

Dated: December 7, 2001.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Receipt of Application for Endangered Species Permit

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt.

The following applicant has applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with an endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

*Applicant:* U.S. Geological Survey, Silvio O. Conte Anadromous Fish Research Center, Turners Falls, Massachusetts, PRT-TE050317-0.

The applicant requests authorization to take (harm, harass, and kill) 12,000 eyed eggs of the Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*). The eggs were captively bred at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Craig Brook National Fish Hatchery, East Orland, Maine, and will be transferred to the Conte Anadromous Fish Research Center, Turners Falls, Massachusetts to conduct specific research activities.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Regional Permits Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, Massachusetts, 01035, and must be received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with this application are available for review by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, Massachusetts 01035. Attention: Diane Lynch, Regional Permits Coordinator. Telephone: 413-253-8628; Fax: 413-253-8482.

Dated: November 21, 2001.

**Richard O. Bennett,**

*Acting Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals

On September 25, 2001, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 49035), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Clayton Green for a permit (PRT-048095) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) taken from the Southern Beaufort Sea population, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on November 21, 2001, 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, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone (703) 358-2104 or fax (703) 358-2281.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Service Regulations Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Fish and Wildlife Service (hereinafter Service) will conduct an open meeting on January 24, 2002, to identify and discuss preliminary issues concerning the 2002-03 migratory bird hunting regulations.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held January 24, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** The Service Regulations Committee will meet at the Arlington Square Building, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 200 A/B, Arlington, Virginia.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jonathan Andrew, Chief, Division of Migratory Bird Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the

Interior, ms 634-ARLSQ, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240, (703) 358-1714.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Representatives from the Service, the Service's Migratory Bird Regulations Committee, and Flyway Council Consultants will meet on January 24, 2002, at 8:30 a.m. to identify preliminary issues concerning the 2002-03 migratory bird hunting regulations for discussion and review by the Flyway Councils at their March meetings.

In accordance with Departmental policy regarding meetings of the Service Regulations Committee attended by any person outside the Department, these meetings are open to public observation. Members of the public may submit written comments on the matters discussed to the Director.

Dated: November 27, 2001.

**Kevin R. Adams,**

*Acting Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Presidential Task Force on Employment of Adults With Disabilities; Notice of Open Meeting

##### Background and Authority

The Presidential Task Force on Employment of Adults with Disabilities (Task Force) was established by Executive Order 13078. The primary purpose of the Task Force is "to create a coordinated and aggressive national policy to bring adults with disabilities into gainful employment at a rate that is as close as possible to that of the general adult population."

Task Force membership includes the following Executive Branch positions: Secretary of Labor; Secretary of Education, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Secretary of Health and Human Services; Commissioner of the Social Security Administration; Secretary of the Treasury; Secretary of Commerce; Secretary of Transportation; Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Secretary of the Interior, Secretary of Agriculture, the Attorney General of the United States; Director of the Office of Personnel Management; Administrator of the Small Business Administration; Chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; Chair of the Federal Communications Commission; and Chair of the National Council on

Disability. The Secretary of Labor has been designated as Task Force Chair.

#### Notice of Meeting Including Specifications as to Time and Place

An open meeting of the Task Force will take place on Monday, January 28, 2002 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, 1615 H Street, NW., Washington, DC 20062.

#### Agenda Items

This being the first Task Force meeting since the introduction of the President's *New Freedom Initiative*, the agenda will include: (1) Reports on the implementation of the President's *New Freedom Initiative* to date, (2) discussion of the interagency coordination needed to expand upon the *New Freedom Initiative*, (3) future actions departments or agencies will undertake to further the goals of the *New Freedom Initiative*, and (4) a demonstration of assistive technology products.

#### Special Accommodations

Any individuals wishing to attend the Task Force meeting who need special accommodations or require further information should contact Mr. Paul Bennett at 202/693-4939 (voice), 202/693-4929 (fax), or 202/693-4920 (TTY) by Friday, January 18, 2001.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 7th day of December, 2001.

**William R. McKinnon,**

*Acting Executive Director, Presidential Task Force on Employment of Adults with Disabilities.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Mine Safety and Health Administration

#### Summary of Decisions Granting in Whole or in Part Petitions for Modification

**AGENCY:** Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of affirmative decisions issued by the Administrators for Coal Mine Safety and Health and Metal and Nonmetal Mine Safety and Health on petitions for modification of the application of mandatory safety standards.

**SUMMARY:** Under section 101 of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, the Secretary of Labor (Secretary) may allow the modification of the application of a mandatory safety standard to a mine if the Secretary determines either that an alternate

method exists at a specific mine that will guarantee no less protection for the miners affected than that provided by the standard, or that the application of the standard at a specific mine will result in a diminution of safety to the affected miners.

Final decisions on these petitions are based upon the petitioner's statements, comments and information submitted by interested persons, and a field investigation of the conditions at the mine. MSHA, as designee of the Secretary, has granted or partially granted the requests for modification listed below. In some instances, the decisions are conditioned upon compliance with stipulations stated in the decision. The term "FR Notice" appears in the list of affirmative decisions below. The term refers to the **Federal Register** volume and page where MSHA published a notice of the filing of the petition for modification.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Petitions and copies of the final decisions are available for examination by the public in the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, MSHA, Room 627, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Contact Barbara Barron at 703-235-1910.

Dated at Arlington, Virginia this 10th day of December 2001.

**David L. Meyer,**

*Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Enclosures.*

#### Affirmative Decisions on Petitions for Modification

*Docket No.:* M-2000-104-C.

*FR Notice:* 65 FR 58819.

*Petitioner:* West Ridge Resources, Inc.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 75.901

*Summary of Findings:* The

petitioner's proposal is to use an alternative method of grounding a diesel generator. The petitioner proposes to use a 480-volt, wye connected, 320 KW portable diesel powered generator for utility power and to move electrically powered mining equipment in and around the mine. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the West Ridge Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the 480-volt, three-phase, 320KW diesel powered generator (DPG) set, Serial No. 31545, used to supply power to a 400 KVA autotransformer and three-phase 480- and 995-volt power circuits for the West Ridge Mine with conditions.

*Docket No.:* M-2000-113-C.

*FR Notice:* 65 FR 58820.

*Petitioner:* Blue Mountain Energy, Inc.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 75.350.

*Summary of Findings:* Petitioner's proposal is to use air coursed through

conveyor belt entries to ventilate working places. The petitioner proposes to install a carbon monoxide monitoring system as an early warning fire detection system in all belt entries used to course intake air to a working place. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Deserado Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the Deserado Mine with conditions.

*Docket No.:* M-2000-118-C.

*FR Notice:* 65 FR 58821.

*Petitioner:* West Ridge Resources, Inc.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 75.1002-1(a)

*Summary of Findings:* Petitioner's proposal is to use nonpermissible low-voltage or battery-powered electronic testing and diagnostic equipment within 150 feet of pillow workings, and limited to laptop computers, oscilloscopes, vibration analysis machines, cable fault detectors, point temperature probes, infrared temperature devices and recorders, pressures and flow measurements devices, signal analyzer devices, ultrasonic thickness gauges, electronic component testers, and electronic tachometers. Other testing and diagnostic equipment may be used if approved by the District Manager. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the West Ridge Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the use of low-voltage or battery-powered nonpermissible electronic testing and diagnostic equipment within 150 feet of pillar workings at the West Ridge Mine with conditions.

*Docket No.:* M-2000-125-C.

*FR Notice:* 65 FR 64261.

*Petitioner:* Snyder Coal Company.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 75.1405.

*Summary of Findings:* The

petitioner's proposal is to use bar and pin or link and pin couplers on underground haulage equipment. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Rattling Run Slope Mine. MSHA grants the petition for modification for the Rattling Run Slope Mine with conditions.

*Docket No.:* M-2000-126-C.

*FR Notice:* 65 FR 64261.

*Petitioner:* Three W-M Coal

Company.

*Regulation Affected:* 75.1400(c).

*Summary of Findings:* The

petitioner's proposal is to use stronger rope and secondary safety rope connections in place of safety catches or other no less effective devices on a slope conveyance (gunboat) in transporting persons. This is considered an acceptable alternative method for the Orchard Slope Mine. MSHA grants the