

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 applications 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 part 18). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be submitted to the Director (address above). 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.

#### PRT-099532.

Applicant: Rick L. Hunt, Elizabeth, CO

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, non-commercial use.

Dated: March 4, 2005.

**Lisa J. Lierheimer,**

*Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

##### Fish and Wildlife Service

##### Issuance of Permits

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

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of permit for marine mammals.

**SUMMARY:** The following permit was issued.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents and other information submitted with this application 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: 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:** Notice is hereby given that on the dates below, as authorized by the provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*), and 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.

#### MARINE MAMMALS

Permit No.	Applicant	Receipt of application <b>Federal Register</b> notice	Permit issuance date
095276 .....	California Department of Fish and Game, Marine Wildlife Veterinary Care and Research Center.	69 FR 68968; November 26, 2005 .....	February 4, 2005.

Dated: March 4, 2005.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

##### Fish and Wildlife Service

##### Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for the North County Multiple Species Conservation Program, San Diego, CA

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) advises the public that we intend to gather information necessary to prepare, in coordination with the County of San Diego (County), a joint Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the North County Multiple Species Conservation Program (NCMSCP) Plan. The NCMSCP

Plan would serve as a multiple species Habitat Conservation Plan under Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Federal Endangered Species Act, as amended in 1982 (ESA).

The Service provides this notice to: (1) Describe the proposed action and possible alternatives; (2) advise other Federal and State agencies, affected Tribes, and the public of our intent to prepare an EIS/EIR; (3) announce the initiation of a public scoping period; and (4) obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues and alternatives to be included in the EIS/EIR.

**DATES:** A public meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 30, 2005, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Written comments should be received on or before April 13, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will be held at the following location: Wednesday, March 30, 2005, at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, 6010 Hidden Valley Road, Carlsbad, CA 92009.

Information, written comments, or questions related to the preparation of the EIS/EIR and NEPA process should be submitted to Susan Wynn, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Carlsbad Fish and

Wildlife Office, 6010 Hidden Valley Road, Carlsbad, California 92009 (facsimile (760) 431-5902).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Susan Wynn (*see ADDRESSES*) at (760) 431-9440.

##### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Reasonable Accommodation

Persons needing reasonable accommodations in order to attend and participate in the public meeting should contact Susan Wynn as soon as possible (*see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT*). In order to allow sufficient time to process requests, please call no later than 1 week before the public meeting. Information regarding this proposed action is available in alternative formats upon request.

##### Background

The purpose of the EIS/EIR is to analyze the impacts of the proposed issuance of an ESA incidental take permit based on implementation of the NCMSCP Plan. The Federal need is to ensure compliance with the ESA, NEPA, and other applicable Federal laws and regulations.