

Uganda, incidental to other research activities, for scientific research.

*Applicant:* Wildlife Conservation Society, Bronx, NY, PRT-824722.

The applicant request an amendment to their current permit to include the import of 60 non-viable eggs of American crocodile (*Crocodylus acutus*) for the purpose of scientific research.

*Applicant:* National Institutes of Health, Frederick, MD, PRT-694126.

The applicant requests an amendment to their current permit which authorizes import and/or interstate commerce to obtain biological samples taken from endangered and threatened mammals. They request that the authorization specifically include the import and/or interstate commerce of DNA samples taken from endangered and threatened mammals for the purpose of scientific research.

*Applicant:* Mark Fisher, Visalia, CA, PRT-835472.

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.

*Applicant:* Louis Sweet, Tulare, CA, PRT-835477.

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.

*Applicant:* National Cancer Institute, Frederick, MD, PRT-834014.

This amends the previously published activity for the applicant to import hair, tissue, and blood samples from Vicuna (*Vicugna vicugna*) from Bolivia and Argentina, rather than only from Chile and Peru, for the purpose of enhancing of the survival of the species through scientific research.

*Applicant:* The Hawthorn Corporation, Grayslake, IL, PRT-835641.

The applicant requests a permit to re-export and re-import captive-born Bengal tiger (*Panthera tigris tigris*) and progeny of the animals currently held by the applicant and any animals acquired in the United States by the applicant to/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.

*Applicant:* Ron and Joy Holiday and Charles Lizza, Alachua, FL, RT-835640.

The applicant requests a permit to export and reimport one captive born black leopard (*Panthera pardus*) and progeny of the animals currently held by the applicant and any animals acquired in the United States by the applicant to/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.

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 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director by November 20, 1997.

The public is invited to comment on the following application for permits to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The applications were 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 18).

*Applicant:* Mark Rayburg, Lower Burrell, PA, PRT-832318.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Gulf of Boothia polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

*Applicant:* William Williamson, Austin, TX, PRT-832316.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the McClintock Channel polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

*Applicant:* Collins Kellogg, Jr., Black River, NY, PRT-835254.

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

*Applicant:* Steven H. Jones, Fort Myers, FL, PRT-835266.

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

*Applicant:* Helmuth Pfennig, Beulah, ND PRT-835227.

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

*Applicant:* Lawrence Epping, Salem, OR, PRT-835236.

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

polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Written data or comments, requests for copies of any of these complete applications, or requests for a public hearing on the applications should be sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone 703/358-2104 or fax 703/358-2281 and must be received by November 20, 1997. 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.

Documents and other information submitted with the application 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 above address by November 20, 1997.

Dated: October 16, 1997.

**Mary Ellen Amtower,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals

On July 24, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 142, Page 39854, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Gary Frank Bogner, No. Muskegon, MI, for a permit (PRT-832218) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken prior to April 30, 1994, from the Lancaster Sound population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on October 6, 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 August 7, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 152, Page 42590, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Thomas VanEvery, Troy, MI, for a permit (PRT-832624) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken prior to April 30, 1994, from the McClintock Channel population,

Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on October 6, 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 August 7, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 152, Page 42589, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Peter Mansfield, New York City, NY, for a permit (PRT-832731) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken from the Southern Beaufort Sea population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on September 30, 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 August 14, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 157, Page 43544, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Ron Brunsfeld, Northbrook, IL, for a permit (PRT-832897) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken prior to April 30, 1994, from the Lancaster Sound population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on September 24, 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 August 14, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 157, Page 43544, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Gerald Bader, Federal Dam, MN, for a permit (PRT-832625) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken prior to April 30, 1994, from the Foxe Basin population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on October 6, 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 August 14, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 157, Page 43544, that an application had been filed with the Fish

and Wildlife Service by Karl Nothdurft, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI, for a permit (PRT-832907) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken prior to April 30, 1994, from the Foxe Basin population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on September 30, 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 August 14, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 157, Page 43544, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by the Alaska Science Center, Anchorage, AK for amendment of the permit (PRT-801652) for the purposes of scientific research of walrus (*Odobenus rosmarus*).

Notice is hereby given that on October 1, 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 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone (703) 358-2104 or Fax (703) 358-2281.

Dated: October 16, 1997.

**Mary Ellen Amtower,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[ID-933-1430-01; IDI-014917C, IDI-014461C]

### Termination of Desert Land Entry Classifications and Opening Order; Idaho

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice terminates two Desert Land Entry Classifications on 363.74 acres of land in Owyhee County, as these classifications are no longer needed. Most of the lands affected by these classifications will be exchanged pursuant to Section 206 of the Federal

Land Policy and Management Act of 1976.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 21, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Catherine D. Foster, BLM Idaho State Office, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho 83709, 208-373-3863.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On April 18, 1968 and on October 4, 1971, the lands listed below were classified as suitable for entry under the authority of the Desert Land Act of March 3, 1877, as amended and supplemented (43 U.S.C. 321, *et seq.*).

These classifications are hereby terminated and the segregation for the following described land is hereby terminated:

T. 6 S., R. 4 E., B.M. section 24: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .  
T. 6 S., R. 5 E., B.M. section 19: lots 2, 3, 4,  
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described above aggregates 363.74 acres in Owyhee County.

At 9:00 a.m. on October 21, 1997, the Desert Land Entry Classifications identified above will be terminated. A majority of the lands identified above will remain closed to location and entry under the public land laws and the mining laws, as they are currently segregated for exchange. The only lands which will be opened to location and entry are described as follows:

T. 6 S., R. 5 E., B.M. section 19: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

At 9:00 a.m. on October 21, 1997, these lands will be opened to operation of the public land laws generally, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, and the requirements of applicable law. All valid applications received at or prior to 9:00 a.m., on October 21, 1997, will be considered simultaneously filed at that time. Those received thereafter will be considered in the order of filing.

At 9:00 a.m. on October 21, 1997, these lands will be opened to location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. Appropriation of any of the lands described above under the general mining laws prior to the date and time of restoration is unauthorized. Any such attempted appropriation, including attempted adverse possession under 30 U.S.C. Sec. 38, shall vest no rights against the United States. Acts required to establish a location and to initiate a right of possession are governed by State law where not in conflict with Federal law. The Bureau of Land Management will not intervene in