

SUMMARY: The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species and/or marine mammals.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by December 27, 2002.

ADDRESSES: 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 within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358-2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Endangered Species

The public is invited to comment on the following application(s) 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, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (address above).

PRT-064033

Applicant: Charles D. Lein, Lafayette, LA

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.

PRT-063767 Through 063773

Applicant: Feld Entertainment, Vienna, VA

The applicant requests permits to export, re-export, and re-import Asian elephants (*Elephas maximus*) to and 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. The elephants are: Bonnie—063767, Juliette—063768, Kelly Ann—063769, Angelica—063770, Doc—063771, Nichole—063772, Osgood—063773. Some of these elephants were

previously authorized under PRT-007873.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has information collection approval from OMB through March 31, 2004, 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.

Dated: October 25, 2002.

Michael S. Moore,

Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

[FR Doc. 02-30128 Filed 11-26-02; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4310-55-P

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species and/or marine mammals.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by December 27, 2002.

ADDRESSES: 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 within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358-2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Endangered Species

The public is invited to comment on the following application(s) 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, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (address above).

PRT-064354

Applicant: John L. Wathen, Leonardtown, MD

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.

PRT-064887

Applicant: John W. Salevurakis, Mountaineer, AZ

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male wood bison (*Bison bison athabasca*) taken from the Yukon (Nisling river) population, Yukon territory, Canada, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through support of the Canadian recovery program.

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 part 18). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be submitted to the Director (address above). 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.

PRT-063596

Applicant: William J. Schagel, Prescott, MI

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Southern Beaufort Sea polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

PRT-063898

Applicant: Larry Seiler, Guilford, IN

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Southern Beaufort Sea polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

PRT-064723

Applicant: David M. McNeil, Buhl, AL

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Southern

Beaufort Sea polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has information collection approval from OMB through March 31, 2004, 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.

Dated: November 8, 2002.

Lisa J. Lierheimer,

Permits Policy Specialist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

[FR Doc. 02-30126 Filed 11-26-02; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4310-55-P

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of permit for marine mammals.

SUMMARY: The following permits were issued.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted for these applications are available for review by any party who submits a written request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax (703) 358-2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 10, 2002, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 57445), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Hobson Reynolds for a permit (PRT-061098) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) taken from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on November 6, 2002, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On August 20, 2002, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 53960), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Lawrence P. Rudolph for a permit

(PRT-058229) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) taken from the Viscount Melville Sound polar bear population, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on November 4, 2002, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

Dated: November 8, 2002.

Lisa J. Lierheimer,

Permits Policy Specialist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

[FR Doc. 02-30127 Filed 11-26-02; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4310-55-P

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Northeast Regional Panel Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Task Force Northeast Regional Panel. The meeting topics are identified in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The Northeast Regional Panel will meet from 12 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 16, 2002, and 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday, December 17, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The Northeast Regional Panel meeting will be held at the Northeast Regional Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, MA 01035-9589. Phone 413-253-8404.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Snow-Cotter, 617-626-1202 or Sharon Gross, Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force at 703-358-2308.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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 Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Northeast Regional Panel. The Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990. The Northeast Regional Panel was established on July 25, 2001, to advise and make recommendations to the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force on issues relating to the Northeast region of the United States. Geographically, the

Northeast region is defined to include the jurisdictions of the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New York. The Northeast Regional Panel will discuss several topics at this meeting including: Updates from provinces and states; review of reports from subcommittees on Communication, Education, and Outreach, Policy and Legislation, and Science Technology; discussion on the development of a rapid response system, a ballast water regional management plan, and data management; updates from the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force and National Invasive Species Council on national issues, reauthorization of the National Aquatic Invasive Species Act; updates on the development of State ANS Management Plans; and other topics.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Suite 810, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1622, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

Dated: November 15, 2002.

William E. Knapp,

Acting Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Deputy Assistant Director-Fisheries & Habitat Conservation.

[FR Doc. 02-30010 Filed 11-26-02; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4310-55-M

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Proposed Agency Information Collection; Request for Comments

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Department of the Interior is seeking extension of an Information Collection Request (ICR) for grantees participating in the Public Law 102-477 program, OMB Control No. 1076-0135. The Department invites public comments on the subject proposal described below.

DATES: Submit written comments regarding this proposal on or before January 27, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Mail comments to George Gover, Director, Office of Economic Development, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW., MS-4640-MIB, Washington, DC 20240.