

Beaufort Sea polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

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Dated: November 8, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of permit for marine mammals.

SUMMARY: The following permits were issued.

ADDRESSES: 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; fax (703) 358-2281.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 10, 2002, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 57445), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Hobson Reynolds for a permit (PRT-061098) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) taken from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on November 6, 2002, 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 issued the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On August 20, 2002, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 53960), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Lawrence P. Rudolph for a permit

(PRT-058229) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) taken from the Viscount Melville Sound polar bear population, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on November 4, 2002, 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 issued the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Northeast Regional 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 Northeast Regional Panel. The meeting topics are identified in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The Northeast Regional Panel will meet from 12 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 16, 2002, and 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday, December 17, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The Northeast Regional Panel meeting will be held at the Northeast Regional Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, MA 01035-9589. Phone 413-253-8404.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Snow-Cotter, 617-626-1202 or Sharon Gross, Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force at 703-358-2308.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.I), this notice announces a meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Northeast Regional Panel. The Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990. The Northeast Regional Panel was established on July 25, 2001, to advise and make recommendations to the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force on issues relating to the Northeast region of the United States. Geographically, the

Northeast region is defined to include the jurisdictions of the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New York. The Northeast Regional Panel will discuss several topics at this meeting including: Updates from provinces and states; review of reports from subcommittees on Communication, Education, and Outreach, Policy and Legislation, and Science Technology; discussion on the development of a rapid response system, a ballast water regional management plan, and data management; updates from the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force and National Invasive Species Council on national issues, reauthorization of the National Aquatic Invasive Species Act; updates on the development of State ANS Management Plans; and other topics.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Suite 810, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1622, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

Dated: November 15, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Proposed Agency Information Collection; Request for Comments

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Department of the Interior is seeking extension of an Information Collection Request (ICR) for grantees participating in the Public Law 102-477 program, OMB Control No. 1076-0135. The Department invites public comments on the subject proposal described below.

DATES: Submit written comments regarding this proposal on or before January 27, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Mail comments to George Gover, Director, Office of Economic Development, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW., MS-4640-MIB, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instructions should be directed to Lynn Forcia, Office of Economic Development, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW., MS-4640-MIB, Washington, DC 20240, at (202)-219-5270 (This is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

The information collection is needed to document satisfactory compliance with statutory requirements of the various integrated programs. Public Law 102-477 authorizes tribal governments to integrate federally funded employment, training and related services programs into a single, coordinated, comprehensive service delivery plan. Funding agencies include the Department of the Interior, Department of Labor and the Department of Health and Human Services. The Bureau of Indian Affairs is statutorily required to serve as the lead agency. Section 11 of this Act requires that the Secretary of the Interior make available a single universal report format which shall be used by a tribal government to report on integrated activities and expenditures undertaken. The Bureau of Indian Affairs shares the information collected from these reports with the Department of Labor and Department of Health and Human Services.

II. Method of Collection

Public Law 102-477 grantees are required to complete a single universal report format including the annual submission of two single page, one-sided report forms and one narrative report, using five pages of instructions. This reporting format was initially developed in 1993 and replaced 166 pages of instructions and forms representing three different agencies with related employment, training, education and welfare reform programs.

Federal partners have now further reduced their reporting requirements for the separate programs and now require approximately 142 pages of instructions and forms total each year. The Public Law 102-477 initiative requires five pages per year of forms and instructions. All tribes must also review instructions and complete annually approximately 62 pages of Department of Health and Human Services, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), program forms and instructions. We have not been able to successfully integrate TANF reporting with Public Law 102-477 reporting. In addition, four pages of

reports and instructions must be completed by tribes annually for the Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance program for determination of allocation of funds. Therefore, tribes participating in Public Law 102-477 currently experience a 50 percent reduction in reporting forms and instructions than if they implemented all programs separately. This reduction is consistent with the Paperwork Reduction Act and goals of the National Performance Review.

The statistical report and narrative report will be used to demonstrate how well a plan was executed in comparison to its proposed goals. This one page, universal report plus narrative satisfies requirements of the Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Labor and the Department of the Interior.

The financial status report will be used to track cash flow, and will allow an analysis of activities versus expenditures and expenditures to approved budget. It is a slightly modified SF-269-A (short form).

These two report forms and the narrative satisfy requirements of the Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Labor and the Department of the Interior. The revised forms reduce the burden on tribal governments by consolidating data collection for employment, training, education, child care and related service programs. The reports are due annually. These forms, developed within a partnership between participating tribes and representatives of all three Federal agencies, standardize terms and definitions, eliminate duplication and reduce frequency of collection.

III. Data

Title: A Reporting System for Public Law 102-477 Demonstration Project.

OMB Control Number: 1076-0135.

Respondents: Tribes participating in Public Law 102-477 will report annually. As of October 1, 2002, we anticipate there will be 48 grantees representing approximately 220 federally-recognized tribes participating in the program.

Burden: We estimate that completion of the reporting requirements will require 16 hours per year to complete for each grantee. The total hour burden will be 768 hours.

IV. Request for Comments

The existing reporting procedure was initially developed in 1993 with the active participation from Department of Labor, Department of Health and Human Services and tribal representatives. Since that time, the

forms were modified once to accommodate the Department of Labor's Welfare-to-Work program.

Comments may include:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the bureau, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to Lynn Forcia, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW., MS-4660-MIB, Washington, DC 20240. Tribal consultation will be also be sought in January at the next regularly scheduled Public Law 102-477 Tribal Work Group meeting to be held in Washington, DC.

All written comments, names and addresses of commentators will be available for public inspection in Room 4644 of the Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. If you want us to withhold your name and address you must state that prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will honor your request to the extent allowable by law. Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, an information collection request that does not have a currently valid expiration date.

Dated: November 18, 2002.

Neal A. McCaleb,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Indian Affairs****Tribal Self-Governance Program Information Collection**

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request.