

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Associated Environmental Impact Statement for the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge Complex (Refuge Complex)

AGENCY: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and associated Environmental Impact Statement for the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge Complex.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) intends to prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and an associated Environmental Impact Statement for the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge Complex. The Refuge Complex includes the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Illinois; the Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge in Wisconsin; and the Driftless Area National Wildlife Refuge in Iowa. The Service is furnishing this notice in compliance with Service Comprehensive Conservation Plan policy and the National Environmental Policy Act and implementing regulations to achieve the following: (1) Advise other agencies and the public of our intentions; (2) Obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues, opportunities, and concerns for inclusion in the Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Impact Statement; and (3) Solicit information from the public about archaeological sites, buildings and structures, historic places, cemeteries, and traditional use sites that could influence decisions about management of the Refuge.

DATES: Beginning in August 2002, the Service will solicit information from the public via public meetings, workshops, focus groups, and written comments. Special mailings, newspaper articles, radio announcements, and the Services Web site <http://midwest.fws.gov/planning/uppermissstop.htm> will inform people of the times and places of public involvement opportunities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Address comments and requests for additional information to: Thomas Magnuson, Project Manager, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111.

Telephone: 1-800-247-1247 extension 5467.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: It is Service policy to have all lands within the National Wildlife Refuge System managed in accordance with an approved Comprehensive Conservation Plan. The Comprehensive Conservation Plan will guide management decisions and identify refuge goals, objectives, and strategies for achieving refuge purposes. Public input into this planning process is encouraged. The Comprehensive Conservation Plan will provide other agencies and the public with a clear understanding of the desired future conditions of the Refuge Complex and how the Service will implement management strategies.

The Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge was established by public law in 1924 to protect and preserve habitats for migratory birds, fish, and a variety of other wildlife. The refuge extends 261 miles along the Mississippi River from the Chippewa River in Wisconsin almost to Rock Island, Illinois. It encompasses approximately 230,000 acres in parts of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Illinois and is a component of the Service-managed National Wildlife Refuge System. Parts of 19 counties and two Army Corps of Engineers districts are included in the Refuge. More than half of the land within the Refuge is owned by the Army Corps of Engineers. Those lands are managed by the Refuge under a cooperative agreement.

The Trempealeau Wildlife Refuge was established in 1936 to provide breeding and migration habitat for migratory birds and other wildlife. It is located in Buffalo and Trempealeau counties Wisconsin, and currently consists of 5,754 acres of land.

The Driftless National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1989 to protect and enhance populations of the federally endangered Iowa Pleistocene snail and federally threatened Northern monkshood plant. It is located in Clayton, Dubuque, Jackson, and Allamakee counties, Iowa, and currently consists of 775 acres of land.

Dated: May 2, 2002.

Marvin Moriarty,

Acting Regional Director, Region 3.

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Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species and/or marine mammals.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by July 1, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted with these applications 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 within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358-2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Endangered Species**

The public is invited to comment on the following application(s) 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.*). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (address above).

PRT-056128

Applicant: Coronas Entertainment, Bradenton, Florida.

The applicant requests a permit to export, re-export, and re-import one tiger (*Panthera tigris*) and to/from worldwide locations to enhance the survival of the species through conservation education. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a three-year period.

PRT-056214

Applicant: Richard W. Corzine, Jr., Sioux Falls, SD.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of two

male bonteboks (*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.

Marine Mammals and Endangered Species

The public is invited to comment on the following application for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered 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.*), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*), and the regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR part 18) and endangered species (50 CFR part 17). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be submitted to the Director (address above). 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.

PRT-056326

Applicant: Dr. Graham Worthy/
University of Central Florida,
Orlando, FL
Permit Type: Take for Scientific Research.

Name and Number of Animals:
Manatee (*Trichechus manatus*) 20.

Summary of Activity to be Authorized: The applicant requests a permit for continued research regarding the metabolic rate of captive held manatees. Activities originally authorized under permit number PRT-766146.

Source of Marine Mammals: Captive held animals.

Period of Activity: Up to 5 years if authorized.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Division of Management Authority is forwarding copies of the above applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

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PRT-740507

Applicant: Alaska Science Center, U.S. Geological Survey, Anchorage, AK,
Permit Type: Take for Scientific Research.

Name and Number of Animals:
Northern sea otter (*Enhydra lutris lutris*), 300.

Summary of Activity to be Authorized: The applicant requests renewal and amendment of their permit authorizing the following annual activities: take up to 300 animals, including but not limited to, incidental take, capture/recapture, release, collect biological samples, tag, mark, implant, and import biological samples as part of a long term study on the species.

Source of Marine Mammals: Wild live animals and material salvaged from animals found dead, or collected as may be available through the Native Alaskan subsistence harvest.

Period of Activity: Up to 5 years if authorized.

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PRT-056324

Applicant: John D. Frost, Anchorage, AK

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

PRT-056309

Applicant: Winston Stalcup, Alpharetta, GA.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Northern Beaufort Sea polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has information collection approval from OMB through March 31, 2004, OMB Control Number 1018-0093. Federal Agencies may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to

respond to a collection of information unless it displays a current valid OMB control number.

Dated: May 3, 2002.

Anna Barry,
*Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits,
Division of Management Authority.*

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PRT-054555

Applicant: Robert Goins, Kinston, NC.

The applicant requests a permit to import a sport-hunted trophy cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*) trophy from Namibia for the purpose of