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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### **Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge (IWR), Wayne and Monroe Counties, MI**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announces that the Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Environmental Assessment (EA) is available for Detroit River IWR, Michigan.

The CCP was prepared pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. Goals and objectives in the CCP describe how the agency intends to manage the Refuge over the next 15 years.

**DATES:** Written comments on the Draft CCP and EA must be received by close of business, July 23, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** To request a copy of the plan or to submit comments on the plan you may use one of the following methods:

1. You may write to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Branch of Conservation Planning, BHW Federal Building, 1 Federal Drive, Ft. Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056.
2. Go to the Refuge Web site: <http://midwest.fws.gov/planning/detroitriver/index.html>.
3. E-mail us at: [r3planning@fws.gov](mailto:r3planning@fws.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gary Muehlenhardt at 612/713-5477.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The approved boundary of the Detroit River IWR is located along 48 miles of the lower Detroit River and Michigan's Lake Erie shoreline to the Ohio state border. The Refuge was established by legislation in December 2001 and expanded in May 2003. Refuge land ownership is currently small and limited to several islands in the Detroit River and two coastal parcels in Monroe County. The key biological focus of the

refuge is protecting and enhancing remnant coastal wetlands and island habitats for the benefit of migratory birds; especially diving waterfowl.

The planning process for this CCP began in April 2002. A series of open house events, meetings, and workshops were held in local communities throughout the following year.

The EA evaluates three different approaches, or alternatives, to future management and growth of the Detroit River IWR. Alternative C, Leading through Partnerships, is the agency's preferred alternative. Under this alternative, the Detroit River IWR would seek to serve as a focal point for the many ongoing conservation efforts on the Detroit River and surrounding watersheds. The Service would continue to direct habitat protection efforts but with an emphasis on cooperative management instead of fee ownership. The refuge land base would grow primarily through management agreements with private industry and government agencies.

The CCP also identifies wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation. Wildlife-dependent recreational uses would be encouraged on future refuge-owned lands where it is safe and appropriate.

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**Gerry Jackson,**

*Acting Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### **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 16, 2004.

**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).

*Applicant:* Los Angeles Zoo, Los Angeles, California, PRT-082594.

The applicant requests a permit to import three captive-born Sichuan snub-nosed monkeys (*Pygathrix roxellana*) from the Beijing Wildlife Park for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through scientific research, captive propagation and conservation education.

##### **Endangered Marine Mammals and Marine Mammals**

The public is invited to comment on the following application(s) for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered marine mammals and/or marine mammals. The application(s) was/were submitted to satisfy requirements of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*) and/or the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing endangered species (50 CFR part 17) and/or marine mammals (50 CFR part 18). 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.

*Applicant:* Glenn E. Peterson, Meadville, PA, PRT-088271.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*)