

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:** St. Louis Zoological Park, St. Louis, MO, PRT-834539.

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from wild and captive born Black and white lemur (*Varecia variegata variegata*) from Reserve Naturelle Integrale No. 1, Parc Zoologique de Ivoloïna, and Parc Botanique et Zoologique de Tsimbazaza in Madagascar for the purpose of enhancement through scientific research.

**Applicant:** Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, Cleveland, OH, PRT-834809.

The applicant requests a permit to import one female Clouded leopard (*Neofelis nebulosa*) from Belfast Zoo, Northern Ireland for the purpose of enhancement of the species through captive propagation and conservation education.

**Applicant:** Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo, Omaha, Nebraska, PRT-835175.

The applicant requests a permit to import one female Siberian tiger (*Panthera tigris altaica*) from Emmen Zoo, The Netherlands for the purpose of enhancement of the species through captive propagation.

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 for permits 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).

**Applicant:** Arrowhead Bluffs Museum, Wabash, MN, PRT-826912.

**Permit Type:** Public Display.

**Name and Number of Animals:** polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*), 1.

**Summary of Activity to be Authorized:** The applicant has requested a permit to import a polar bear hide and skull sport-hunted in Canada and donated to the facility for the purpose of public display at the Arrowhead Bluffs Museum.

**Source of Marine Mammals:** sport-hunted in Canada by an affiliate of the Arrowhead Bluffs Museum.

**Period of Activity:** Up to five years from issuance date of the permit, if issued.

**Applicant:** University of Alaska Museum, Fairbanks, AK, PRT-832903.

**Type of Permit:** Import for Scientific Research.

**Name and Number of Animals:** Walrus (*Odobenus rosmarus*), polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*), and sea otter (*Enhydra lutris*); up to a total of 200 samples per year.

**Summary of Activity to be Authorized:** The applicant has requested a permit for the import of legally collected samples of walrus, polar bear and sea otter from Canada and Russia for scientific research purposes including exchange of material with other researchers. Specimens are to be acquired by salvage from subsistence hunting and beach-cast carcasses as well as acquired from agents of the foreign governments who are conducting authorized research on these species. The applicant is also seeking authorization for re-import of specimens of these species legally collected in the United States, accessioned in the Muesum, and exported to foreign researchers for scientific purposes.

**Source of Marine Mammals:** salvage and authorized research as described above.

**Period of Activity:** Up to 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 the applications listed above to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

**Applicant:** Frederick Studler, Jr., Conestoga, PA, PRT-834952.

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:** Gregory Wambold, Poway, CA, PRT-834978.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted prior to April 30, 1994, from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

**Applicant:** Randy Deeter, Anchorage, AK, PRT-834963.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted prior to April 30, 1994,

from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

**Applicant:** Lawrence Carlson, Ham Lake, MN, PRT-832105.

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.

Written data or comments, requests for copies of any of these complete applications, 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 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 within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: October 6, 1997.

**MaryEllen Amtower,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Proposed Policy on Giant Panda Permits

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

**ACTION:** Notice of reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service gives notice that the comment period on the proposed policy for issuance of permits for import of giant panda will be reopened for 30 days to obtain further comments.

**DATES:** Public comments received on or before November 10, 1997 will be considered by the Service.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted to the Chief of the Office of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax

Drive, Room 430, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kenneth Stansell, Chief, Office of Management Authority, at the above address, or call (703) 358-2093; fax (703) 358-2280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Service published a notice reopening the comment period on the proposed policy for issuance of permits for import of giant panda on July 1, 1997 (62 FR 35518-19). The comment period ended September 29, 1997. The Service received a request from the World Wildlife Fund, Washington, D.C., to extend the comment period to allow submission of information from two events; the International Symposium on Environmental Protection and City Development of the 21st Century (September 23-28) in Chengdu and the Ministry of Forestry/WWF Workshop on Giant Panda Reintroduction (September 24-28). The results of these meetings were not available before the close of the previous comment period but may be important to the policy development. Interested organizations and the public are invited to comment on the results from these meetings or on any other issues related to panda conservation.

**Authority:** This notice was prepared under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: October 3, 1997.

**Jamie Rappaport Clark,**

*Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals

On July 31, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 147, Page 41072, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Robert Keeler, Douglas, WY for a permit (PRT-832324) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken prior to April 30, 1994, from the Gulf of Boothia population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on September 26, 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 July 31, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 147, Page 41072, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Harry Donald Nicholson, Corsicana, TX (PRT-832095) 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 26, 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 Joseph Cafmeyer, Taylor, MI (PRT-832734) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken prior to April 30, 1994, from the Baffin Bay population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on September 26, 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 July 17, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 137, Page 38320, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Christopher Harvey, Ormond Beach, FL (PRT-829688) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, from the Southern Beaufort Sea population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on September 23, 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 William Shields, Reno, NV (PRT-830610) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken prior to April 30, 1994, from the Northern Beaufort Sea 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.

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: October 6, 1997.

**Mary Ellen Amtower,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### OMB Approval Number 1004-0019; Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

The proposed collection of information listed below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) On April 8, 1997, BLM published a notice in the **Federal Register** (61 FR 16864) requesting comment on this proposed collection. The comment period ended on June 9, 1997. BLM received no (0) comments from the public in response to that notice. Copies of the proposed collection of information and related forms and explanatory material may be obtained by contacting the BLM clearance officer at the telephone number listed below. The Office of Management and Budget is required to respond to this request within 60 days but may respond after 30 days. For maximum consideration, your comments and suggestions on the requirement should be made directly to the Office of Management and Budget, Interior Department Desk Officer (1004-0119), Office of information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, D.C., 20503, telephone (202) 395-7340. Please provide a copy of your comments to the Bureau Clearance Officer (WO-630),