

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

meeting topics are identified in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**DATES:** The Committee will meet from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, August 21, 2001 and will participate in a field trip from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday, August 22, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the NOAA National Ocean Service Cooperative Oxford Laboratory, 904 South Morris Street, Oxford, Maryland 21654. Phone (410) 226-5193.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Richard Orr, Chair, Risk Assessment and Management Committee, at (301) 734-8939 or by email at [Richard.L.Orr@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:Richard.L.Orr@aphis.usda.gov) or Sharon Gross, Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force at 703-358-2308 or by e-mail at: [sharon\\_gross@fws.gov](mailto:sharon_gross@fws.gov).

**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 Risk Assessment and Management Committee. The Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4701-4741). Topics to be addressed at this meeting include: a discussion on the document "Black Carp (*Mylopharyngodon piceus*): a Biological Synopsis and Updated Risk Assessment"; an update on the risk assessment for the Asian Swamp eel; a discussion on revision of the RAM screening paper; and a discussion of the policies surrounding screening processes with emphasis on precaution and uncertainty. Nutria and other invasive species observations will be the goal of the field trip.

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 the Chair of the Ballast Water and Shipping Committee at the Environmental Standards Division, Office of Operations and Environmental Standards, U.S. Coast Guard (G-MSO-4), 2100 Second Street, SW., room 1309, Washington, DC 20593-0001. Minutes for the meetings will be available at these locations for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

Dated: July 31, 2001.

**Everett Wilson,**

*Acting Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Acting Assistant Director—Fisheries and Habitat Conservation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NM-910-01-1020-PG]

#### New Mexico Resource Advisory Council Meeting

**AGENCY:** The Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of council meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix 1, The Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), announces a meeting of the New Mexico Resource Advisory Council (RAC). New Mexico Resource Advisory Council Meetings are planned in conjunction with the representative of the Governor of the State of New Mexico; the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on October 3 and 4, 2001, with an optional Field Trip following on Friday, October 5. The meeting will begin at 8 a.m. and end by 5 p.m. both days.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place at the Sagebrush Inn at 1508 Paseo Del Pueblo Sur, Taos, NM 87571.

**AGENDA:** The draft agenda for the RAC meeting on Wednesday, October 3, includes agreement on the meeting agenda, any RAC comments on the draft minutes of the last RAC meeting which was held on June 6 through 8, 2001, in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and a check-in from the RAC members.

Reports from the seven Field Offices and from the three established Subcommittees will be presented at various times throughout the two day meeting. The meeting will serve as an orientation for new members. Information on past topics will be shared to bring them up to date.

The three established RAC Subcommittees may have late afternoon or evening meetings on Wednesday, October 3 or on Thursday, October 4. The exact time and location of possible Subcommittee meetings will be established by the Chairperson of each Subcommittee and be available to the public at the front desk of the hotel on those two days. The meeting is open to the public, and starting at 2:45 p.m. on Wednesday, October 3, 2001, there will be an additional 15 minute Public Comment Period for members of the public who are not able to be present to address the RAC during the regular two hour Public Comment Period on

Thursday, October 4 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The RAC may reduce or extend the end time of 12 noon depending on the number of people wishing to address the RAC.

A RAC assessment of the current meeting and development of draft agenda items and selection of a location for the next RAC meeting will take place Thursday afternoon. On Thursday, October 4, the ending time of the meeting may be changed depending on the work remaining for the RAC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mary White, New Mexico State Office, Office of External Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, 1474 Rodeo Road, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-0115, telephone (505) 438-7404.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the Resource Advisory Council is to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with the management of public lands. The Council's responsibilities include providing advice on long-range planning, establishing resource management priorities and assisting the BLM to identify State and regional standards for rangeland health and guidelines for grazing management.

Dated: July 30, 2001.

**Richard Whitley,**

*Associate State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WO-350-1430-ET; NMNM 25765; OR 48432]

#### Public Land Order No. 7490; Transfer of Jurisdiction, Melrose Air Force Range and Yakima Training Center; New Mexico and Washington

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management.

**ACTION:** Public land order.

**SUMMARY:** This order transfers the administrative jurisdiction of 6,713.90 acres of public domain lands in New Mexico from the Secretary of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management to the Secretary of the Air Force for use as part of the Melrose Air Force Range. This order also transfers the administrative jurisdiction of 6,640.02 acres of public domain lands in Washington from the Secretary of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management to the Secretary of the Army for use as part of the Yakima Training Center. These