

the harvest to ensure that any commercial use of products created from these species meets the criteria set forth in Section 101(b) of the MMPA.

The information that we propose to continue to collect from Alaska Natives beyond the currently authorized period that expires on October 31, 2001 (under OMB Clearance Number 1018-0066), will be used to improve our decision-making ability by substantially expanding the quality and quantity of harvest and biological data upon which we can base future management decisions. It will provide us with the ability to make inferences about the condition and general health of these populations, and to consider the importance and impacts to these population from such processes as development activities and habitat degradation. Without authority to collect this harvest information, our ability to measure the take of polar bear, sea otter and walrus is inadequate. We believe that mandatory marking, tagging and reporting is essential for us, in concert with Alaska Natives, to be able to improve the quality and quantity of harvest and biological data necessary to base future management decisions. It allows us to make rational, knowledgeable decisions regarding the Native harvest; habitat degradation; and the effects of oil and gas exploration, development, and production planned or underway for areas within the range of these species.

We estimate that the annual burden associated with this request will be 674 hours for each year of the 3-year period of OMB authorization. We calculated this estimated burden based on previous experience suggesting that Alaska Natives annually will take about 2,695 polar bears, sea otter, and Pacific walrus for subsistence and handicraft purposes, and that 15 minutes will be needed to provide the required information for each animal taken.

Title: Marine Mammal Marking, Tagging, and Reporting Program.

Bureau form numbers: R7-50, R7-51, and R7-52.

Frequency of collection: Occasional.

Description of respondents: Individuals and households.

Number of respondents: Approximately 2,695 per year.

Estimated completion time: 15 minutes per response.

Annual burden hours: 674 hours.

Current OMB Clearance Number: 1018-0066.

Approval expires: October 31, 2001.

Dated: February 28, 2001.

Rebecca A. Mullin,

Information Collection Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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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: Paul Gardner, Bloomsburg, PA, PRT-039151

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Housni Habibi, West Hempstead, NY, PRT-039149

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Michael Ciavardone, Lakeland, FL, PRT-039124

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: James Benham, Boise, ID, PRT-039268

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management

program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Armand Bertocchi, Denville, NJ, PRT-039380

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: John Shivers, Fort Worth, TX, PRT-039379

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Eli Robert Huffman, Houston, TX, PRT-039425

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Northern Animal Exchange dba Action Animals, British Columbia, Canada, PRT-770742

The applicant is requesting to have their permit amended to include for import and re-export a captive born Siberian tiger (*Panthera tigris altaica*) and progeny of the animal currently held by the applicant and any animals acquired in the United States by the applicant to/from worldwide locations to enhance the survival of the species through conservation education. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a three year period.

Applicant: Lawrence Masserant, Newport, MI, PRT-037808

The applicant requests a permit to import a wood bison (*Bison bison athabasca*) sport hunted in Yukon, Canada, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Russell Kohler, Detroit, MI, PRT-038081

The applicant requests a permit to import a wood bison (*Bison bison athabasca*) sport hunted in Yukon, Canada, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following application(s) for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application(s) 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).

Written data, comments or requests for copies of these complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone 703/358-2104 or fax 703/358-2281. These requests 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.

Applicant: Circo Hermanos Suarez S.A., San Juan, PR, PRT-036843.

Permit Type: Import for public display.

Name and Number of Animals: Polar bear, (*Ursus maritimus*) 7

Summary of Activity to be Authorized: The applicant requests to import for Public Display purposes.

Source of Marine Mammals: Captive and wild born.

Period of Activity: 5 years.

Applicant: United States Fish and Wildlife Service/Marine Mammal Management, Anchorage, AK PRT-039386.

Permit Type: Take for scientific research.

Name and Number of Animals: Walrus, (*Odobenus rosmarus divergens*), Variable

Summary of Activity to be Authorized: The applicant requests a permit to conduct aerial fly overs of walrus hauled-out on sea ice, that may result in Level B harassment, for the purpose of developing new survey techniques using ventricle digital video imagery.

Source of Marine Mammals: Free ranging.

Period of Activity: 5 years.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Division of Management Authority is forwarding copies of the above applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

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: February 23, 2001.

Anna Barry,

Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**U.S. Geological Survey**

Application Notice Describing the Areas of Interest and Establishing the Closing Date for Receipt of Applications Under the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2002

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Applications are invited for research projects under the NEHRP.

The purpose of this Program is to support the USGS Earthquake Hazards Program by providing products for earthquake loss reduction to the public and private sectors and by carrying out research on earthquake occurrence and effects.

Applications may be submitted by educational institutions, private firms, private foundations, individuals, and agencies of state and local governments.

ADDRESSES: The program announcement is expected to be available on or about March 1, 2001. You may obtain a copy of Announcement No. 02HQPA0001 from the USGS Contracts and Grants Information Site at <http://www.usgs.gov/contracts/nehpr/> or by writing to Sherri Newman, U.S. Geological Survey, Office of Acquisition and Grants—Mail Stop 205G, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive,

Reston, Virginia 20192, or by fax (703) 648-7901.

DATES: The closing date for receipt of applications will be on or about May 1, 2001. The actual closing date will be specified in Announcement No. 02HQPA0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Unger, Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program—U.S. Geological Survey, Mail Stop 905, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192. Telephone: (703) 648-6701.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Authority for this program is contained in the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977, Public Law 95-124 (42 U.S.C. 7701, *et seq.*). The Office of Management and Budget Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number is 15.807.

Dated: February 15, 2001.

Patricia P. Dunham,

Deputy Chief, Office of Administrative Policy and Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

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Notice of Realty Action Direct Sale of Public Lands in Mohave County, Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action, direct sale.

SUMMARY: The following public lands have been found suitable for a direct sale under Section 214 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (90 Stat. 2750; 43 U.S.C. 1713), at not less than the estimated fair market value of \$1,000. The land will not be offered for sale for at least 60 days after the date of this notice.

T. 24 N., R. 13 W., Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona

Section 34: E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Consisting of 1.25 acres.

The land described above is hereby segregated from appropriation under the public land laws including the mining laws, pending disposition of this action 270 days from the date of publication of this notice, whichever occurs first.

This land will be offered to a private landowner due to the need to resolve an inadvertent unauthorized use or occupancy of the lands, and must be for