

Marine Mammals

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).

Applicant: Bryce W. Smith, Bay City, OR, PRT-036348

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

Applicant: J. Herbert Fisher, Jr., Lancaster, PA, PRT-032816

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the, M'Clintock Channel polar bear population, Canada, for personal use. On September 19, 2000 (65 FR 56588), the permit request was mistakenly published as a sport-hunted bear from the Lancaster Sound population.

Applicant: Nathan P. Newbern, Ft. Worth, TX, PRT-035772

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Canada, for personal use.

Written data or comments, requests for copies of any of these complete applications, or requests for a public hearing on this application should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division 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. 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.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife has information collection approval from OMB through February 28, 2001. 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.

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 to the following office within 30 days of the

date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

Dated: December 1, 2000.

Charlie R. Chandler,

Chief, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals

On September 21, 2000, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 64, No. 184, Page 57205, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Larry Martin for a permit (PRT-032405) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy taken from the M'Clintock Channel population, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on November 14, 2000, 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.

On October 4, 2000, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 65, No. 193, Page 59197, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Chicago Zoological Society, Brookfield, IL, for a permit (PRT-032510) to import one captive born polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) from the Jardin Zoo, Quebec, Canada for the purposes of public display and conservation education.

Notice is hereby given that on November 24, 2000, 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, Rm. 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone (703) 358-2104 or Fax (703) 358-2281.

Dated: December 1, 2000.

Charlie R. Chandler,

Chief, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Great Lakes Panel Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Task Force Great Lakes Panel. The meeting topics are identified in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The Great Lakes Panel will meet from 1 pm to 5 pm on Tuesday, December 12, 2000, and 8 am to 12 noon on Wednesday, December 3, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The Great Lakes Panel meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, North Campus, 3600 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 48105.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathe Glassner-Shwayder, Project Manager, Great Lakes Commission, at 734-665-9135 or Sharon Gross, Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force at 703-358-2308 or by e-mail at: sharon_gross@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces meetings of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Great Lakes Panel. The Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990.

The Great Lakes Panel, comprised of representatives from Federal, State, and local agencies and from private environmental and commercial interests, provides the following:

- (a) Identify priorities for the Great Lakes Region with respect to aquatic nuisance species;
- (b) Make recommendations to the Task Force regarding programs to carry out zebra mussel programs;
- (c) Assist the Task Force in coordinating Federal aquatic nuisance species program activities in the Great Lakes region;
- (d) Coordinate, where possible, aquatic nuisance species program activities in the Great Lakes region that are not conducted pursuant to the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance

Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (as amended, 1996);

(e) Provide advice to public and private individuals and entities concerning methods of controlling aquatic nuisance species; and

(f) Submit an annual report describing activities within the Great Lakes region related to aquatic nuisance species prevention, research, and control.

The focus of this meeting will be to: Review panel activities for the past year, hear updates of ongoing activities, and review the Great Lakes Action Plan.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Suite 851, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1622, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

Dated: December 1, 2000.

Cathleen I. Short,

Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Assistant Director—Fisheries & Habitat Conservation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Receipt of Petitions for Federal Acknowledgment of Existence as an Indian Tribe

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Pursuant to 25 CFR 83.9(a) notice is hereby given that the following groups have each filed a letter of intent to petition for acknowledgment by the Secretary of the Interior that the group exists as an Indian tribe. Each letter of intent was received by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) on the date indicated, and was signed by members of the group's governing body.

Ozark Mountain Cherokee Tribe of Arkansas and Missouri, *c/o* Mr. Terry D. Smith, P.O. Box 271, Melbourne, Arkansas 72556. October 19, 1999.

Creek-Euchee Band of Indians of Florida, *c/o* Chris Sewell, P.O. Box 157, Bristol, Florida 32321. November 23, 1999.

Ooragnak-Indian Nation, *c/o* Mr. William Blake, 8181 Deadstream Road, Honor, Michigan 44640. December 1, 1999.

Saponi Nation of Missouri, *c/o* Mr. John Trullinger, 3445, CR 4990, Willow Springs, Missouri 65793-9728. December 14, 1999.

Maconce Village Band of Ojibwa, *c/o* Mr. Ernest I. Young, 6300 Church Road, Ira Township, Michigan 48023. March 7, 2000.

Traditional Choinummi Tribe, *c/o* Ms. Angie Osborne, 2787 North Piedra Road, Sanger, California 93657. March 29, 2000.

Federation of Old Plimoth Indian Tribes, Inc., *c/o* Rodney Joseph, 558 Wareham Road, Plymouth, Massachusetts 02360. May 16, 2000.

Honey Lake Maidu, *c/o* Ronnie Morales, 1101 Arnold Street, Susanville, California 96130. June 1, 2000.

United Cherokee Indian Tribe of Virginia, *c/o* Samuel H. Penn, Sr., P.O. Box 1104, Madison Heights, Virginia 24572. July 31, 2000.

Cherokee River Indian Community, *c/o* Steven Bison, 11271 County Road 7, Moulton, Alabama 35650. August 3, 2000.

Wicocomico Indian Nation, *c/o* Al Byrd, 2054 Newmans Neck Road, Heathsville, Virginia 22473. August 28, 2000.

Cherokee's of Lawrence County, Tennessee, *c/o* Joe Harlan White, 393 Rabbit Trail Road, Leoma, Tennessee 38468. September 14, 2000.

Wiquapaug Eastern Pequot Tribe, *c/o* Byron O. Brown, P.O. Box 1148, Hope Valley, Rhode Island 02832. September 15, 2000.

North Valley Yokut Tribe, *c/o* Katherine Perez, 1234 Luna Lane, Stockton, California 95206. September 22, 2000.

Tejon Indian Tribe, *c/o* Dick Montes, 2234 Fourth Street, Wasco, California 93280. October 27, 2000.

This is a notice of receipt of these letters of intent to petition and does not constitute notice that the petitions are under active consideration. Notice of active consideration will be sent by mail to the petitioner and other interested parties at the appropriate time.

Under section 83.9(a) of the Federal regulations, third parties may submit factual and/or legal arguments in support of or in opposition to each group's petition and may request to be kept informed of all general actions affecting the petition. Third parties should provide copies of their submissions to the petitioner. Any information submitted will be made available on the same basis as other information in the BIA's files. The petitioner will be provided an opportunity to respond to such submissions prior to a final

determination regarding the petitioner's status.

The petitions may be examined, by appointment, in the Department of the Interior, BIA, Branch of Acknowledgment and Research, MS: 4660-MIB, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240; Telephone: (202) 208-3592.

Dated: November 21, 2000.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-932-1430-ET; NMNM 25016-30]

Public Land Order No. 7470; Partial Revocation of Executive Order Dated April 17, 1926; New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public land order.

SUMMARY: This order partially revokes an Executive order insofar as it affects 39.91 acres of land withdrawn for the Bureau of Land Management's Public Water Reserve No. 107. The land does not meet the criteria for a public water reserve. This action will open the land to surface entry and nonmetalliferous mining. The Executive order did not close any of the land to metalliferous mining or to mineral leasing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 8, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeanette Espinosa, BLM New Mexico State Office, 1474 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505, 505-438-7597.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1994), it is ordered as follows:

1. The Executive Order dated April 17, 1926, which established Public Water Reserve No. 107, is hereby revoked insofar as it affects the following described land:

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 20 S., R. 28 E.,

Sec. 1, lot 1.

The area described contains 39.91 acres in Eddy County.

2. At 10 a.m. on January 8, 2001, the land described in paragraph 1 will be opened to the operation of the public land laws generally, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of