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Madeline Mocko,

Director, Office of Legislative Affairs and Budget.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Bioresearch Monitoring: Public Workshop

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of public workshop.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Office of Regulatory Affairs, Nashville District Office is announcing the following public workshop: Bioresearch Monitoring: Public Workshop. The workshop is being co-sponsored by Vanderbilt University Medical Center and Meharry Medical College, both of Nashville, TN. Topics to be discussed are FDA regulatory requirements for the conduct of investigational product research and practical issues, such as, how to prepare for a data audit, what to expect during an inspection, and how to get current information from FDA.

Date and Time: The workshop will be held on Thursday and Friday, September 17 and 18, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Location: The workshop will be held at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Light Hall, Nashville, TN 37232. Maps and further information may be obtained from the contact person or the registrar (listed below).

Contact: Sandra S. Baxter, Public Affairs Specialist, Nashville District Office, Food and Drug Administration, 297 Plus Park Blvd., Nashville, TN 37217, at 615-781-5385 ext. 122., FAX 615-781-5383.

Registration: Send registration information (including name, title, firm name, address, telephone, and fax number), to the Institutional Review Board at 615-322-2918 or FAX 615-343-2648 or e-mail to "IRB@mcm.vanderbilt.edu" by September 10, 1998. Attendance will be limited to the first 300 applicants, therefore, interested parties are encouraged to register early.

A \$25.00 registration fee is being charged by Vanderbilt University Medical Center to cover cost of materials, box lunches, and beverages for breaks.

If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact

Sandra S. Baxter (fax number above) at least 7 days in advance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FDA's survey of the bioresearch industry shows that many of these firms are either unaware of applicable regulations and guidelines or not in compliance with applicable requirements. The workshop is designed to assist the industry in complying with regulations for clinical investigators, institutional review boards and sponsor-monitors; and to promote and encourage open dialogue between FDA and professionals involved in investigational product research: Physicians, researchers, research coordinators, nurses, allied health professionals, and other interested parties. In addition, break out sessions will be available on new and emerging issues.

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William K. Hubbard,

Associate Commissioner for Policy Coordination.

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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-001719

Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Society, Bronx, NY.

The applicant requests a permit to import samples taken from wild and captive radiated tortoise (*Geochelone radiata*) in Madagascar for the purpose of scientific research.

PRT-839108

Applicant: Dr. Russell Jacobs, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA.

The applicant requests a modification to his permit to import live Lesser Mouse Lemurs (*Microcebus murinus*) for the purpose of scientific research. The modification would replace two of the animals on his permit and add two more animals.

PRT-001542

Applicant: International Center for Gibbon Studies, Santa Clarita, CA.

The applicant requests a permit to import one, female captive-born pileated gibbon (*Hylobates pileatus*) for

the purpose of captive propagation and scientific (behavioral) research.

PRT-001454

Applicant: Kenneth L. Barr, Kelseyville, CA.

The applicant requests a permit to import the personal sport-hunted trophy of one male Karaganda argali (*Ovis ammon colium*) from Kazakhstan for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

PRT-001435

Applicant: Edwin W. Obrecht, Owings Mill, MD.

The applicant requests a permit to import the personal sport-hunted trophy of one male Karaganda argali (*Ovis ammon colium*) from Kazakhstan for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

PRT-001904

Applicant: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mexican Wolf Reintroduction Project, Region 2, Albuquerque, NM.

The applicant requests a permit to import, export and reexport live Mexican or lobo wolves (*Canis lupus baileyi*) for breeding and reintroduction and to import biological samples for genetic studies for the enhancement of the propagation or survival of the species. This notification covers activities by this applicant over a period of five years.

PRT-001761

Applicant: David Terk, Sycamore Creek Ranch, Del Rio, TX.

The applicant requests a permit to authorize interstate and foreign commerce, export and cull of excess male barasingha (*Cervus duvauceli*) from his captive herd for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species. This notice shall cover a period of three years. Permittee must apply for renewal annually.

PRT-001778

Applicant: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, International Sea Turtle Coordinator, Atlanta, GA.

The applicant requests a permit to authorize the import of up to 200 biological samples per year from all endangered and/or threatened species of sea turtle for the purpose of scientific research for the enhancement of survival of the species. This notification covers activities by this applicant over a period of five years.

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-001631

Applicant: Kurt Von Besser, Orangeburg, SC.

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

PRT-001978

Applicant: Joseph E. Crawley, Ballwin, MO.

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

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 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203, phone (703) 358-2104 or Fax (703) 358-2281.

Dated: August 21, 1998.

MaryEllen Amtower,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: As provided in Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Service announces a meeting designed to foster partnerships to enhance recreational fishing and boating in the United States. This meeting, sponsored by the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (Council), is open to the public and interested persons may make oral statements to the Council or may file written statements for consideration.

DATES: September 15, 1998, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Savannah, Two West Bay Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401, Telephone (912) 238-1234, FAX (912) 944-3678.

Summary minutes of the conference will be maintained by the Coordinator for the Council at 1033 North Fairfax Street, Suite 200, Arlington, VA 22314, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours within 30 days following the meeting. Personal copies may be purchased for the cost of duplication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Doug Alcorn, Council Coordinator, at 703/836-1392.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (Council) will convene to discuss: (1) The ongoing effort to monitor and evaluate Federal agency activities pursuant to Executive Order 12962 for Recreational Fisheries and (2) the status of the strategic plan for the National Outreach and Communications Program. Under Executive Order 12962, the Council is required to monitor and annually report its findings on various Federal agencies' actions and policies for protecting, restoring, and enhancing recreational fishery resources. The Council will hear a report from its Technical Working Group on the annual assessment of agency accomplishments under Executive Order 12962. The Council is also charged by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to recommend a strategic plan for the National Outreach and Communications Program, pursuant to the Sportfishing and Boating Safety Act of 1998. This meeting will be to discuss the final draft of the strategic plan and to approve a final recommendation to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior. Public comment will be sought at the conclusion of the agenda.

Dated: August 19, 1998.

Cathleen Short,

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-920-08-1320-01; WYW136458]

Notice of Competitive Coal Lease Sale; Thundercloud Tract; Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that certain coal resources in the Thundercloud Tract, described below, in Campbell County, Wyoming, will be offered for competitive lease by sealed bid in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*).

DATES: The lease sale will be held at 10 a.m., on Thursday, October 1, 1998. Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 4 p.m., on Wednesday, September 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The lease sale will be held in the First Floor Conference Room (Room 107) of the Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Cashier, Wyoming State Office, at the address given above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mavis Love, Land Law Examiner, Or Melvin Schlagel, Coal Coordinator, at 307-775-6258 and 307-775-6257, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This coal lease sale is being held in response to a lease by application (LBA) filed by Kerr-McGee Coal Corporation (Kerr-McGee Coal Corporation has changed its name to Jacobs Ranch Coal Company and is now a subsidiary of Kennecott Energy and Coal Company). The coal resources to be offered consist of all reserves recoverable by surface mining methods in the following-described lands located in southeastern Campbell County approximately 40 miles south-southeast of Gillette, Wyoming, and about 7 miles east of State Highway 59 along state Highway 450, the access road to the Black Thunder and Jacobs Ranch mines:

T. 43 N., R. 70 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
 Sec. 4: Lots 8, 9, 15 thru 18;
 Sec. 5: Lots 5 thru 20;
 Sec. 6: Lots 8 thru 23;
 Sec. 7: Lots 5 thru 7, 8 (N2), 9 thru 12, 13 (N2 & SE), 19 (NE);
 Sec. 8: Lots 1 thru 16;
 Sec. 9: Lots 3 thru 6, 11 thru 14;
 T. 43 N., R. 71 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
 Sec. 1: Lots 5 thru 15, 16 (N2), 17 thru 19, SENE;
 Sec. 12, Lots 1, 2 (NE).
 Containing 3545.503 acres, more or less.

The tract is adjacent to the Black Thunder and Jacobs Ranch mines. It contains surface minable coal reserves in two seams currently being recovered in the adjacent, existing mines. The Wyodak seam averages about 72 feet thick and is the primary recoverable coal seam on the tract. A rider seam separates from the top of the Wyodak in portions of the tract averaging about 10