

11. The Service will notify each eligible applicant in writing of the final disposition of their proposal.

12. The Director will notify the Regional Directors and the Chair, GIAC, of the proposals selected for funding.

J. Lobbying Restrictions

During the review of proposals, grant applicants may not engage in any activities that might be considered as attempts to influence Federal reviewers or approving officials. If the activities are determined to be lobbying, the proposal will be disqualified for Federal Aid Administrative Funds.

K. Awards and Funding

1. The Service's Division of Contracting and General Services will prepare and sign the formal award agreements. The Federal Aid Office, may provide technical assistance to the Division of Contracting and General Services in finalizing the award

agreements. The formal award agreements will be forwarded to the awardees for signature and must be signed by the Service and authorized awardee officials before they become valid agreements. This process may require up to 60 days to complete. The Service is not responsible for costs incurred prior to the effective date of a signed agreement; therefore, the starting date for all projects should be planned accordingly.

2. All funding must comply with the bone fide need rule established by 31 USC 1502a requiring that the entire amount of a project must be obligated in the fiscal year the grant is approved unless the project is severable. A project is severable only if it can be separated into components that independently meet a separate need.

3. Non-profit grantees must maintain a financial management system in accordance with the Office of

Management and Budget Circular A-110. State and local governments must maintain a financial management system in accordance with OMB Circular A-102 and 43 CFR Part 12.

L. Project Administration

Proposals awarded funding will be assigned to a Project Officer. Project Officers are those persons representing the Contracting Officer on technical matters relating to the responsibilities of the grantee. They provide assistance that includes:

1. Assisting Service contracting officials in completing the award agreement;
2. Serving as the Service's point of contact after the award agreement is signed;
3. Receiving and approving bills; and
4. Monitoring project performance and assuring that the awardee adheres to the award agreement.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS—APPENDIX A

Target date	Event
March 14	Federal Register Notice announcing availability of Federal Aid Funds and focus areas for grant applications.
May 1	Washington Office receives proposals.
June 16	Washington Office with assistance from the Regions determines eligibility (Chair of the Grants-In-Aid Committee (GIAC) participates as an observer).
July 1	Service forwards copies of eligible proposals to voting members of the GIAC (includes summary list of ongoing grants and list of ineligible proposals)
July 1	Service sends letters to all applicants informing them that their proposal is eligible or ineligible.
August 15	Voting members of the GIAC forward comments and ratings to Chief, FA (Ratings of High, Medium or Low).
September 1	Chief, FA, summarizes comments and ratings and forwards to Chair, GIAC, for review at the September meeting.
September 15	GIAC reviews and ranks proposals and forwards rankings and recommendations to Service, along with recommendations for Focus Areas for the following years.
October 31	Federal Aid summarizes all rankings and recommendations for consideration by the Director.
November 15	Director selects proposals for funding.
November 30	Federal Aid notifies applicants and Chair, GIAC, of the final disposition of proposals.
March 1	Contracting and General Services awards grants.

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Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals

On November 7, 1996, a notice was published in the Federal Register, Vol. 61, No. 217, Page 57694, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by the Chicago Zoological Park, Brookfield Zoo for a permit (PRT-821744) to import 3 juvenile walrus for public display.

Notice is hereby given that on February 19, 1997, 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 authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On November 29, 1996, a notice was published in the Federal Register, Vol. 61, No. 231, Page 60722, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by the Alaska Science Center for renewal of a permit (PRT-766818) to take (capture) sea otters for scientific research.

Notice is hereby given that on February 7, 1997, 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 authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On December 20, 1996, a notice was published in the Federal Register, Vol. 61, No. 246, Page 67340, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by the Oregon Coast Aquarium for a permit (PRT-

823259) to import 2 sea otters for the purpose of public display.

Notice is hereby given that on January 27, 1997, 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 authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On December 11, 1996, a notice was published in the Federal Register, Vol. 61, No. 239, Page 65229, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by the Point Defiance Zoo for a permit (PRT-822531) to import 2 polar bears for the purpose of public display.

Notice is hereby given that on January 21, 1997, 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 authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

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, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Rm. 430, Arlington, Virginia 22203, phone (703) 358-2104 or Fax (703) 358-2281.

Dated: March 4, 1997.

Caroline Anderson,

Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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Propylene and Ethylene Pipeline Right-of-Way Permit Application Crossing Fish and Wildlife Service National Wildlife Refuge

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) advises the public that BASF Corporation of Freeport, Texas has applied for the installation of an 8.625" O.D. welded steel pipeline across Service land tracts 40c and 40g in Brazoria County, Texas. The pipeline will be installed solely within an existing pipeline 300 foot right-of-way corridor, known as the "Dow Corridor". The project will temporarily impact 4.3 acres. An Environmental Analysis and Cultural Resource Review has been prepared and is on file. This notice informs the public that the Service will be proceeding with the processing of the application, the compatibility determination and the approval processing which includes the preparation of the terms and conditions of the permit.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before April 9, 1997 to receive consideration by the Service.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to: Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, (RE), Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103-1306. Attention: Wanda McKean, Realty Specialist.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wanda McKean, Realty Specialist, at the above Albuquerque, New Mexico address (505 248-7415 or FAX 505 248-6803).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The refuge manager, for the Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge has approved the route of the pipeline that lies within an

existing 300 foot wide right-of-way corridor known as the "Dow Corridor". It crosses the northwest corner portion of the Refuge known as Hoskins Mound.

Right-of-way applications for pipelines are to be filed in accordance with section 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C.), as amended by the Act of November 16, 1973 (37 Stat. 576, Pub. L. 93-153).

Dated: February 27, 1997.

Nancy Kaufman,

Regional Director, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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Notice of Receipt of Application for Approval

The following applicant has applied for approval to conduct certain activities with birds that are protected in accordance with the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 112(4) of the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992, 50 CFR 15.26(c).

Applicant: Heather Bright, Psittacine Central, Dover, FL. The applicant wishes to establish a cooperative breeding program for the Monk or Quaker parakeet (*Myiopsitta monachus*). Ms. Bright wishes to be an active participant in this program with one other private individual. The Greater Orlando Bird Club has assumed the responsibility for the oversight of the program.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 430, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director on or before April 9, 1997.

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, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 430, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

Dated: March 4, 1997.

Susan Lieberman,

Chief, Branch of Operations, Office of Management Authority.

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Bureau of Land Management

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State of Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting, notice of meeting cancellation.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the cancellation of the March 20, 1997 meeting of the Arizona Resource Advisory Council. The meeting was scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. in the 1A Conference Room at the Bureau of Land Management Arizona State Office, 222 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona. For Further Information Contact: Deborah Stevens or Ken Mahoney Bureau of Land Management, Arizona State Office, 222 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85004-2203, (602) 417-9512.

Gina Ramos,

Acting Deputy State Director, Resources Division.

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Notice of Intention To Issue a Concession Contract for Crater Lake National Park

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given in accordance with the requirements of 36 CFR 51.5 that the National Park Service intends to issue a 3-year concession contract to continue operations currently conducted at Crater Lake National Park to provide park visitors with hotel, food, gift, touring, and other services. This action is necessary to avoid disruption of the provision of these services and to satisfy requirements that concession contracts do not extend for a continuous period exceeding 30 years. In accordance with the requirements of Public Law 89-249 (16 U.S.C. 20d), the current concessioner, having operated to the satisfaction of the Secretary, has a right to a preference in this renewal action.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Notwithstanding the short term action which is the subject of this notice, it is the intention of the National Park Service that a Prospectus for a long term concession contract at Crater Lake will be issued no less than one year prior to the expiration of the 3-year contract to be issued. Before this action is taken,