

to as the Dakota Prairie Grasslands Management Plan.

Pursuant to Part 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 219.10(g), the Regional Foresters for the Northern and Rocky Mountain Regions give notice of the agency's intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for the revision effort described above. According to 36 CFR 219.10(g), land and resource management plans are ordinarily revised on a 10- to 15-year cycle. The existing Management Plans were approved as follows:

Custer National Forest—June 10, 1987;

Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest—November 20, 1985;

Nebraska National Forest—December 14, 1984.

The Regional Foresters give notice that they are completing an environmental analysis and decision-making process for this proposed action so that interested or affected people can participate in the analyses and contribute to the final decisions. One environmental impact statement will be prepared. Separate decisions, documented in Records of Decision, will be issued for each administrative unit. The combined revision effort makes sense because of common issues and concerns, and similar ecological landscapes. This effort will enable the administrative units to share assessments, plan-related analyses, and resource expertise, and will reduce costs.

Management plans describe the intended management of National Grasslands and Forests. Agency decisions in these plans will do the following things:

- Establish multiple-use goals and objectives (36 CFR 219.11);
- Establish grasslandwide and forestwide management requirements (standards and guidelines) to fulfill the requirements of 16 U.S.C. 1604 applying to future activities (resource integration requirements, 36 CFR 219.13 to 219.27);
- Establish management areas and management area direction (management area prescriptions) applying to future activities in that management area (resource integration and minimum specific management requirements) 36 CFR 219.11(c);
- Establish monitoring and evaluation requirements (36 CFR 219.11(d));
- Determine suitability and potential capability of lands for producing forage for grazing animals and for providing habitat for management indicator species (36 CFR 219.20), designate lands not suited for timber production, and, where applicable, establish allowable

timber sale quantity (36 CFR 219.14, 219.15, and 219.21);

- Where applicable to oil and gas resources, determine the planning area leasing decision (lands administratively available for leasing) and the leasing decision for specific lands [36 CFR 228.102(4)(d) & (e)]. Where applicable, BLM will issue a decision document on leasing for federal minerals, both under Forest Service administered surface and under private surface.

- Where applicable, recommend Wild and Scenic River designations, in cooperating with the National Park Service, in accordance with 16 U.S.C. 1274; and

- Where applicable, recommend non-Wilderness allocations or Wilderness recommendations for roadless areas (36 CFR 219.17).

The authorization of project level activities within the planning area occurs through project decision-making, the second stage of forest and grassland planning. Project-level decisions must comply with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) procedures and must include a determination that the project is consistent with the Management Plan.

RELEASE AND REVIEW OF THE EIS: The DEIS is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and to be available for public comment by February 1999. At that time, the EPA will publish a notice of availability for the DEIS in the **Federal Register**.

The comment period on the DEIS will be 90 days from the date the EPA publishes the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**.

Reviewers of the DEIS must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions; *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Com. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519,553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the DEIS stage but are not raised until after completion of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) may be waived or dismissed by the courts; *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F. 2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and Wisconsin.

Heritages, Inc., v. Harris, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the three-month comment period so that substantive comments and objects are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the FEIS.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and

concerns on the proposed actions, comments on the DEIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the DEIS or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statements. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

After the comment period ends on the DEIS, comments will be analyzed, considered, and responded to by the Forest Service in preparing the Final EIS. The FEIS is scheduled to be completed in May 2000. The responsible officials will consider the comments, responses, environmental consequences discussed in the FEIS, and applicable laws, regulations and policies in making decisions regarding these revisions. The responsible officials will document their decisions and reasons for their decisions in the separate Record of Decision for each Management Plan. Each decision will be subject to appeal in accordance with 36 CFR 217.

The responsible official for each of the Management Plans is the appropriate Regional Forester.

Dated: November 19, 1998.

Dale Bosworth,

Regional Forester, Northern Region.

Dated: November 9, 1998.

Lyle Lavery,

Regional Forester, Rocky Mountain Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Vessel-Marking Requirements in Antarctic Fisheries.

Agency Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: None (previously cleared under 0648-0306).

Type of Request: New collection.

Burden: 1.

Number of Respondents: 1.

Avg. Hours Per Response: One hour.
Needs and Uses: Vessels participating in Antarctic fisheries must display the vessel's official identification number or international radio call sign in three locations. The information is used for enforcement purposes.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations, individuals.

Frequency: Other—this is a marking requirement.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.
OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: December 4, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Gear-Marking Requirements in Antarctic Fisheries.

Agency Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: None (previously cleared under 0648-0305).

Type of Request: Existing collection in use without an OMB control number.

Burden: 10.

Number of Respondents: 1.

Avg. Hours Per Response: 10 hours.

Needs and Uses: Vessels participating in Antarctic fisheries must mark the vessel's fishing gear with the official vessel identification number, Federal permit or tag number, or some other specified form of identification. The requirement assists law enforcement officials in monitoring fishing and other

activities and to ascertain whether the vessel is participating in activities authorized for that vessel.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations, individuals.

Frequency: Other—this is a marking requirement.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

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Dated: December 4, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File No. 881-1443

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Permit No. 881-1443, issued to the Alaska SeaLife Center, P.O. Box 1329, Seward, AK 99664, was amended.

ADDRESSES: The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130 Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (907/586-7221).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sara Shapiro or Ruth Johnson, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment has been issued

under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the provisions of § 216.39 of the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the provisions of § 222.25 of the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR part 222).

Permit No. 881-1443, Project No. I authorizes the Alaska SeaLife Center to assess nutritional physiology, metabolic development, and clinical health under captive conditions of six harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*) and three Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*). Project II authorizes you to conduct stable isotope and lipid metabolism studies on the harbor seals.

Condition A.2.i. currently authorizes controlled dietary studies. As a component of this condition, this amendment (Project No. III) now authorizes the Holder to: (1) conduct a two-week fasting study on the Steller sea lions; (2) increase the frequency of blood-sampling during this period from one to three per week (previously authorized in Condition A.2.d.); and (3) inject D₂O two times during this two-week period (previously authorized in A.2.g.).

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: November 25, 1998.

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Announcement of Import Restraint Limits for Certain Cotton, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in India

December 4, 1998.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).