

Recommended Actions To Meet These Responsibilities

HUD encourages jurisdictions that are recipients of funds covered by the Consolidated Plan to make outreach efforts to ensure that persons with disabilities are consulted and have an equal opportunity to participate in developing the jurisdiction's analysis of needs and plans for the use of Federal and other resources. HUD staff in the State and Area Community Planning and Development and Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Offices can be consulted in helping develop outreach efforts and a significant amount of information is found on HUD's homepage on the Internet at www.hud.gov.

During the new five-year Consolidated Plan cycle that begins in Fiscal Year 2001, Consolidated Plan jurisdictions are strongly encouraged to periodically review and update their AIs, as appropriate, to give the same attention to impediments to fair housing choice for persons with disabilities as is provided for other bases of discrimination such as race that have been prohibited by the Act since its inception in 1968. HUD in its review of Annual Action Plan submissions and during on-site reviews, will consider whether jurisdictions are giving appropriate attention in their Action Plans to compliance with the accessibility requirements of the Act by both private and public housing providers.

Jurisdictions are also encouraged to take other actions to advance fair housing choice for persons with disabilities in support of their certification to affirmatively further fair housing. Recent HUD House Appropriations report language would direct HUD, when reviewing Consolidated Plans, to take into consideration a community's adoption of a building code that satisfies the Act's accessibility requirements along with the community's other efforts to remove impediments to fair housing (see H. Rep. 106-674).

With respect to building codes, HUD encourages elected officials and those engaged in housing and community development programs to determine whether the jurisdiction's building code is inconsistent in any respect with the Act's accessibility requirements. HUD's recently completed review of the four model building codes for consistency with the Act can assist with this determination because most local building codes are derived from one or more national model codes. HUD's final report reviewing the model building

codes was published in the **Federal Register** on March 23, 2000 (65 FR 15740).

In its March 23, 2000 final report, HUD identified those areas of the model building codes that were not consistent with the accessibility requirements of the Act, and included recommended language for addressing these variations. Since that time, HUD has been working with the model code organizations and other interested persons in developing proposed code language to address the findings in the Department's final report with respect to the International Building Code 2000.

HUD also encourages jurisdictions to find ways to inform builders and architects as early as possible in the project design phase, but certainly no later than the issuance of a building permit, of the need to comply with the accessibility requirements of the Act.

Dated: December 1, 2000.

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General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

Endangered Species

The following applicants have applied 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.*):

Applicant: Zoological Society of San Diego, San Diego, CA, PRT-036157

The applicant requests a permit to import three male and three female captive born Przewalski's wild horse (*Equus p. przewalskii*) from the Calgary Zoo, Calgary Alta, Canada for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through captive propagation.

Applicant: Bell Bud, Houston, TX, PRT-036529

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.

Applicant: Triple S Game Farm, Edmond, OK, PRT-35441

The applicant requests a permit to export biological samples of the following endangered pheasant species: imperial (*Lophura imperialis*), Edward's (*Lophura edwardsi*), Swinhoe's (*Lophura swinhoii*), white-eared (*Crossoptilon crossoptilon*), brown-eared (*Crossoptilon mantchuricum*), cheer (*Catreus wallichi*), Elliot's (*Syrmaticus ellioti*), bar-tailed (*Syrmaticus humiae*), mikado (*Syrmaticus mikado*); to Dr. Ettore Randi, National Institute of Wildlife, Ozzano Emilia, Italy, for scientific research for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Marc A. Cheramie, Golden Meadow, LA, PRT-036303

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.

Applicant: Jeffrey R. Powell, Yale University, Dept. of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, New Haven CT, PRT-036010

The applicant requests a permit to re-export 171 blood samples collected from Galapagos tortoises (*Geochelone nigra*) to Michel C. Milinkovitch, Unit of Evolutionary Genetics, Dept. of Molecular Biology, Free University of Belgium, Gosselies, Belgium, for the purpose of scientific research. The samples were originally collected by the applicant from wild tortoises in the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, and imported to the United States under permit no. US784934.

Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Society, Bronx, NY, PRT-811776

The applicant requests re-issuance of a permit to import feathers dropped from wild and captive-born birds, which are obtained through various international institutions and through collecting conducted during field studies, for the purpose of the scientific research. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a five year period.

Written data or comments 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.

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