

Status: Unutilized  
Reason: Within 2000 ft. of flammable or explosive material; Secured Area; Extensive deterioration.

*Land (by State)*

Maine

37 Acres, Topsham Annex  
Naval Air Station  
Brunswick ME 04011–  
Landholding Agency: Navy  
Property Number: 779720001  
Status: Unutilized  
Reason: Secured Area.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Marine Mammals; Stock Assessment Reports

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

**ACTION:** Notice of completion and availability of draft revised marine mammal stock assessment reports; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) has developed draft revised marine mammal stock assessment reports for the southern sea otter in California, the northern sea otter in Washington State, and the Florida and Antillean stocks of West Indian manatees from the southeastern United States and Puerto Rico, respectively. The draft revised reports are available for public review and comment. Copies of the revised guidelines upon which the reports are based are also available for review. FWS stock assessment reports for polar bears, Pacific walrus, and northern sea otters in Alaska are not being revised at this time.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by July 24, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the draft revised stock assessment reports and the revised guidelines are available from the Division of Fish and Wildlife Management Assistance, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Room 840–ARLSQ, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Copies of the FWS's final 1995 stock assessment reports for polar bears, Pacific walrus, and northern

sea otters in Alaska are also available from this same address.

Comments on the draft revised stock assessment reports for West Indian manatees should be sent to Robert Turner, Manatee Coordinator, US Fish and Wildlife Service, 6620 South Point Drive, South, Suite 310, Jacksonville, Florida 32216.

Comments on the draft revised stock assessment reports for southern sea otters in California and northern sea otters in Washington State should be sent to Carl Benz, Sea Otter Coordinator, US Fish and Wildlife Service, 2493 Portola Road, Suite B, Ventura, California 93003.

Any new information, inquiries, or comments on the FWS's final stock assessment reports of October 4, 1995, for polar bears, Pacific walrus, and northern sea otters in Alaska should be sent to David McGillivray, Supervisor, Office of Marine Mammals Management, US Fish and Wildlife Service, 1011 E. Tudor Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jeff Horwath in the FWS's Division of Fish and Wildlife Management Assistance, Arlington, Virginia at (703) 358–1718. For information about West Indian manatees, contact Robert Turner at (904) 232–2580 or FAX: (904) 232–2404. For information about southern sea otters in California and northern sea otters in Washington State, contact Carl Benz at (805) 644–1766 or FAX: (805) 644–3958. For information about polar bears, Pacific walrus, and northern sea otters in Alaska, contact David McGillivray at (907) 786–3800 or FAX: (907) 786–3816.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 117 of the MMPA (16 USC 1361–1407) required the FWS and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to prepare stock assessment reports for each marine mammal stock that occurs in waters under the jurisdiction of the United States. In late 1995, the FWS issued final stock assessment reports as required, and announced their completion and public availability in a **Federal Register** notice on October 4, 1995 (60 FR 52008). These reports contained information regarding the distribution and abundance of the stocks, population growth rates and trends, estimates of human-caused mortality from all sources, descriptions of the fisheries with which the stocks interact, and the status of each stock.

Section 117 of the MMPA also requires the FWS and the NMFS, consistent with any new information that indicates that the status of a stock has changed or can be more accurately determined, to revise these reports annually for strategic stocks of marine mammals and every three years for stocks determined to be non-strategic. In accordance with these statutory provisions, the FWS has reviewed all eight of its final stock assessment reports from 1995, and determined that it would be appropriate at this time to revise reports for two stocks of west coast sea otters and two stocks of West Indian manatees in order to incorporate new information that was not available in 1995. Although the FWS has decided to revise these reports, the status of the four stocks has not changed. Both West Indian manatee stocks and the southern sea otter stock in California are still classified as strategic, while the northern sea otter stock in Washington State is still classified as non-strategic.

For polar bear, Pacific walrus, and northern sea otter in Alaska, the FWS has determined that no significant new information is available that would provide substantial benefit to these stocks, or necessitate revising stock assessment reports at this time. However, the FWS will continue to gather pertinent information on these stocks, and reconsider whether to revise these stock assessment reports during the next review/revision cycle. Individuals wishing to submit such information can do so by sending it to the name and address identified in the **ADDRESSES** Section above.

Table 1 in this notice summarizes (**in bold print**) the four draft revised stock assessment reports. The table lists the four stocks, their geographic range, regional designation, minimum abundance estimate, Potential Biological Removal level, annual estimated average human-caused mortality, and the status of the stock. Table 1 also repeats information from the FWS's **Federal Register** notice of October 4, 1995, for the four marine mammal stocks in Alaska for which the FWS has decided not to revise the stock assessment reports at this time.

Dated: April 18, 1997.

**John G. Rogers,**

*Acting Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.*

TABLE 1.—SUMMARY OF FWS STOCK ASSESSMENT REPORTS FOR MARINE MAMMALS THAT OCCUPY WATERS UNDER U.S. JURISDICTION. (NOTE: DRAFT REVISED STOCK ASSESSMENT DATA IS IN BOLD PRINT.)

Species	Stock area	SRG region	FWS region	N <sub>(min)</sub>	R <sub>(max)</sub>	F <sub>(r)</sub>	PBR	Annual estimated average human-caused mortality	Annual fish-ing-caused mortality	Strategic status
West Indian manatee-Florida stock.	Southeastern U.S.A..	ATL	4	2,229	0.04	0.1	4	49 <sup>1</sup> .....	<1 .....	Yes.
West Indian manatee-Antillean stock.	Puerto Rico .....	ATL	4	101	0.04	0.1	0	2 .....	Unknown ..	Yes.
Southern sea otter-California stock.	Central California and San Nicolas Island.	PAC	1	2,295	0.06	0.1	<sup>2</sup> N/AP	Unknown <sup>3</sup>	Unknown <sup>4</sup>	Yes.
Northern sea otter-Washington stock.	Neah Bay to Destruction Island, WA.	PAC	1	430	0.12	0.5	12	Unknown <sup>5</sup>	Unknown <sup>4</sup>	No.
Polar bear-Chukchi/Bering Seas stock.	Chukchi and Bering Seas-Alaska and Russia.	AKA	7	<sup>6</sup> N/AV	<sup>6</sup> N/AV	1.0	<sup>6</sup> N/AV	55 .....	0 .....	No.
Polar bear-Beaufort Sea stock.	Beaufort Sea-Alaska and Canada.	AKA	7	1,579	0.06	1.0	<sup>7</sup> 72	63 .....	0 .....	No.
Sea otter-Alaska stock.	Alaska .....	AKA	7	100,000	0.2	1.0	10,000	506 .....	<1 .....	No.
Pacific walrus .....	Alaska and Russia	AKA	7	188,316	0.08	1.0	7,533	5,894 .....	16 .....	No.

<sup>1</sup> Estimated average human-caused mortality for the West Indian manatee-Florida stock from 1984 to 1992. The estimated average annual human caused mortality from 1974 to 1992 is 36 animals.

<sup>2</sup> N/AP indicates Not Applicable. Although the PBR level for the southern sea-California stock was calculated to be 6, their incidental take is not governed under Section 118 of the 1994 amendments to the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

<sup>3</sup> Unknown. Human-caused mortalities of sea otters have been attributed to drowning in gill nets and lobster/crab pots, shootings, boat collisions, disease, and oil spills. However, data are insufficient for estimating annual losses. See stock assessment report for additional information.

<sup>4</sup> Unknown. Observer coverage is inadequate to estimate annual fishery mortality.

<sup>5</sup> Unknown. Sea otters in Washington State are susceptible to the same sources of human-caused mortality as they are in California.

<sup>6</sup> N/AV indicates Not Available.

<sup>7</sup> Adjusted upwards to 72 animals from the calculated PBR of 48 to reflect the approximate 2 male: 1 female sex ratio of the harvest. See stock assessment report for additional information.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### 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:* Susan Boyer, Julian, CA. The applicant wishes to establish a cooperative breeding program for the Javan Hill Myna (*Gracula religiosa religiosa*) and the Sumatran Hill Myna (*Gracula religiosa robusta*). Ms. Boyer wishes to be an active participant in this program with one other private individual. The American Federation of Aviculture, Inc. 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 within 30 days of the date of this publication.

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: April 22, 1997.

**Susan Lieberman,**

*Chief, Branch of Operations, Office of Management Authority.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Mining Claims Under the General Mining Laws; Surface Management: Forms of Legal Financial Guarantees Allowable Under Colorado State Law

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

**ACTION:** Public notice of legal financial guarantees allowable under Colorado state law.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) amended the surface management regulations at 43 CFR subpart 3809 on February 28, 1997 (62 FR 9093). The amendment requires each BLM State Director to consult with the appropriate State authorities to determine which financial instruments in section 43 CFR 3809.1-9(k) are allowable under State law.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This list is effective April 28, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Inquires should be sent to the Bureau of Land Management,