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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robin Friedman, Acting Assistant Solicitor, Division of General Law, Branch of General Legal Services, United States Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW., Mail Stop 7315, Washington, DC 20240; telephone 202-208-5216.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 25 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.* establishes the National Indian Gaming Commission (Commission), composed of three full time members. 25 U.S.C. 2704(b). Commission members serve for a term of three years. 25 U.S.C. 2704(b)(2)(4)(A). The Chairman is appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. 25 U.S.C. 2704(b)(1)(A). The two associate members are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. 25 U.S.C. 2704(b)(1)(B). Before appointing an associate member to the Commission, the Secretary is required to "publish in the **Federal Register** the name and other information the Secretary deems pertinent regarding a nominee for membership on the commission and * * * allow a period of not less than thirty days for receipt of public comments." 25 U.S.C. 2704(b)(2)(B).

Notice is hereby given of the proposed reappointment of Cloyce V. Choney as an associate member of the Commission for a term of three years. Mr. Choney is currently an associate member of the Commission, having been appointed by the Secretary to a first term in 2002. Mr. Choney is well qualified to continue to serve as a member of the Commission. In addition to his service on the Commission for the past three years, from 1976 to 2001, Mr. Choney served as a Special Agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. During this time he handled a variety of cases involving civil rights, fraud, organized and white collar crime, and bank robbery investigation. He also served as Chair of the Native American/Alaska People Advisory Committee and was awarded several Federal Bureau of Investigation commendations, including the Director's Award for Excellence in the Chief Executive Officer for Indian Territory Investigations. In that capacity, Mr. Choney was responsible for business development, reporting, and supervision of day-to-day activities related to the company's function of the pre-employment background investigations. Between 1969 and 1975, Mr. Choney served in the United States Army, where he earned the rank of

Captain. Mr. Choney has been a member of the National Native American Law Enforcement Association, and he served as its president from 1996-1997.

Mr. Choney is a member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma. He is also a member of the Kiowa Black Leggings Society and the Comanche War Scouts. He received a Bachelor of Science in Military Science from Oklahoma State University in 1968.

Mr. Choney does not have any financial interests that would make him ineligible to serve on the Commission under 25 U.S.C. 2704(b)(5)(B) or (C).

Any person wishing to submit comments on this proposed reappointment of Cloyce V. Choney may submit written comments to the address listed above. Comments must be received by May 4, 2006.

Dated: March 29, 2006.

David L. Bernhardt,

Deputy Solicitor.

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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 May 4, 2006.

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 applications 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).

Applicant: August S. Haugen, Springfield, OR, PRT-114675.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*) culled from a captive herd in the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Linda M. Straw, Sacramento, CA, PRT-116481.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*) culled from a captive herd in the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Endangered Marine Mammals and Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered marine mammals and marine mammals. The applications were submitted to satisfy requirements of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing endangered species (50 CFR part 17) and 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.

Applicant: Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute, San Diego, CA, PRT-054026.

The applicant requests an amendment to the permit to use captive-held manatees (*Trichechus manatus latirostris*) to measure the animals' sonar acoustic reflectivity for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a three-year period.

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.

Applicant: Francis H. Azur, Coraopolia, PA, PRT-120039.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Western Hudson Bay polar bear population in Canada for personal, noncommercial use.

Applicant: Christopher F. Azur, Nevillewood, PA, PRT-120037.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Western Hudson Bay polar bear population in Canada for personal, noncommercial use.

Dated: March 10, 2006.

Monica Farris,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK-910-1310PP-ARAC]

Notice of Public Meeting, Alaska Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Alaska Resource Advisory Council will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held April 27-28, 2006, at the Juneau Federal Building, 709 W. 9th in Juneau, Alaska. On April 27 the meeting starts at 10:30 a.m. and a public comment period begins at 1 p.m. On April 28 the meeting begins at 8:15 a.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Danielle Allen, Alaska State Office, 222 W. 7th Avenue #13, Anchorage, AK 99513. Telephone (907) 271-3335 or e-mail *Danielle_Allen@ak.blm.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Alaska. At this meeting, topics planned for discussion include:

- South National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska.
- 17 (b) easements.
- Mineral Assessment program.

- Other topics the Council may raise.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allotted for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, transportation, or other reasonable accommodations, should contact BLM.

Julia Dougan,

Acting State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK-932-1410-FQ; A-029820]

Public Land Order No. 7660; Partial Revocation of Public Land Order No. 1973; Alaska

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public land order.

SUMMARY: This order partially revokes a Public Land Order insofar as it affects 0.88 acre of public land withdrawn for administrative purposes for use by the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, at Juneau, Alaska. The land is no longer needed for the purpose for which it was withdrawn. This action also allows the conveyance of the land to the State of Alaska, if such land is otherwise available. Any land described herein that is not conveyed to the State will be subject to Public Land Order No. 5186, as amended, and any other withdrawal or segregation of record.

DATES: *Effective Date:* April 4, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Alaska State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska, 99513-7599.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robbie J. Havens, Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue #13, Anchorage, Alaska, 99513-7599, 907-271-5477.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The partial revocation of Public Land Order No. 1973 will allow the land to be conveyed to the State of Alaska, who will convey the parcel to the City and Borough of Juneau as a municipal entitlement.

Order

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (2000), and by Section 17(d)(1) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, 43 U.S.C. 1616(d)(1) (2000), it is ordered as follows:

1. Public Land Order No. 1973 (24 FR 7253, September 9, 1959), which withdrew public land for administrative purposes, is hereby revoked insofar as it affects the following described land:

Copper River Meridian

U.S. Survey No. 3566, Lot 3, located within T. 41 S., R. 67 E.

The area described contains 0.88 acre.

2. The State of Alaska application for selection made under Section 6(a) of the Alaska Statehood Act of July 7, 1958, 48 U.S.C. note prec. 21 (2000), and under Section 906(e) of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, 43 U.S.C. 1635(e) (2000), becomes effective without further action by the State upon publication of this public land order in the **Federal Register**, if such land is otherwise available. Lands selected by, but not conveyed to, the State will be subject to Public Land Order No. 5186, as amended, and any other withdrawal or segregation of record.

Dated: March 16, 2006.

Mark Limbaugh,

Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Notice of Availability of the Proposed Notice of Sale for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Lease Sale 200 in the Western Gulf of Mexico (GOM)

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the proposed Notice of Sale for proposed Sale 200.

SUMMARY: The MMS announces the availability of the proposed Notice of Sale for proposed Sale 200 in the Western GOM OCS. This Notice is published pursuant to 30 CFR 256.29(c) as a matter of information to the public. With regard to oil and gas leasing on the OCS, the Secretary of the Interior, pursuant to section 19 of the OCS Lands Act, provides the affected States the opportunity to review the proposed