

PRT-019532

*Applicant:* Jerry L. Barth, Elsa, TX.

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.

PRT-019172

*Applicant:* Thomas R. Pledger, JR., Jupiter, FL.

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.

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-019474

*Applicant:* Michael D. Justice, Boise, ID.

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 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: November 15, 1999.

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Fish and Wildlife Service****Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals**

On September 22, 1999, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 64, No. 183, Page 51333, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Dr. Darlene Ketten, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, Woods Hole, MA for a permit (PRT-017419) to import 3 heads of Dugong (*Dugong dugong*) from Australia for the purpose of scientific research. The Service incorrectly processed the request which was actually for 6 heads.

Notice is hereby given that on November 10, 1999, 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 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone (703) 358-2104 or Fax (703) 358-2281.

Dated: November 15, 1999.

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Minerals Management Service****Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of a currently approved information collection (OMB Control Number 1010-0041).

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, MMS invites the public and other Federal agencies to comment on a proposal to extend the currently approved collection of information discussed below. We intend to submit this collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**DATES:** Submit written comments by January 18, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail or hand carry comments to the Department of the Interior; Minerals Management Service; Attention: Rules Processing Team; Mail Stop 4024; 381 Elden Street; Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the rulemaking record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by the law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alexis London, Rules Processing Team, telephone (703) 787-1600. You may also contact Alexis London to obtain a copy of the collection of information at no cost.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* 30 CFR 250, Subpart K, Production Rates (1010-0041).

*Abstract:* The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, 43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*, gives the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) the responsibility to preserve, protect, and develop oil and gas resources in the OCS, consistent with the need to make such resources available to meet the Nation's energy needs as rapidly as possible; balance orderly energy resource development with protection of the human, marine, and coastal environments; ensure the public a fair and equitable return on the

resources of the OCS; and preserve and maintain free enterprise competition.

Regulations at 30 CFR 250, subpart K, implement these statutory requirements. We use the information collected to determine if produced gas can be economically put to beneficial use, to analyze the risks of transporting the liquid hydrocarbons against the value of the resource, and to account for volumes of flared gas and burned liquid hydrocarbons. The MMS uses the information in its efforts to conserve natural resources, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights including the Government's royalty interest. Specifically, MMS uses the information to review records of burning liquid hydrocarbons and venting and flaring actions to ensure that they are not excessive; to determine maximum production and maximum efficient rates; to compare the volume of hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) flared and the sulphur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) emitted to the specified amounts in approved contingency plans; to monitor monthly atmospheric emissions of SO<sub>2</sub> for air quality; to review applications for downhole commingling to ensure that action does not result in undervalued royalties; and to ensure that operations are effective and result in optimum ultimate recovery.

We will protect information from respondents considered proprietary under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 2) and under regulations at 30 CFR 250.118. No items of a sensitive nature are collected. Responses are mandatory.

**Frequency:** The frequency is on occasion or monthly.

**Estimated Number and Description of Respondents:** Approximately 130 Federal OCS oil and gas lessees.

**Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden:** The currently approved annual reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection is 13,650 hours, which averages 105 hours per respondent.

**Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost" Burden:** We have identified no cost burdens for this collection.

#### Comments

We will summarize written responses to this notice and address them in our submission for OMB approval. As a result of your comments and our consultations with a representative sample of respondents, we will make any necessary adjustments to the burden in our submission to OMB. In calculating the burden, we assumed that respondents perform many of the

requirements in the normal course of their activities. We consider these to be usual and customary and took that into account in estimating the burden.

(1) We specifically solicit your comments on the following questions:

(a) Is the proposed collection of information necessary for us to properly perform our functions, and will it be useful?

(b) Are the estimates of the burden hours of the proposed collection reasonable?

(c) Do you have any suggestions that would enhance the quality, clarity, or usefulness of the information to be collected?

(d) Is there a way to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology?

(2) In addition, the PRA requires agencies to estimate the total annual reporting "non-hour cost" burden to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. We need to know if you have costs associated with the collection of this information for either total capital and startup cost components or annual operation, maintenance, and purchase of service components. Your estimates should consider the costs to generate, maintain, and disclose or provide the information. You should describe the methods you use to estimate major cost factors, including system and technology acquisition, expected useful life of capital equipment, discount rate(s), and the period over which you incur costs. Capital and startup costs include, among other items, computers and software you purchase to prepare for collecting information; monitoring, sampling, drilling, and testing equipment; and record storage facilities. Generally, your estimates should not include equipment or services purchased: (i) before October 1, 1995; (ii) to comply with requirements not associated with the information collection; (iii) for reasons other than to provide information or keep records for the Government; or (iv) as part of customary and usual business or private practices.

#### MMS Information Collection Clearance Officer

Jo Ann Lauterbach, (202) 208-7744.

Dated: November 8, 1999.

**Elmer P. Danenberger,**  
Chief, Engineering and Operations Division.  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Outer Continental Shelf, Central Gulf of Mexico, Oil and Gas Lease Sale 175

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Availability of the proposed notice of sale.

Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS); Notice of Availability of the proposed Notice of Sale for proposed Oil and Gas Lease Sale 175 in the Central Gulf of Mexico. This Notice is published pursuant to 30 CFR 256.29(c) as a matter of information to the public.

With regard to oil and gas leasing on the OCS, the Secretary of the Interior, pursuant to section 19 of the OCS Lands Act, provides the affected States the opportunity to review the proposed Notice. The proposed Notice sets forth the proposed terms and conditions of the sale, including minimum bids, royalty rates, and rentals.

The proposed Notice of Sale for Sale 175 and a "Proposed Sale Notice Package" containing information essential to potential bidders may be obtained from the Public Information Unit, Gulf of Mexico Region, Minerals Management Service, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394. Telephone: (504) 735-2519.

The final Notice of Sale will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days prior to the date of bid opening. Bid opening is currently scheduled for March 15, 2000.

Dated: November 8, 1999.

**Thomas R. Kitsos,**

Acting Director, Minerals Management Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Record of Decision, Final Environmental Impact Statement, Comprehensive Management and Use Plan; Oregon, California, Mormon Pioneer and Pony Express National Historic Trails

#### Introduction

The National Park Service has developed a Comprehensive Management Plan / Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Oregon, California, Mormon Pioneer and Pony