

Date: December 1, 2000.

Time: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Quality Hotel, Courthouse Plaza, 1200 North Courthouse Road, Arlington, VA 22201.

Contact Person: J. Terrell Hoffeld, DDS, PhD, Dental Officer, USPHS, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4116, MSC 7816, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1781, th88q@nih.gov.

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: December 1, 2000.

Time: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications and/or proposals.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Sharon K. Pulfer, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4140, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1767.

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: December 1, 2000.

Time: 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

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Dated: November 16, 2000.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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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: Robert M. Taylor, Sugarland, TX, PRT-035977

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: Andy Tomlinson, Prescott, AZ, PRT-034624

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: Selmer D. Lutey, Prescott, AZ, PRT-035213

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: Charles W. Sand Jr., Columbus, NE, PRT-036161

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: World Exotics, Naples, Florida, PRT-033397

The applicant requests a permit to export one pair of captive born tigers (*Panthera tigris*) to Pengiran Ratna Wijaya Brigadier General, Brunei Darussalam for the purpose of enhancement of the species through captive propagation.

Applicant: White Oak Conservation Center, Yulee, FL, PRT-033790

The applicant requests a permit to import 2 captive bred cheetahs (*Acinonyx jubatus*) from Wassenaar Wildlife Breeding Centre, the Netherlands, for the purpose of captive propagation.

Applicant: Richard L. Mahan, Bentonville, AR, PRT-036233

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.

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: John Gulius, Wilkes-Barre, PA, PRT-035978

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

Applicant: Eugene Bell, Shoemakersville, PA, PRT-036246

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

On September 19, 2000, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 65, No. 182, Page 56588, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by USGS Biological Resources Division, Anchorage, AK for a permit (PRT-766818) to amend their permit to collect liver biopsy samples for the purpose of scientific research.

Notice is hereby given that on 10/27/2000, 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.

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.

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: November 21, 2000.

Charlie Chandler,

Chief, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of the Draft Stage I Assessment Plan for the Kalamazoo River Environment Site Natural Resource Damage Assessment

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of comment period.

SUMMARY: Notice is given that the draft "Stage I Assessment Plan [for the] Kalamazoo River Environment Site" is available for public review and comment. The public comment period started with local newspaper notices and placement of the document at repositories at the Allegan Public Library, Charles Ransom Library, Kalamazoo Public Library, Otsego District Library, Saugatuck-Douglas Library, and Waldo Library on November 20, 2000.

The U.S. Department of the Interior ("Department"), the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the Michigan Attorney General, and the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration are acting as co-trustees for natural resources considered in this assessment plan, pursuant to subpart G of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan, 40 CFR 300.600 and 300.610, and Executive Order 12580.

The assessment plan describes the first stage of a natural resource damage assessment which the trustees are conducting pursuant to the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Regulations found at 43 CFR Part 11. The public review of the assessment plan announced by this Notice is provided for in 43 CFR 11.32(c)(1).

Interested members of the public are invited to review and comment on the assessment plan. Copies of the assessment plan can be requested from the address listed below. The trustees may revise the assessment plan in response to issues raised during the comment period. All written comments will be considered.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will hold an informational meeting regarding the assessment plan at 7 p.m. on Monday, December 4, 2000, at the Plainwell Comfort Inn, 622 Allegan Street (M-89), Plainwell, MI (616-685-9891).

DATES: Written comments on the assessment plan described in this notice must be submitted on or before January 16, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The assessment plan is available at repositories at the Allegan Public Library, Charles Ransom Library, Kalamazoo Public Library, Otsego District Library, Saugatuck-Douglas Library, and Waldo Library, all in southwestern Michigan. The document can be also accessed online through the Internet at the following website: <http://midwest.fws.gov/nrda/kalamazoo>. Written requests for paper copies may be made to: Lisa L. Williams, Ph.D., U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2651 Coolidge Road, Suite 101, East Lansing, MI 48823.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this natural resource damage assessment is to confirm and quantify injuries to natural resources, resultant economic damages, and the natural resource restoration necessary to address those injuries in the Kalamazoo River environment resulting primarily from exposure to polychlorinated biphenyls released by Kalamazoo River and Portage Creek paper mills. The injury and required restoration are assessed under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended, the Clean Water Act, as amended, and, for the state trustees, Michigan's Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, as amended.

Dated: November 20, 2000.

William F. Hartwig,

Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[HE-952-9911-00]

Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Number 1004-0179

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is announcing its intention to request renewal of an existing approval to collect certain information from those persons with an In-Kind Crude Helium Sales Contract. BLM also collects helium sales information from Federal agencies and helium suppliers on major helium requirements to balance crude helium sales with the sale of helium to Federal agencies (43 CFR 3195).

DATES: You must submit your comments to BLM at the appropriate address below on or before January 29, 2001. BLM will not necessarily consider any comments received after the above date.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to: Regulatory Affairs Group (630), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW, Room 401LS, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Comments may be sent via Internet to: WOCComment@blm.gov. Please include "ATTN: 1004-0179" and your name and return address in your Internet message.

Comments may be hand-delivered to the Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

Comments will be available for public review at the L Street address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Connie H. Neely, Crude Helium Sales Analyst, (806) 324-2635.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.12(a), the BLM is required to provide 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a collection of information contained in a published current rule to solicit comments on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of