

or requests must be received within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: August 3, 2001.  
**Monica Farris,**  
*Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits,  
Division of Management Authority.*  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals

On May 7, 2001, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (Vol. 66, No. 88, Page No. 23044), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by William Bricker for a permit (PRT–042025) to import one polar bear taken from the Lancaster Sound population, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on July 11, 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.

On May 22, 2001, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (Vol. 66, No. 99, Page No. 28196), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by William Carvajal for a permit (PRT–042636) to import one polar bear taken from the Lancaster Sound population, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on July 20, 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.

On May 22, 2001, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (Vol. 66, No. 99, Page No. 28195), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by John Link for a permit (PRT–042520) to import one polar bear taken from the Lancaster Sound population, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on July 20, 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.

On June 6, 2001, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (Vol. 66, No. 109, Page No. 30476), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Jay Earl Link for a permit (PRT–042006) to import one polar bear taken from the Lancaster Sound population, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on July 20, 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.

On June 27, 2001, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (Vol. 66, No. 124, Page No. 34232), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Ronald J. Jameson, USGS, Biological Resources Division, for an amendment to his permit (PRT–777239) to allow take of sea otters (*Enhydra lutris*) for the purpose of scientific research.

Notice is hereby given that on July 26, 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 amendment 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.

Dated: August 3, 2001.  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Letters of Authorization To Take Marine Mammals

**AGENCY:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of Letters of Authorization to take marine mammals incidental to oil and gas industry activities.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 101(a)(5)(A) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service implementing regulations [50 CFR 18.27(f)(3)], notice is hereby given that a Letter of Authorization to take polar bears incidental to oil and gas industry exploration activities has been issued to the following company:

| Company                                  | Activity          | Location                             | Date issued    |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Alaska Gas Producers Pipeline Team ..... | Exploration ..... | Prudhoe Bay to Canadian Border ..... | June 20, 2001. |

**CONTACT:** Mr. John W. Bridges at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals Management Office, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, (800) 362–5148 or (907) 786–3810.  
**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Letter of Authorization is issued in accordance with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Federal Rules and Regulations “Marine Mammals; Incidental Take During Specified Activities (65 FR 16828; March 30, 2000).”

Dated: July 9, 2001.  
**David B. Allen,**  
*Regional Director.*  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Risk Assessment and Management Committee Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Risk Assessment and Management Committee of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force. The