

amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (address below) and must be received within 30 days of the date of this notice.

PRT-047984

Applicant: Philadelphia Zoological Garden, Philadelphia, PA.

The applicant requests a permit to import a female captive-bred giant otter (*Pteronura brasiliensis*) from the Brasilia Zoo, Brazil, for the purpose of enhancing the propagation of the species.

PRT-048151

Applicant: Michael Follett, Dallas, TX.

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 applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The applications were 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 these complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be submitted to the Director (address below) and must be received within 30 days of the date of this notice. 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-047054

Applicant: Douglas E. Snell, Brandywine, MD.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Northern Beaufort Sea polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

PRT-048095

Applicant: Clayton L. Green, Jr., Lawton, OK.

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 use.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has information collection approval

from OMB through March 31, 2004, 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 within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to: 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: September 14, 2001.

Monica Farris,

Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of a Draft Supplement and Amendment to the Sonoran Pronghorn Recovery Plan—Recovery Criteria and Estimates of Time for Recovery Actions—for Review and Comment

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announces the availability for public review of a Draft Supplement and Amendment to the 1998 Final Sonoran pronghorn (*Antilocapra americana sonoriensis*) Recovery Plan. The species is currently known to occur on federal lands in Maricopa, Pima, and Yuma counties in southwestern Arizona. The Service solicits review and comment from the public on this Draft Supplement and Amendment.

DATES: Comments on the Draft Supplement and Amendment to the 1998 Final Sonoran Pronghorn Recovery Plan must be received on or before November 26, 2001 to receive consideration by the Service.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the Draft Supplement and Amendment to the 1998 Final Sonoran Pronghorn Recovery Plan may obtain a copy by accessing the Service's Arizona Ecological Service Field Office internet web page at Arizonaes.fws.gov or

contacting John Morgart, Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1611 North Second Avenue, Ajo, Arizona, 85321 (520/387-4989 Direct; 520/387-6483 Refuge Office; 520/387-5359 Fax; john_morgart@fws.gov e-mail). Written comments and materials regarding the supplement and amendment to the plan should be addressed to the Refuge Manager, Don Tiller, at this same address. Comments and materials received are available on request for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Morgart (see **ADDRESSES**).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Restoring an endangered or threatened animal or plant species to the point where it is again a secure, self-sustaining member of its ecosystem is a primary goal of the Service's endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, the Service prepares recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for conservation of species, establish criteria for the recovery levels for downlisting or delisting them, and estimate time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

In a recent court decision (Civil Action No. 99-927 [ESH]), the judge ruled that the 1998 Final Sonoran Pronghorn Recovery Plan “* * * fails to establish (1) objective measurable criteria which, when met, would result in a determination that the pronghorn may be removed from the list of endangered species or, if such criteria are not practicable, an explanation of that conclusion and (2) estimates of the time required to carry out those measures needed to achieve the plan's goal and to achieve intermediate steps toward that goal where practicable, or, if such estimates are not practicable, an explanation of that conclusion.” The Court has ordered the Service to reconsider these portions of the 1998 Final Sonoran Pronghorn Recovery Plan. Deadline for completion of this task is November 30, 2001.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act, as amended in 1988, requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and

comment be provided during recovery plan development. Public review and comment is also sought for this supplement and amendment to an existing recovery plan. The Service will consider all information presented during a public comment period prior to approval of the supplement and amendment to the 1998 Final Sonoran Pronghorn Recovery Plan. The Service and other Federal agencies will also take these comments into account in the course of implementing recovery activities.

The Draft Supplement and Amendment to the 1998 Final Sonoran Pronghorn Recovery Plan updates selected biological sections of the Recovery Plan, addresses the five listing factors mandated by Section 4(a)(1) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, reassesses recovery criteria presented in the Final Recovery Plan, and where practicable, provides estimates of time necessary to carry out measures needed to effect recovery of Sonoran pronghorn as articulated in the Final Recovery Plan. The Draft Supplement and Amendment to the 1998 Final Recovery Plan was developed by the Service in coordination with an appointed Recovery Team that includes a group of scientists and agency biologists with expertise in the ecology of the Sonoran pronghorn. The Draft Supplement and Amendment to the Recovery Plan has undergone peer review by scientists, conservation biologists, range experts, and others experienced in reviewing recovery plans. This Draft Supplement and Amendment to the Recovery Plan incorporates their comments where applicable.

Public Comments Solicited

We solicit written comments on the Draft Supplement and Amendment to the 1998 Final Sonoran Pronghorn Recovery Plan. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered prior to approval of the plan.

Authority

The authority for this action is Section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: September 13, 2001.

Geoffrey L. Haskett,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals

On June 15, 2001, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 32635), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by James A. Cummings for a permit (PRT-043611) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*), taken from the Lancaster Sound population, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on August 28, 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 14, 2001 a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 32371), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Brian Olson for a permit (PRT-043984) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy taken from the Norwegian Bay population, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on August 30, 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.

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: September 14, 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has submitted for renewal the information collection for the Housing Assistance Application (1076-0084) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act. This program and the process of obtaining benefits are codified at 25 CFR Part 256. On May 10, 2001, the BIA published a notice in the **Federal Register** requesting comments on the proposed information collection. The comment period ended on July 10, 2001. The BIA received no comments from the public in response to the notice.

DATES: Submit comments on or before October 25, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Your comments and suggestions on the requirements should be made directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Desk Officer for Department of the Interior, Office of Management and Budget; 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20503. Please provide a copy of your comments to June Henkel, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, MS-4660-MIB, Washington, D.C., 20240. Telephone: (202) 208-3667.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the renewal of collection of information and related self-explanatory form may be obtained by contacting June Henkel, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-4660-MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240. E-mail: JuneHenkel@bia.gov. Fax: (202) 208-2648. Telephone: (202) 208-3667. (This is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The information is needed to establish whether an applicant is eligible to receive services under the HIP and to establish the priority order in which eligible applicants may receive services under the program. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on May 10, 2001 (66 FR 23948). OMB is required to respond to this request between 30-60 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. For maximum consideration, your comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days of publication.