

identical to those which will be used in the year 2000 census. This form is a simplification and update of a similar applicant background survey used by DOI for many years. In light of this long term routine use and the need to quickly move to the new format, OMB has granted a 6 month emergency approval of the form to allow its use during the period for public comment.

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

*Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number:* Applicant Background Survey, DI form 1935; OMB Control No.: 1091-0001.

*Needs and Uses:* This form is used to obtain source of recruitment, ethnicity, race, and disability data on job applicants to determine if the recruitment is effectively reaching all aspects of the relevant labor pool and to determine if there are proportionate acceptance rates at various stages of the recruitment process. Response is optional. The information is used for evaluating recruitment only, and plays no part in the selection of who is hired.

*Affected Public:* Applicants for DOI jobs.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 9,960.

*Number of Respondents:* 120,000.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* no more than 5 minutes.

*Frequency:* 1 per application.

Dated: March 8, 1999.

**Michael Dole,**

*Affirmative Employment Program Administrator, Department of the Interior.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commissions; Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 552b of Title 5, United States Code, that a meeting of the Blackstone River Valley National

Heritage Corridor Commission will be held on Thursday, April 15, 1999.

The Commission was established pursuant to Public Law 99-647. The purpose of the Commission is to assist federal, state and local authorities in the development and implementation of an integrated resource management plan for those lands and waters within the Corridor.

The meeting will convene at 7:00 PM at the Worcester Historical Museum, 30 Elm Street, Worcester, MA for the following reasons:

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Executive Director's Report
3. Commission's Chair Report
4. Public Input

It is anticipated that about twenty people will be able to attend the session in addition to the Commission members.

Interested persons may make oral or written presentations to the Commission or file written statements. Such requests should be made prior to the meeting to: Michael Creasey, Executive Director, Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission, One Depot Square, Woonsocket, RI 02895, Tel: (401) 762-0250.

Further information concerning this meeting may be obtained from Michael Creasey, Executive Director of the Commission at the aforementioned address:

**Michael Creasey,**

*Executive Director BRVNHCC.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Recreation Lakes Study Commission

**AGENCY:** National Recreation Lakes Study Commission, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of draft recommendations and themes.

**SUMMARY:** The Omnibus Parks and Public Land Management Act of 1996 authorizes a presidential commission to review the demand for recreation at Federal lakes, and to develop alternatives for enhanced recreation uses, primarily through innovative public/private partnerships.

The following draft recommendations by themes were approved by the Commission at the Commission Meeting on March 3, 1999. It is also available on the web at [www.doi.gov/nrls/](http://www.doi.gov/nrls/) or if you would like a hard copy, please write to us at: National Recreation Lakes Study Office, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 320, Washington, DC 20240.

### Federal Lakes Recreation Leadership Council

- Commit resources and establish an interagency Federal Lakes Recreation Leadership Council to coordinate recommendations of the National Recreation Lakes Study Commission.

### Reinvention Laboratory and Demonstration Program

- Develop a National Recreation Lakes Demonstration Program and apply for Reinvention Laboratory status for the Program.

### Environment for Success

- Operate Federal lakes to optimize water use for all beneficial purposes, including recreation and environmental values, consistent with Congressionally authorized purposes.

- The Federal lakes leadership council shall review current guidelines regarding recreation activities for all Federal lakes and develop policy recommendations which will include best business practices to encourage private sector investment in needed recreation facilities.

- Include the Bureau of Reclamation and the Corps of Engineers in the Recreational Fees Demonstration Program and allow fee revenues to be retained at the management unit where collected and used for capital improvements and operations and maintenance costs.

- Encourage partnerships with non-Federal entities. Specifically, change Bureau of Reclamation and Corps of Engineers policies to allow them to cost-share with their non-Federal governmental partners for rehabilitation of recreation facilities developed in conjunction with States and local governments and Tribes.

- Amend Federal grant-in-aid programs to eliminate the requirement for State matching funds when projects benefit Federal lakes.

- Develop and implement aggressive public information programs to communicate the services and facilities available to the public as well as the mission and management of the lakes, and interpretive programs to provide learning opportunities and experiences which help visitors and local residents learn about the natural and cultural history of the lake area leading to understanding of their important role as stewards of public lands and lakes.

- Amend Public Law 89-72 to repeal the requirement that Federal entities can only develop new recreation facilities through cost sharing agreements with non-Federal governmental entities.

- Establish water-related recreation performance measures for all Federal lake management agencies.
- Establish regular Federal, State and local government and Tribal inter/intra-agency and private sector development assignments, exchanges and meetings for Federal lakes' supervisors and staff to enhance expertise and understanding.
- In the implementation of the National Recreational Fisheries Conservation Plan give special emphasis to Federal lakes.
- Encourage management agencies to adopt community based involvement in the management of the lake to promote environmental and community well-being.

#### Identify and Close the Gap

- Conduct assessments at Federal lakes to determine customer needs, infrastructure and facility needs and natural resource needs. Develop a strategic plan for future investments in recreation infrastructure in response to these assessments. Consistent with the strategic plan, reduce the recreation facilities maintenance backlog over the next 10 years.
- Provide adequate funding to improve lake water quality through a watershed management approach.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeanne Whittington at 202-219-7104.

Dated: March 12, 1999.

**Jana Prewitt,**

*Executive Director, National Recreation Lakes Study Commission.*

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device evaluation study in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska for the purpose of enhancing this species survival.

**DATES:** Written comments on this permit application must be received on or before April 19, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Written data or comments should be submitted to the Field Supervisor, Ecological Services Field Office, Anchorage, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 605 W. 4th Ave. Rm G-62, Anchorage, AK 99501; Fax: 907/271-2786. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** 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 20 days of the date of publication of this notice to the address above; telephone: (907) 271-2888. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when requesting copies of documents.

Dated: March 8, 1999.

**David B. Allen,**

*Regional Director, Region 7, Anchorage, Alaska.*

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The applicant requests a permit for the import of multiple shipments of biological samples from wild specimens of endangered *Gorilla gorilla* from Rwanda, Uganda, and Democratic Republic of the Congo. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a period of 5 years.

**Applicant:** Zoological Society of San Diego, San Diego, CA, PRT-727416

The applicant requests renewal of their permit to import multiple shipments of biological samples from wild, captive-held, or captive-born endangered species for the purpose of scientific research. No animals can be intentionally killed for the purpose of collecting specimens. Any invasively collected samples can only be collected by trained personnel. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a period of 5 years.

Written data or comments, requests for copies of the complete application, or requests for a public hearing on this application 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 within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. 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 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 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

**MaryEllen Amtower,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Endangered Species Permit Application

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of permit application.

**SUMMARY:** The following applicant has applied for a scientific research permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

**Permit No.:** TE-008814-0.

**Applicant:** Ed Melvin, Seattle, Washington.

The applicant requests a permit to take (direct) no more than one short-tailed albatross (*Phoebastria albatrus*) in conjunction with a seabird deterrent

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

The following applicants have applied 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.*):

**Applicant:** Charles K. West, Rock Springs, WY, PRT-008991

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:** Morris Animal Foundation, Englewood, CO, PRT-772163