

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-832333

Applicant: Zoological Society of San Diego, CA.

The applicant requests a permit to import four captive-born Black-footed cats (*Felis nigripes*) from John Visser, Durbanville, Republic of South Africa for the purpose of enhancement of the species through captive propagation.

PRT-832495

Applicant: Larry Reynolds, Arlington, TX.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcus*) 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.

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.

The public is invited to comment on the following application(s) for permits 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 part 18).

PRT-831644

Applicant: Lisbon Aquarium, Lisbon, Portugal.

Type of Permit: Take for public display.

Name and Number of Animals: Northern sea otters (*Enhydra lutris lutris*), up to 24.

Summary of Activity To Be Authorized: The applicant has requested a permit to collect and export 4 otters for the purpose of public display at the Lisbon Aquarium. Up to 24 otters may be captured in the course of collection activities in order to obtain the 4 most suitable otters for export and public display. Any otter not selected for export and public display will be immediately released.

Source of Marine Mammals for Public Display: Kodiak Islands, AK.

Period of Activity: Five years from issuance date of the 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.

The following applicants have each requested a permit to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) from the Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Applicant/address	Population	PRT
Robert Keeler, Douglas, WY	Gulf of Boothia	832324
Bruce Shoenweis, Alton, IL	McClintock Channel	831928
Harry Nicholson, Corsicana, TX	Lancaster Sound	832095

Written data or comments, requests for copies of the complete applications, or requests for a public hearing on any of these applications for marine mammal permits 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 all of the applications listed in this notice 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: July 25, 1997.

Karen Anderson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permits for Marine Mammals

On March 26, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 58, Page 14438, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by the following individual for a permit to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) from Canada for personal use.

Applicant/address	Population	PRT-
Lee Adam, Hamburg, PA.	Lancaster Sound	826757

On April 9, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol.

62, No. 68, Page 17200, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by the following individual for a permit to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) from Canada for personal use.

Applicant/address	Population	PRT-
David Anaman, Hemlock, MI.	Northern Beaufort	826910

On April 30, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 83, Page 23478, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by the following individual for a permit to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) from Canada for personal use.

Applicant/address	Population	PRT-
Robert Zingula, Central City, IA.	Northern Beaufort.	828355

On May 23, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 100, Page 28493, that an application had been filed with the Fish

and Wildlife Service by the following individuals for a permit to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) from Canada for personal use.

Applicant/address	Population	PRT-
Jerome Eckrich, Aberdeen, SD.	Lancaster Sound	828883
Roger L. Baber, Jr., Churchville, VA.	Northern .. Beaufort	829415

On June 5, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 108, Page 28493, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by the following individuals for a permit to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) from Canada for personal use.

Applicant/address	Population	PRT-
Daniel Peyer, Shelby Township, MI.	Northern .. Beaufort	829283
Tom Winn, Corpus Christi, TX.	Northern .. Beaufort	829418
Stewart Shaft, Northfield, MN.	McClintock Channel	829932
Greg Bond, Irving, TX.	McClintock Channel	829684
Loubert Suddaby, Orchard Park, NY.	Southern .. Beaufort	829687
Jan Bax, Appleton, WI.	McClintock Channel	829887

Notice is hereby given that between July 7 through 21, 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 permits subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On June 13, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 114, Page 32364, 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 July 17, 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 430, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone (703) 358-2104 or Fax (703) 358-2281.

Dated: July 25, 1997.

Karen Anderson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Request for Public Comments on Existing Information Collection Submitted to OMB for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

The existing information collection described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for emergency approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)). Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's clearance officer at the phone number listed below. Public comments on the proposal should be made within 15 days directly to: Desk Officer for the Interior Department, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503; and the Bureau Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, Reston, VA 20192.

As required by OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), the U.S. Geological Survey solicits specific public comments as to:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions on the bureaus, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: North American Reporting Center for Amphibian Malformations.

Summary: The collection of information referred herein applies to a World-Wide Web site that permits individuals who observed malformed amphibians or who inspect substantial numbers of normal or malformed amphibians to report those observations and related information. The Web site is termed the North American Reporting Center for Amphibian Malformations. Information will be used by scientists

and federal, state, and local agencies to identify areas where malformed amphibians occur and the rates of occurrence.

Estimated Completion Time: 20 minutes.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 900.

Frequency: Once.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 300 hours.

Affected Public: Primarily U.S. and Canadian residents.

Emergency Approval Requested by: Fifteen days from publication of this notice.

For Further Information Contact: To obtain copies of the survey, contact the Bureau's clearance officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192, telephone (703) 648-7313, or go to the Website (<http://www.npsc.nbs.gov./narcam>).

Dated: July 14, 1997.

Don Minnich,

Acting Chief Biologist.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-054-1210-00]

Closure of Public Lands to Motorized Vehicles, Shoshone Resource Area

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior

ACTION: Closure of public land to motorized vehicles.

SUMMARY: Notice is given that a way and surrounding adjacent public land in the Little City of Rocks Wilderness Study Area (WSA) (ID-54-5, Shoshone/Sun Valley Environmental Impact Statement, 1986), in Gooding County, Idaho is closed to motorized use year round. The closed area includes all public land in Township 3 South, Range 15 East, Section 33 except for a signed parking area south of the historic stone and earthen dam in the Little City of Rocks WSA. Motorized cross country travel has caused significant surface disturbance in the described area. The purpose of the closure is to prevent unacceptable impacts to soils and vegetation in compliance with the Interim Management Policy Guidance for WSAs. All public land administered by the Bureau of Land Management within the above described area is closed to motorized vehicle use indefinitely from the date of this notice.