

The applicant requests a permit to export one male captive-born Black rhinoceros (*Diceros bicornis*) to the Marakele National Park, Republic of South Africa for the purpose of re-introduction into the wild.

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.

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-844287

Applicant: Ishikawa Zoo Foundation, Ishikawa, Japan.

Permit Type: Take for Public Display.

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

Summary of Activity to be

Authorized: The applicant requests a permit to collect and export up to 3 northern sea otters for the purpose of public display at the Ishikawa Zoo. Up to 24 otters may be captured in the course of collection activities in order to obtain 1 male and 2 female otters for export and public display. It is intended that collections will be made at the same time to provide otters to the Kagoshima City Aquarium (PRT-844288) and the Suma Aqualife Park (PRT-844289). Therefore, a total of 24 takes is requested to collect up to 6 otters that will be distributed among the three facilities. Any otter not selected for export will be immediately released to the wild.

Source of Marine Mammals: In the vicinity of Kodiak Island, AK, Afognak Strait, Gnab Bay and Kupreanof Strait.

Period of Activity: Up to 5 years from issuance date of permit, if issued.

PRT-844288

Applicant: Kagoshima City Aquarium, Kagoshima-Pre, Japan.

Permit Type: Take for Public Display.

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

Summary of Activity to be

Authorized: The applicant requests a permit to collect and export up to 2 northern sea otters for the purpose of public display at the Kagoshima City Aquarium. Up to 24 otters may be

captured in the course of collection activities in order to obtain 2 female otters for export and public display. It is intended that collections will be made at the same time to provide otters to the Ishikawa Zoo Foundation (PRT-844287) and the Suma Aqualife Park (PRT-844289). Therefore, a total of 24 takes is requested to collect up to 6 otters that will be distributed among the three facilities. Any otter not selected for export will be immediately released to the wild.

Source of Marine Mammals: In the vicinity of Kodiak Island, AK, Afognak Strait, Gnab Bay and Kupreanof Strait.

Period of Activity: Up to 5 years from issuance date of permit, if issued.

Applicant: Suma Aqualife Park, Kobe, Japan, PRT-844289.

Permit Type: Take for Public Display.

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

Summary of Activity to be

Authorized: The applicant requests a permit to collect and export up to 1 northern sea otter for the purpose of public display at the Suma Aqualife Park. Up to 24 otters may be captured in the course of collection activities in order to obtain 1 female otter for export and public display. It is intended that collections will be made at the same time to provide otters to the Ishikawa Zoo Foundation (PRT-844287) and the Kagoshima City Aquarium (PRT-844288). Therefore, a total of 24 takes is requested to collect up to 6 otters that will be distributed among the three facilities. Any otter not selected for export will be immediately released to the wild.

Source of Marine Mammals: In the vicinity of Kodiak Island, AK, Afognak Strait, Gnab Bay and Kupreanof Strait.

Period of Activity: Up to 5 years from issuance date of 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 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 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: July 10, 1998.

MaryEllen Amtower,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Minor Adjustment of Kenai National Wildlife Refuge Boundary

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of boundary adjustment.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Regional Director, Region 7, of the Fish and Wildlife Service, has made a minor modification to the boundary of the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge in the State of Alaska. This boundary adjustment was made to incorporate within the Refuge a parcel of land, purchased by the United States, which is adjacent to the former Refuge boundary. This action added 71.84 acres to the Refuge.

DATES: Title to the land in question vested in the United States of America on December 24, 1996. Notification to Congress of the proposed boundary change was provided August 5, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Division of Realty, Fish and Wildlife Service, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-6199.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon N. Janis, 907-786-3490.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1996, a 1377-acre parcel of land was purchased from the Salamatof Native Corporation by the United States, for administration by the Fish and Wildlife Service. The majority of this parcel lies within the boundaries of the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge as established by the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act. A portion of the purchased land, 71.84 acres in size, falls between the ANILCA boundary and the Kenai River. This portion is more particularly described as Lot 7 of Section 31, and Lots 8 and 9 of Section 32, Township 5 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska.

Section 103(b) of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 3103(b)) establishes authority for the Secretary of the Interior to make minor boundary adjustments to the Wildlife Refuges created by the Act. Under this authority, and following due notice to Congress, the Secretary, acting through the Regional Director, Region 7, of the Fish and Wildlife Service, has used this authority to adjust the boundaries of the Kenai Refuge to include the 71.84-acre parcel described above. This adjustment modifies the boundary previously described in the **Federal Register** (48 FR 7955, Feb. 24, 1983).

Robyn Thorson,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-060-07-1990-00]

Call for Nominations for the Bureau of Land Management's California Desert District Advisory Council

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management's California Desert District is soliciting nominations from the public for five members of its District Advisory Council to serve the 1999-2001 three-year term. Council members provide advice and recommendations to BLM on the management of public lands in southern California. Public notice begins with the publication date of this notice. Nominations will be accepted through August 31, 1998. The three-year term would begin January 1, 1999.

The five positions to be filled include:

- One elected official representative (representing county government);
- One nonrenewable resources representative;
- One public-at-large representative;
- Two recreation representatives.

Council members serve three-year terms and may be nominated for reappointment for an additional three-year term. Four council members are eligible for reappointment. The elected official representative, who represents county government interests on the council, will retire December 31, 1998.

The California Desert District Advisory Council is comprised of 15 private individuals who represent different interests and advise BLM officials on policies and programs concerning the management of 10 million acres of public land in southern California. The Council meets in formal

session three to four times each year in various locations throughout the California Desert District. Council members serve without compensation except for reimbursement of travel expenditures incurred in the course of their duties.

Section 309 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and issues related to management of BLM administered lands. The Secretary also selects council nominees consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), which requires nominees appointed to the council be balanced in terms of points of view and representative of the various interests concerned with the management of the public lands.

The Council also is balanced geographically, and BLM will try to find qualified representatives from areas throughout the California Desert District. The District covers portions of eight counties, and includes 10 million acres of public land in the California Desert Conservation Area and 300,000 acres of scattered parcels in San Diego, western Riverside, western San Bernardino, Orange, and Los Angeles Counties (known as the South Coast).

Any group or individual may nominate a qualified person, based upon their education, training, and knowledge of BLM, the California Desert, and the issues involving BLM-administered public lands throughout southern California. Qualified individuals also may nominate themselves.

Nominations must include the name of the nominee; work and home addresses and telephone numbers; a biographical sketch that includes the nominee's work and public service record; any applicable outside interests or other information that demonstrates the nominees qualifications for the position; and the specific category of interests in which the nominee is best qualified to offer advice and council. Nominees may contact the BLM California Desert District public affairs staff at (909) 697-5217/5220 or write to the address below and request a copy of the nomination form.

All nominations must be accompanied by letters of reference from represented interests, organizations, or elected officials supporting the nomination. Individuals nominating themselves must provide at least one letter of recommendation. Advisory Council members are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, generally in late January or early February.

Nominations should be sent to the District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, California Desert District, 6221 Box Springs Boulevard, Riverside, California 92507.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

BLM California Desert District External Affairs: Carole Levitzky, (909) 697-5217 or Doran Sanchez, (909) 697-5220.

Dated: July 8, 1998.

Tim Salt,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council—Notice of Meeting Locations and Times

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Resource Advisory Council Meeting Locations and Times.

DATES: Date is August 10, 1998 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will reconvene on August 11, 1998 from 5 a.m. to 12:35 p.m. The public comment period will begin at 2:30 p.m., August 10, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The Council will meet in the Oasis Hotel in Mesquite, Nevada, (702) 346-5232.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Philip L. Guerrero, Las Vegas Field Office, Public Affairs Officer, telephone: (702) 647-5046.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C., the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), council meeting of the Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will be held as indicated above. The agenda includes a public comment period, and discussion of public land issues.

The Resource Advisory Council develops recommendations for BLM regarding the preparation, amendment, and implementation of land use plans for the public lands and resources within the jurisdiction of the council. For the Mojave-Great Basin RAC this jurisdiction is Clark, Esmeralda, Lincoln and Nye counties in Nevada. Except for the purposes of long-range planning and the establishment of resource management priorities, the RAC shall not provide advice on the allocation and