DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Application

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to amend endangered species recovery.

The following applicant has applied for an amended 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.*).

Permit Number TE023308–2

Applicant: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Twin Cities Field Office, Bloomington, Minnesota (Russ Peterson, Field Supervisor).

The applicant holds a permit to take (collect, hold in captivity, propagate, and release) endangered Higgins' eye pearlymussels (*Lampsilis higginsi*) from locations within their historic range in the States of Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. The applicant requests authorization to expand the geographical area permitted for reintroducing artificially propagated specimens into the wild to include all historical locations of the species, including mainstem and tributaries of the Upper Mississippi River including the Chippewa, St. Croix, Black and Wisconsin Rivers in Wisconsin; the Iowa, Cedar and Wapsipinicon Rivers in Iowa; the Illinois, Sangamon, and Rock Rivers in Illinois; and, the Minnesota River in Minnesota. This permit is for the enhancement of survival of the species in the wild to protect from zebra mussel (*Dreissena polymorpha*) infestation, in the interest of recovery.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111–4056, and must be received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with this application are available for review 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, Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111–4056. Telephone: (612/713–5343); FAX: (612/713–5292).

Dated: April 20, 2001.

Charlie Wooley,

Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 3, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U.S. Geological Survey

Advisory Committee on Water Information (ACWI); Meeting

AGENCY: United States Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of an open meeting of the Advisory Committee on Water Information (ACWI).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the ACWI. This meeting of the ACWI is to discuss broad policy-related topics relating to national water initiatives, and to hear reports from ACWI subgroups. The proposed agenda will include a series of discussions concerning various U.S. Government policies and programs related to the development and dissemination of water information.

The ACWI has been established under the authority of the Office of Management and Budget Memorandum 92–01 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the ACWI is to provide a forum for water-information users and professionals to advise the Federal Government of activities and plans which may improve the effectiveness of meeting the Nation's water information needs. More than 30 organizations have been invited by the Secretary of the Interior to name representatives to the ACWI. These include Federal departments, State, local, and tribal government organizations, industry, academia, agriculture, environmental organizations, professional societies, and volunteer groups.

DATES: The formal meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m., on May 15, 2001, and will adjourn on May 16, 2001 at 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: American Society of Civil Engineers Bechtel Conference Center, 1801 Alexander Bell Drive, Reston, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Toni M. Johnson (Executive Secretary), Chief, Water Information Coordination Program, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, 417 National Center, Reston, VA 20192. Telephone: 703–648–6810; Fax: 703–648–5644.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is open to the public. Up to a half hour will be set aside for public comment. Persons wishing to make a brief presentation (up to 5 minutes) are asked to provide a written request with a description of the general subject to Ms. Johnson at the above address no later than noon, May 11, 2001. It is requested that 40 copies of a written statement be submitted at the time of the meeting for distribution to members of the ACWI and placement in the official file. Any member of the public may submit written information and (or) comments to Ms. Johnson for distribution at the ACWI Meeting.

Dated: April 30, 2001.

Stephen F. Blanchard,

Acting Chief, Office of Information, U.S. Geological Survey.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of approved off-track wagering Tribal-State compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Pub. L. 100–497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish in the **Federal Register**, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. The Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs (Management), Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved the Tribal-State Compact between the Absentee Shawnee Tribe and the State of Oklahoma, which was executed on March 28, 2001.

DATES: This action is effective May 4, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219–4066.

Dated: May 1, 2001.

James H. McDivitt,

Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs (Management).

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