region will submit to the Co-management Council requests for specific regulations for its area. The Co-management Council will then develop recommendations for statewide regulations and submit them to the Fish and Wildlife Service for approval.

The initial meeting of the Co-management Council will begin on

Monday, October 30 at 1 p.m. Sessions on October 31 and November 1 will begin at 8:00 a.m. The public is invited to attend. The Co-management Council will provide opportunities for public comment on agenda items. Agendas will be available at the door.

Dated: September 20, 2000.

David B. Allen,

Regional Director, Anchorage, Alaska.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-932-1320-05; NMNM 99144]

Notice of Coal Lease Offering

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of competitive coal lease sale.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that certain coal resources in the tract described below in San Juan County, New Mexico, will be offered for competitive lease by sealed bid in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*).

DATES: The lease sale will be held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 1, 2000. Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 9 a.m., on November 1, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The lease sale will be held in the BLM Conference Room, located at 1474 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 9 a.m. on November 1, 2000, to: Cashier, New Mexico State Office, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, NM 87502-0115.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ida T. Viarreal at (505) 438-7603.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The tract will be leased to the qualified bidder submitting the highest cash offer provided that the high bid meets or exceeds the fair market value of the tract as determined by the Authorized Officer after the sale. Each bid should be clearly identified by tract number or serial number on the outside of the envelope containing the bid. No bid that is less than \$100.00 per acre, or fraction thereof, will be considered.

This \$100.00 per acre is a regulatory minimum, and is not intended to reflect fair market value of the tract. Sealed bids clearly marked "Sealed Bid for NMNM 99144 Coal Sale—Not to be opened before 10 a.m. Wednesday, November 1, 2000," must be received on or before 9 a.m., Wednesday, November 1, 2000. Bids should be sent by certified