

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****National Institutes of Health****Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority**

Part N, National Institutes of Health, of the Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority for the Department of Health and Human Services (40 FR 22859, May 27, 1975, as amended most recently at 62 FR 37587, July 14, 1997, and redesignated from Part HN as Part N at 60 FR 56605, November 9, 1995), is amended as set forth below to reflect the reorganization of the information technology functions within NIH into a single organization, the Center for Information Technology. (1) Establish the Center for Information Technology by transferring the functions of the Division of Computer Research and Technology and the functions of two offices in the Office of Management, Office of the Director, NIH, to the Center. (2) Establish the functional statement for the newly established Center and revise the functional statements for the Office of Management and the Office of Administration. (3) Within the Center, establish the Office of Telecommunications Management and the Office of Resources Management; revise the functional statements of the Office of Computational Bioscience and the Office of Computing Resources and Services; in the Office of the Director (OD), revise the functional statement of the OD and the Office of Administrative Management and retitle the Office of Information Resources Management as the Office of Information Technology Planning and revise its functional statement.

Section N-B, Organization and Functions, is amended as follows:

(1) Under the heading Division of Computer Research and Technology (NU, formerly HNU), the following is inserted:

Center for Information Technology (NU, formerly HNU). (1) Provides leadership for the determination of NIH computational and telecommunications needs at all levels and oversees the development of appropriate infrastructure support to meet identified needs; (2) develops, operates, and maintains a state-of-the-art regional computer facility and provides overall guidance based on legislation and policy that is responsive to the NIH mission; (3) develops and provides NIH information technology policy to implement legislative mandates, such as

those under the Information Technology Management Reform Act, Presidential and other Administration initiatives, and HHS, OMB, and other policy and administrative requirements; (4) provides leadership and focus within NIH for the development and implementation of policy and standards in the area of information technology by identifying, documenting, and communicating information technology issues, problems, and solutions to the NIH community in a comprehensive and meaningful way; (5) establishes and operates the necessary organization and infrastructure to ensure appropriate security, connectivity, and interoperability across the NIH Institutes and Centers, off-campus locations, and remote access; (6) serves as a Federal Delta Processing Center for administrative, biomedical, and statistical computing, provides data processing and high performance computing facilities and integrated telecommunications data networks, and provides services to the DHHS and other Federal agencies.

Office of the Director (NUI, formerly HNU1). (1) Plans, directs, coordinates, and evaluates the Center's programs, policies, and procedures; and (2) provides analysis and guidance in the development of systems for the effective use of ADP techniques and equipment in support of NIH programs.

Office of Administrative Management (NU14, formerly HNU14). (1) Advises the Center Director on management aspects of the Center's programs, policies, and procedures; (2) provides administrative services in support of Center program efforts; (3) coordinates the Center's response to NIH-wide management programs; (1) provides staff support in information sciences in support of the missions of the Center and the NIH; (5) plans and carries out scientific and technical communications activities for the Center; and (6) manages a core collection of computer and computer science-related information for NIH.

Office of Information Technology Planning (NU18, formerly HNU18). (1) Advises the Director and Deputy Director of the Center on all aspects of internal information technology (IT) activities, including strategic planning, budget planning, performance measurement, capacity management, security, and coordination of the acquisition of information processing resources; (2) oversees the Center's IT programs for compliance with regulatory IRM requirements; (3) coordinates the Center's IT portfolio management and investment review process; (4) performs strategic and

budget planning for the Center; (5) assists staff in IT management, including acquisition of major information technology resources; (6) provides internal quality control and oversight for Center IT programs; and (7) oversees and coordinates initiatives related to computer and information security, including the Center's computer emergency response team (CERT).

Office of Computational Bioscience (NU2, formerly HNU2). (1) Coordinates and manages all Center activities related to the conduct and support of NIH research in the computational biosciences; (2) applies computing technology to research involving molecular structure determination and modeling, protein and DNA sequence analysis, and biomedical imaging; (3) conducts and supports research in mathematical theory and biophysical instrumentation to explain biological phenomena in terms of chemistry and physics; (4) conducts research and development in computer science and computational engineering; (5) promotes the application of high performance computing to biomedical research and represents the Center to the Federal Program in High Performance Computing and Communication (HPCC); (6) evaluates the overall performance of these programs; and (7) communicates and collaborates with researchers, both within and outside NIH, to obtain and provide information concerning the Center's ongoing and future research and support for research.

Office of Computing Resources and Services (NU3, formerly HNU3). (1) Advises the Center's Director and Deputy Director on all matters pertaining to the management of the Center's ADP service and support programs; (2) coordinates and oversees all programs related to the development and provision of networking facilities; (3) provides centralized computational and data processing facilities and professional programming services; (4) provides guidance and support for end users of distributed computing technology, including personal computers, workstations, and local area networks; (5) provides engineering design to facilitate laboratory and clinical applications of automation technology; and (6) provides central systems analysis, design, and programming resources for database projects relating to scientific, technical, management, financial, and administrative data.

Office of Telecommunications Management (NU4, formerly HNU4). (1) Manages and directs the NIH telecommunications systems and

administers the telecommunications budget; (2) develops technical requirements for the NIH Institutes and Centers (ICs) and implements telecommunications programs to meet the needs of the NIH community; (3) serves as the focal point for service orders and billing; (4) develops and disseminates policies and procedures for the nationwide implementation and management of the NIH telecommunication systems; and (5) serves as the telecommunications liaison for NIH with other Federal agencies, GSA, DHHS, and private industry.

Office of Information Resources Management (NU5, formerly HNU5). Advises the Chief Information Officer on the direction and management of NIH information technology (IT) program activities under the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Computer Security Act, the Information Technology Management Reform Act, and OMB Circular A-130 by serving as a focal point for: (1) Implementing, managing, and overseeing NIH IT activities related to IT policy, planning and budgeting, IT resources user requirements, IT reviews, IT and automated systems inventories, capacity management and planning, security, IT standards, and IT resources obsolescence and excess shipment; (2) collaborating with NIH components responsible for acquisition of IT resources, major information systems, telecommunications management, printing management, computer matching, IT accommodations for persons with disabilities, records and forms management including the Privacy Act, information collection, and information dissemination; (3) serving as the NIH liaison to the Department and to OMB, GSA, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology and other Federal agencies on all IT matters; (4) participating with appropriate NIH components in assessing and enhancing the level of knowledge and skill of users of IT resources; (5) coordinating with appropriate NIH components in developing an NIH-wide plan for standardizing networking, cabling, and electrical facilities for IT resources; (6) ensuring that oversight measures are appropriate for the diversity, complexity, and size of the major providers and the individual ICs; and (7) providing direction to the major providers/individual ICs in enhancing and strengthening their individual IT program management to ensure compliance with legislative mandates.

(2) Under the heading Office of the Director (NA, formerly HNA) the following is inserted: Office of

Management (NAM, formerly HNAM). (1) Advises the NIH Director and staff on all phases of NIH-wide administration and Management; (2) provides leadership and direction to all aspects of management; and (3) oversees the management of functions in the areas of budget and financial management, personnel management, management policy, management assessment, program integrity, contract, procurement, and logistics management, engineering services, safety, space and facility management, support services, and security operations.

Office of Administration (NAM2, formerly HNAM2). (1) Advises the NIH Director and staff on administration and management; (2) provides leadership and guidance to NIH components on administrative management; and (3) develops and implements policies, provides oversight, and manages the operational components in the areas of management assessment, contract management, procurement management, and logistics management.

Delegations of Authority Statement: All delegations and redelegations of authority to offices and employees of NIH that were in effect immediately prior to the effective date of this reorganization and are consistent with this reorganization shall continue in effect, pending further redelegation.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### 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.*):

**Applicant:** Exotic Feline Breeding Compound, Inc., Rosamond, CA, PRT-839056.

The applicant requests a permit to import one captive-born male Amur leopard (*Panthera pardus orientalis*) from Estonia for the purpose of enhancement through captive propagation.

**Applicant:** Grand Canyon Monitoring & Research Ctr., Flagstaff, AZ, PRT-839107.

The applicant requests a permit to import up to 210 preserved specimens

of Kanab ambersnail (*Oxyloma haydeni kanabensis*) from Canada for the purpose of scientific research related to taxonomic identification.

**Applicant:** John J. Schumann, Jr., Vero Beach, FL, PRT-839357.

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:** David Roberts, Madison, WI, PRT-839037.

The applicant requests a permit to import 2 male and 7 female certified bred-in-captivity Cabot's tragopan (*Tragopan caboti*) from Glenn Howe, Ontario, Canada, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival 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 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 applications 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).

**Applicant:** Institute of Marine Science, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA, PRT-839099.

**Permit Type:** Take for Scientific Research.

**Name and Number of Animals:** Pacific Walrus (*Odobenus rosmarus*), 400.

**Summary of Activity to be Authorized:** Analysis of tissue samples to determine metabolic activity and model energy reserves.

**Source of Marine Mammals:** The samples will be provided to the applicant by Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals Management Office biologists. The samples are taken from walrus killed during Native American subsistence hunts.

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

**Applicant:** Mote Marine Laboratory, Sarasota, FL, PRT-838930.

**Permit Type:** Take for scientific research.

**Name and Number of Animals:** West Indian manatee (*Trichechus manatus*), up to 70.

**Summary of Activity to be Authorized:** The applicant requests a