

Rhode Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex, Shoreline Plaza Route 1A, P.O. Box 307, Charlestown, Rhode Island 02813, telephone 401-364-9124.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment fully describes, evaluates, and compares four alternatives for managing the natural resources and public use opportunities on the Rhode Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex. One of the alternatives represents the Service's Proposed Action. The four alternatives are:

Alternative A

This is the No Action Alternative required by the Council of Environmental Quality's regulations on the implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Selection of this alternative would not change our current management programs on any of the five refuges. Our land acquisition program would continue to be focused on the 735 acres remaining within the currently approved acquisition boundaries. We would continue to emphasize management for the federally threatened piping plover and restoration of early-successional coastal sandplain habitats and wetlands. Public use opportunities would not change appreciably.

Alternative B

Alternative B is the Service's Proposed Action; that is, the alternative currently recommended for approval. Selection of this alternative would expand all Refuge boundaries, increasing our current land acquisition goal by 3,200 acres. Alternative B would increase protection and management for endangered, threatened, and other species of concern, increase restoration of early-successional native habitats and wetlands, and increase biological inventories and monitoring. Opportunities would increase for all six priority public uses, which include hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, environmental education and interpretation. Compatibility determinations for the proposed priority public use activities are included as an appendix to the document. These compatibility determinations establish which public uses support the achievement of refuge purposes or the National Wildlife Refuge System mission and would be allowed on refuge land.

Alternative C

This alternative would also increase protection, management, restoration, monitoring and inventories of species and habitats similar to Alternative B.

However, selection of this alternative would increase our current land acquisition goal by 11,500 acres. Refuge staff would take the lead in accomplishing interagency, watershed-based planning initiatives, respective recovery team tasks, and ecosystem team priorities. This alternative would eliminate existing incompatible, non-wildlife dependent uses by 2002, three years sooner than the other alternatives. Environmental education would be emphasized over other priority public uses on each refuge.

Alternative D

This alternative would maintain current biological resource program priorities, which include protecting piping plover, and managing early-successional native habitats and wetlands. Selection of this alternative would pursue the current land acquisition goal of 735 acres, similar to Alternative A. This alternative is distinguished from the others by the amount of resources directed towards expanding all priority public use opportunities on each refuge.

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Acting Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Hadley, Massachusetts.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit; Endangered Species

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.*). 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.

Applicant: Henry Doorly Zoo, Omaha, NE, PRT-035467

The applicant requests a permit to export cryopreserved semen collected from one captive born male gorilla (*Gorilla gorilla*) to the Johannesburg Zoological Gardens, Parkview, South Africa for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through captive propagation by artificial insemination.

Applicant: Rosita H. Roden, New York, NY, PRT-037356

The applicant requests a permit to import headdresses and other indigenous ceremonial products derived from wild Harpy eagle (*Harpia harpyja*) Razor-billed curassow (*Mitu mitu*), Jabiru (*Jabiru mycteria*), and Woolly spider monkey (*Brachyteles arachnoides*) from the Amazon Rainforest in Brazil. The purpose of the import is to enhance the survival of the species.

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, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); Fax: (703/358-2281).

Dated: January 8, 2000.

Anna Barry,

Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force; Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces a meeting of the Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force, established under the authority of the Klamath River Basin Fishery Resources Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 460ss *et seq.*). The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force (Task Force) will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on February 8, 2001, and from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. on February 9, 2001.