

Time: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Anita Corman Weinblatt, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3110, MSC 7778, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1124.

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: August 3, 1999.

Time: 2 PM to 4 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIH, Rockledge II, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Eugene Zimmerman, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4202, MSC 7812, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1220, zimmerng@csr.nih.gov.

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: August 4, 1999.

Time: 1 PM to 2:30 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIH, Rockledge II, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: David M. Monsees, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3199, MSC 7770, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-0684, monseesd@drg.nih.gov.

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: August 4, 1999.

Time: 1 PM to 2 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIH, Rockledge II, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Larry Pinkus, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4132, MSC 7802, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1214.

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: August 4, 1999.

Time: 3 PM to 4 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIH, Rockledge II, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Syed Quadri, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4144, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1211.

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Dated: July 20, 1999.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered Species Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications.

SUMMARY: The following applicants have 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-014844-0

Applicant: John A. Ebrey, Jacksonville, Illinois.

The applicant requests a permit to purchase, in interstate commerce, two female and two male captive bred Hawaiian (=nene) geese (*Nesochen* [= *Branta*] *sandvicensis*) for the purpose of enhancing its propagation and survival.

DATES: Written comments on these permit applications must be received on or before August 25, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Chief-Endangered Species, Ecological Services, Fish and Wildlife Service, 911 N.E. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181; Fax: (503) 231-6243.

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: (503) 231-2063. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when requesting copies of documents.

Dated: July 16, 1999.

Thomas Dwyer,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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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.*):

PRT-014711

Applicant: Betty Ann Weintraub, Poolesville, MD

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.

PRT-014959

Applicant: James Alan Sojka, Canterbury, NJ

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: Barbara Dicely, dba Leopards, Etc., Occidental, CA

PRT-013568

The applicant requests a permit to import 1.1 captive-born cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatas*) from DeWildt's Cheetah Research and Breeding Center, DeWildt, South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through conservation education.

PRT-14918

Applicant: Alexandria Zoological Park,
Alexandria, LA

The applicant requests a permit to export two captive bred Ringtail Lemur (*Lemur catta*) to the Calgary Zoo, Calgary, Alberta, Canada for breeding purposes.

PRT-013951

Applicant: Henry Doorly Zoo, Omaha,
Nebraska

The applicant requests a permit to import blood, skin biopsy, hair and fecal samples from Asian Elephant (*Elephas maximus*) collected in the wild in Thailand and Indonesia, and from captive held specimens removed from the wild in Indonesia, for scientific research.

PRT-013445

Applicant: Henry Doorly Zoo, Omaha,
Nebraska

The applicant requests a permit to import blood samples from Hicatee (*Dermatemys mawii*), collected in the wild in Belize for scientific research.

PRT-014861

Applicant: Wayne Pocius, Pennsburg, PA

The applicant requests a permit to import a sport-hunted cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*) from Namibia for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

The public is invited to comment on the following application for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application was 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).

PRT-012337

Applicant: Aquarium of the Americas

Permit Type: Public Display of Marine Mammals.

Name and Number of Animals:
Northern Sea Otter (*Enhydra lutris*) 3.

Summary of Activity to be

Authorized: The applicant requests a permit for public display of 3 sea otter pelts.

Source of Marine Mammals: Seized goods.

Period of Activity: Up to 5 years, if issued.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Office of Management Authority is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

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 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 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

Dated: July 21, 1999.

Kristen Nelson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Cancellation of Federal Aid in Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration Administrative Project Funding

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Service is canceling funding for Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration and Sport Fish Restoration administrative projects. Existing grants for projects approved for funding in Fiscal Year 1999, or prior years, will not be affected by this notice.

DATES: This action takes effect July 26, 1999.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Chief, Division of Federal Aid.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert E. Lange, Jr., Chief, Division of Federal Aid, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 140 ARLSQ, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia, 22203; (703) 358-2156.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Administrative funds are authorized by the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration and Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Acts to pay expenses incurred by the Fish and Wildlife Service in administering these programs. We may deduct up to eight percent for the Wildlife Restoration program and up to six percent for the Sport Fish Restoration program, with

remaining funds apportioned to State fish and wildlife agencies for fish and wildlife restoration and management projects. We have used our discretionary authority to disperse some of the funds deducted for administration to support important national fish and wildlife projects, within the scope of the Acts, that provide collective benefits for a majority of the States.

In the past, we have published an annual notice in the **Federal Register** announcing a deadline for project proposals, the amount of administrative funds available for Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration projects, and procedures to be followed for submitting proposals. States, local governments, charitable organizations, educational institutions, and other authorized groups have applied for grants according to those procedures.

On September 16, 1998, we published alternatives to Federal Aid Administrative Grants in the **Federal Register**. That notice identified five alternative procedures for administering those grants. Public comments were invited through November 16, 1998. Twenty-two of the twenty-five comments received identified Alternative 3 (enhance existing program without **Federal Register** Notice) as the preferred alternative. However, subsequent to the analysis of comments, we determined that increased costs for administering the Wildlife Restoration and Sport Fish Restoration programs precludes further funding of administrative grants. The increased costs arise from three pressing needs. First, the costs of automating the grants delivery system are more than expected—much greater than two years ago when the process began. Second, the audits of State systems by the Defense Contract Audit Agency are a substantial cost that was not present several years ago. Third, the cost of administering the small grants programs, created by amendments to the Sport Fish Restoration Act (Clean Vessel Act Pumpout Program, the Boating Infrastructure Program, and the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Program) must be assessed against the Sport Fish Restoration Program. One of the actions being taken to balance the administrative expenses budget is to cancel the Federal Aid in Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration administrative project funding effective in Fiscal Year 2000. Projects approved for funding in Fiscal 1999 will not be affected by this decision.