

to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application(s) was/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: National Biological Service, Gainesville, FL, PRT-791721

Type of Permit: Scientific research

Name and Number of Animals: Sirenia, unlimited

Summary of Activity to be

Authorized: The applicant has requested an amendment to their permit, PRT-791721, to authorize for the purposes of scientific research the import, export, and re-export of biological samples from live and dead sirenians collected in the course of scientific research.

Source of Marine Mammals for Research/Public Display: various countries; live and dead specimens as allowed by the laws of that country.

Period of Activity: Up to five years from issuance of a permit, 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, 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 430, 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 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 within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice at the above address.

Dated: April 5, 1996.

Caroline Anderson,

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

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Endangered And Threatened Species; Public Hearing on Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Public Hearings.

Notice of Public Hearings regarding a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan submitted in support of an application for an incidental take permit by Washington Department of Natural Resources.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) and the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will jointly be hosting five public hearings to receive comments on a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The DEIS considers a permit application by the DNR to incidentally take certain federally listed species, under the provisions of section 10(a) of the Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA). The proposed habitat conservation plan (HCP) and implementation agreement submitted by the DNR in support of its application would cover unlisted species in the HCP area as well as those listed under the ESA.

DATES: Public hearings will be held on April 15, 16, 18, and 30, and May 6, 1996, in the locations identified below.

ADDRESSES: Public hearings will be held in the following locations:

Evergreen School District Board Room, Vancouver, Washington

April 15, 1996; 6:00-9:00 pm

Spokane Falls Community College, Spokane, Washington

April 16, 1996; 6:00-9:00 pm

Port of Seattle, Seattle, Washington

April 18, 1996; 6:00-9:00 pm

Van Burton Community Center, Port Angeles, Washington

April 30, 1996; 6:00-9:00 pm

Senate Hearing Room 4, Olympia, Washington

May 6, 1996; 4:00-7:00 pm

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Curt Smith, Assistant Regional Director; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 3704 Griffin Lane; Suite 102; Olympia, Washington 98501, (360) 534-9330.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As a further opportunity for interested persons to comment on this planning effort, a series of public hearings are scheduled as listed above. Representatives from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or the National Marine Fisheries Service will conduct the hearings to receive comments on the

DEIS that was prepared to analyze the incidental take permit application submitted by the DNR.

Interested parties may contact the Service at the address listed above to receive additional information, including maps to the hearing locations.

Dated: April 5, 1996.

Thomas Dwyer,

Deputy Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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Geological Survey

National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program (NCGMP) Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 102-285, the NCGMP Advisory Committee will meet in room 5149 of the Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC. The Advisory Committee, comprised of scientists from Federal agencies, State agencies, academic institutions, and private companies, will advise the Director on planning and implementation of the geologic mapping program.

Topics to be reviewed and discussed by the Advisory Committee include a draft implementation plan for the National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program; the scientific progress of the Program; progress of the Federal, State, and educational geologic mapping activities toward fulfilling the purposes of the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992; and others.

DATES: April 25-26, 1996, commencing at 8:30 a.m. on April 25th and adjourning by 3:00 p.m. on April 26th.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dr. John F. Sutter, U.S. Geological Survey, Mail Stop 908, National Center, Reston, Virginia 22092, (703) 648-6960.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Meetings of the National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program Advisory Committee are open to the public.

P. Patrick Leahy,

Chief Geologist, U.S. Geological Survey.

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Bureau of Land Management

[NV-910-0777-52]

Call for Nominations on Resource Advisory Councils**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to solicit public nominations for a limited number of seats on each of three Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Resource Advisory Councils currently assisting BLM in Nevada. The three councils—the Northeastern Great Basin, the Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin and the Mojave-Southern Great Basin—established in 1995 by the Secretary of the Interior, provide advice to BLM on management of the public lands. Nominations should be received 45 days from the publication date of this notice. In making appointments to Resource Advisory Councils, the Secretary will also consider nominations made by the Governor of the State or States involved.

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) directs the Secretary of the Interior to establish advisory councils to provide advice on land use planning and issues related to management of lands administered by BLM. Section 309 of FLPMA directs the Secretary to select 10 to 15 member citizen-based advisory councils that are established and authorized consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). In order to reflect a fair balance of viewpoints, the membership of Resource Advisory Councils must be representative of the various interests concerned with the management of the public lands. These include three categories:

Category One—Holders of federal grazing permits, representatives of energy and mining development, transportation or rights-of-way, timber industry, off-road vehicle use or developed recreation.

Category Two—Representatives of environmental and resource conservation organizations, dispersed recreation interests, archaeological and historic interests, or wild horse and burro groups.

Category Three—Representatives of State and local government; employees of State agencies responsible for the management of natural resources, land, or water; representatives of Native American tribes; academicians involved in natural sciences; or the public-at-large.

The Northeastern Great Basin Council has two openings in Category One, one opening in Category Two, and two openings in Category Three (one of these two openings must be filled by an elected official). The Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin Council has three opening in Category One, one opening in Category Two, and three openings in Category Three (of these three openings one must be filled by an elected official, one must be filled by a Native American and one must be filled by a State of Nevada agency employee). The Mojave-Southern Great Basin Council has three openings in Category One, one opening in Category Two, and two openings in Category Three (one of these two openings must be filled by an elected official and one must be filled by a State of Nevada agency employee).

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nominees must be residents of Nevada or that portion of California managed by the Carson City District Office. Nominees will be evaluated based on their education, training, and experience of the issues and knowledge of the geographical area of the Council. Nominees should have demonstrated a commitment to collaborative resource decision making. All nominations must be accompanied by letters of reference from the represented interest or organization, a completed background information nomination form, as well as any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications.

The nomination period will also be announced through press releases issued by the BLM Nevada State Office. Nominations for Resource Advisory Councils should be sent to the BLM office listed below: Ann J. Morgan, State Director, Bureau of Land Management, PO Box 12000, Reno, Nevada 89520-0006.

DATES: All nominations should be received on or before May 28, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel C.B. Rathbun, Maxine Shane or JoLynn Worley, Bureau of Land Management, 850 Harvard Way, Reno, Nevada 89502-2055, 702-785-6400.

Ann J. Morgan,
State Director, Nevada.

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[MT-960-1990-00]

Resource Advisory Council Meeting, Butte, Montana

AGENCY: Butte District Office, Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Notice of Butte District Resource Advisory Council Meeting, Butte, Montana.

SUMMARY: An Emergency meeting of the Council has been scheduled for 9:00 AM, on April 25, 1996, to finalize the Grazing Standards and Guidelines. Because of inclement weather the Council did not have a quorum for the March 28, 1996, meeting and was not able to do the work it had scheduled. The meeting will be held in the conference room of the District Office, 106 North Parkmont.

The meeting is open to the public and written comments may be given to the Council. Oral comments may be presented to the Council at 11 AM. The time allotted for oral comment may be limited, depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard. Individuals who plan to attend and need further information about the meeting; or need special assistance, such as sign language or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the Butte District, 106 North Parkmont (PO Box 3388), Butte, Montana 59702-3388; telephone 406-494-5059.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Owings at the above address or telephone number.

Dated: April 4, 1996.

Steve Hartmann,

Acting District Manager.

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[NV-943-1430-01;N-36627]

Realty Action: Opening Order, Nevada; Notice

SUMMARY: This notice opens the land previously closed to entry by a Recreation and Public Purpose Classification N-36627.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 10, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cheryl Ruffridge, Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas District Office, 4765 W. Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89108, (702) 647-5000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lands described below were classified suitable for lease or sale pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869, 869-1 to 869-4) and the land was segregated from appropriation under the public land laws and the general mining laws. The segregation was terminated January 23, 1995 by publication in the Federal Register (60 FR Page #4444).