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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered Species Permit Application

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Regional Director's Permit Amendment (TE-676811-1).

SUMMARY: The Regional Director, Region 2, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Albuquerque, New Mexico (Applicant), requests authorization to amend U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Endangered Species Permit TE-676811, from September 1, 2000 through December 31, 2003. This amendment updates the Regional Director's permit to include species that have recently been listed. The permit allows "take" of species listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act for scientific research and recovery purposes or the enhancement of propagation or survival for approved recovery activities. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*).

DATES: Written comments on this permit amendment must be received on or before December 15, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Legal Instruments Examiner, Division of Endangered Species/Permits, Ecological Services, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Please refer to the permit number for this application when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (see address above). Please refer to the permit number for this amendment when requesting copies of documents. Documents and other associated information 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 the address above.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Plan for the Use and Distribution of the Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin Settlement Funds—Termination Act Claims

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the plan for the use and distribution of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin settlement fund is effective as of September 20, 2000. The settlement fund was created under section 3 the Act of August 17, 1999, Public Law 106-54, 113 Stat. 398.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daisy West, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Division of Tribal Government Services, MS-4631-MIB, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240. Telephone number: (202) 208-2475.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Subsection 3(c)(1) of the Act of August 17, 1999, *supra*, and section 3(b) of the Indian Tribal Judgment Funds Act, 25 U.S.C. 1403(b), requires that a plan be prepared and submitted to Congress for the use and distribution of the Menominee settlement funds. The plan for the use and distribution of the funds was submitted to Congress on May 22, 2000, by letters dated May 19, 2000. The receipt of the letters was recorded in the Congressional Record published on May 24, 2000. The plan became effective on September 20, 2000, since a joint resolution disapproving it was not enacted. The plan reads as follows:

Plan

For the Use and Distribution of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin Judgment Funds

The funds appropriated on September 27, 1999, in satisfaction of an award granted to the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin (Tribe) pursuant to the Act of August 17, 1999, Pub. L. 106-54, 113 Stat. 398, including all interest and

investment income accrued, less attorney fees and litigation expenses, shall be distributed as herein provided.

A. Per Capita Distribution

Approximately \$16,026,000 (58.8 percent of the judgment funds remaining after payment of litigation expenses) shall be made available for a \$2,000 per capita payment to all duly enrolled tribal members that filed enrollment applications with the Tribe on or before October 15, 1999. Judgment fund per capita shares shall also be set aside for the estates of tribal members that were living on August 17, 1999, but deceased prior to the per capita distribution, provided, that enrollment applications were filed with the Tribe prior to the application deadline date.

If the estimated amount is not sufficient to cover the per capita portion of the distribution, funding adjustments can be made from the *Alternative and Additional Projects* account.

The per capita shares of living competent adults shall be paid directly to them. The per capita shares of incarcerated members who are eligible for the per capita payment shall be placed in Individual Indian Money (IIM) accounts, provided that the Tribe provides a certified list of those individuals to the Bureau of Indian Affairs along with the written requests from those individuals requesting that their per capita funds be placed in a non-supervised IIM account. The per capita shares of deceased individual beneficiaries shall be determined in accordance with 43 CFR, Subpart D. Per capita shares of legal incompetents and minors shall be placed in IIM accounts and shall not be available for disbursement until a payment plan is developed by the Tribe for the disbursement of funds from the supervised IIM accounts as required under 25 U.S.C. 1403(b)(3). The payment plan for the shares belonging to legal incompetents and minors must be approved by the Secretary. The Tribe may make the per capita distribution as authorized under 25 U.S.C. 117(b).

B. Programming

The programming funds shall be allocated by the Tribe for the following projects. The programming funds are authorized for expenditure in accordance with the revised tribal plan approved by the Menominee Tribal Legislature under Resolution No. 00-14, on March 23, 2000.

Renovation and Expansion of the Tribal Courthouse—Principal and investment income earned after the account is established by the Tribe will be available for the renovation and expansion project

\$1,500,000