

*Applicant:* Gregory G. Liautaud, Trout Valley, IL, PRT-168791.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) 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.

#### 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/or 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/or 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/or 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:* Gordon B. Bauer, New College of Florida, Sarasota, FL, PRT-837923.

The applicant requests to renew his permit to conduct auditory studies on up to 14 captive held Florida manatees (*Trichechus manatus*) for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-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:* Alan J. Stone, Honeoye, NY, PRT-169695.

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

*Applicant:* Thomas K. Joyce, Levittown, NY, PRT-170114.

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:* Lester A. Pride, Milton, DE, PRT-170327.

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, noncommercial use.

*Applicant:* Daniel H. Smith, San Jose, CA, PRT-170341.

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:* Kevin E. Johnson, Gaylord, MI, PRT-170600.

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:* Nicolas A. DiJoseph, Cedarville, NJ, PRT-163763.

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

Dated: December 7, 2007.

**Lisa J. Lierheimer,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reopening of Comment Period for Draft Recovery Crediting Guidance

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of reopening comment period.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the reopening of a comment period on our draft recovery crediting guidance for an additional 60 days. We solicit comment from all interested parties on the contents of the draft guidance and the likely effects of its implementation.

**DATES:** Comments from all interested parties on the draft guidance document must be received on or before February 25, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** To obtain a copy of the draft guidance: The draft guidance may be downloaded from our Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/policy/>

[oct.2007.html](#). To request a copy of the draft guidance, write to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 420 ARLSQ, Washington, DC 20240, Attention: Recovery Crediting; or call 703/358-2171. You may also send an e-mail request to [recovery\\_crediting@fws.gov](mailto:recovery_crediting@fws.gov). Specify whether you wish to receive a hard copy by U.S. mail or an electronic copy by e-mail.

To submit your comments: Send comments by any one of the following methods:

- **Mail:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 420 ARLSQ, Washington, DC 20240, Attention: Recovery Crediting.
- **Hand Delivery/Courier:** Division of Consultation, Habitat Conservation Planning, Recovery, and State Grants, Room 420, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203-1601.
- **E-mail:** [recovery\\_crediting@fws.gov](mailto:recovery_crediting@fws.gov). Include "Recovery Crediting comments" in the subject line of the message.
- **Fax:** 703/358-1735. Include "Recovery Crediting comments" in the subject line.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct all questions or requests for additional information about the draft guidance to Dr. Richard L. Sayers; Division of Consultation, Habitat Conservation Planning, Recovery, and State Grants; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 420 ARLSQ; Washington, DC 20240 (703/358-2171). Individuals who are hearing-impaired or speech-impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8337 for TTY assistance, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We published a notice of availability of draft recovery crediting guidance on November 2, 2007 (72 FR 62258). The original comment period ended on December 3, 2007. In response to requests from respondents, we are reopening comment for an additional 60 days. Initial comments submitted revealed a possible misunderstanding of our notice of availability. That notice included the entire guidance document; no additional information is available. We regret any impression we may have created that it was necessary to obtain an additional document in order to understand the guidance.

We will take into consideration the relevant comments, suggestions, or objections that we receive by the comment due date indicated above in **DATES**. These comments, suggestions, or objections, and any additional information we receive, may lead us to adopt final guidance that differs from the draft. We prefer to receive comments via e-mail, but you may submit your

comments by any method mentioned above in **ADDRESSES**.

Please submit e-mail comments to *recovery\_crediting@fws.gov* in ASCII file format and avoid the use of special characters or any form of encryption. Please also include "Recovery Crediting comments" in the subject line of the message, preferably with your full name and return address in the body of your message. Please note that the Internet address will be closed when the public comment period ends.

#### Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

#### Authority

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

Dated: December 14, 2007.

**Kenneth Stansell,**

*Acting Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice Public Meetings: Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council, Nevada

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Announcement of Meetings.

**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) Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

**DATES AND TIMES:** The RAC will meet four times in Fiscal Year 2008: January 10 and 11 at the BLM Las Vegas Field Office at 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada; May 1 and 2 at the BLM Las Vegas Field Office; June 26 and 27 at the BLM Ely Field Office at

702 N. Industrial Way, Ely, Nevada; and August 14 and 15 at the Caliente Youth Center, U.S. Highway 93 North, Caliente, Nevada. All meetings are open to the public. Meetings generally begin at 8 a.m. and will include a general public comment period, where the public may submit oral or written comments to the RAC. Each public comment period will begin at approximately 1 p.m. unless otherwise listed in each specific, final meeting agenda.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chris Hanefeld, (775) 289-1842, E-mail: *chris\_hanefeld@nv.blm.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 15-member council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Nevada.

Topics for discussion at each meeting will include, but are not limited to:

- January 10 and 11, (Las Vegas)—Brownsfield Act, mine closures and renewable energy.
- May 1 and 2, (Las Vegas)—National Conservation Areas, Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 9 and special legislation.
- June 26 and 27, (Ely)—abandoned mines, groundwater development and wilderness.
- August 14 and 15, (Caliente)—Healthy Lands Initiative and recreation. Managers' reports of field office activities will be given at each meeting. The council may raise other topics at any of the four planned meetings.

Final agendas with any additions/corrections to agenda topics, locations, field trips and meeting times will be sent to the media at least 14 days before each meeting. Individuals who need special assistance such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, or who wish to receive a copy of each agenda, should contact Chris Hanefeld no later than 10 days prior to each meeting.

Dated: December 18, 2007.

**John Ruhs,**

*Ely Field Office Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

#### Notice of Public Meetings, Southwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council Meetings

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Correction.

**SUMMARY:** Bureau of Land Management published notice in the **Federal Register**, Dec. 13, 2007, listing an incorrect meeting date.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Melodie Lloyd, Public Affairs Specialist, (970) 244-3097.

**Correction:** In the **Federal Register** of Dec. 13, 2007, in FR Doc. E7-24051, on page 70890, second paragraph, under the heading of **DATES**, correct the May meeting date. It should read:

The Southwest Colorado RAC meetings will be held February 8, 2008; May 30, 2008; August 8, 2008; and November 14, 2008.

**Dated:** December 13, 2007.

**Dated:** December 19, 2007.

**Barb Sharrow,**

*Uncompahgre Field Office Manager, Designated Federal Officer, Southwest Colorado RAC.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CA-310-0777-XX]

#### Notice of Public Meeting: Northeast California Resource Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Public Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Northeast California Resource Advisory Council will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Thursday and Friday, Feb. 7-8, 2008, in the Conference Room of the Bureau of Land Management Eagle Lake Field Office, Susanville, CA. The meeting runs from 1 to 5 p.m. Feb. 7 and from 8 a.m. to noon on Feb. 8. Time for public comment is reserved at 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 8.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tim Burke, BLM Alturas Field Office manager, (530) 233-4666; or BLM Public Affairs Officer Joseph J. Fontana, (530) 252-5332.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 15-member council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land