

*Name of SEP:* Clinical Sciences.

*Date:* April 14, 1997.

*Time:* 3:00 p.m.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 4104, Telephone Conference.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Priscilla Chen, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4104, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1787.

*Name of SEP:* Clinical Sciences.

*Date:* April 22, 1997.

*Time:* 3:00 p.m.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2 Room 4104, Telephone Conference.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Priscilla Chen, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4104, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1787.

*Purpose/Agenda:* To review Small Business Innovation Research.

*Name of SEP:* Behavioral and Neurosciences.

*Date:* April 3-4, 1997.

*Time:* 1:00 p.m.

*Place:* Holiday Inn—Capitol, Washington, DC.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Jane Hu, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5168, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1245.

The meetings will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. Applications and/or proposals and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, 93.333, 93.337, 93.393-93.396, 93.837-93.844, 93.846-93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: March 3, 1997.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

*Committee Management Officer, NIH.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

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:* Houston Zoological Gardens, Houston, TX, PRT-825689.

The applicant request a permit to import one male captive born Pink pigeon (*Columba mayeri*) from Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust for the

purpose of enhancement of the species through propagation.

*Applicant:* Lance K. Parks, Billings, MT, PRT-825893.

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:* Duke University Primate Center, Durham, NC, PRT-825870.

The applicant requests a permit to export the frozen cadaver of one captive-born female mongoose lemur (*Eulemur coronatus*), which died of natural causes, to the Institute for Experimental Pathology, Muenster, Germany, for the purpose of enhancement of the species through genetic research.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 430, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

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, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 430, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

Dated: March 4, 1997.

Caroline Anderson,

*Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.*

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#### Revised Procedures for Selecting and Funding Federal Aid in Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration Administrative Projects

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Service is announcing procedures for obtaining funding for Federal Aid administrative projects and availability of an estimated \$2,000,000 for Wildlife Restoration projects and \$2,000,000 for Sport Fish projects. This year's program changes the application

deadline, updates focus areas, and clarifies documentation needs from the previous year.

**DATES:** Applications/proposals must be received by May 1, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Proposals must be submitted to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Chief, Division of Federal Aid, MS 140 ARLSQ, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Robert E. Lange, Jr., Chief, Division of Federal Aid, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; (703) 358-2156.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Service publishes a notice in the Federal Register each year announcing the deadline for project proposals, the amount of money available for Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration projects, and the focus areas identified for the year. Focus areas are used to promote and encourage efforts that address priority needs of the State fish and wildlife agencies.

The focus areas contained in this notice were developed in cooperation with the Grants-in-Aid Committee of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies and represent that group's assessment of priority projects. The focus areas are provided as a guide so that applicants will know the types of projects that will likely score higher in the rankings.

Changes made since last year's program include a new application deadline of May 1, 1997, revised focus areas, and the requirement for applicants to submit a completed Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form 424) including Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs (Standard Form 424A) and Assurances—Non-Construction Programs (Standard Form 424B).

States, local governments, charitable and educational institutions, and other authorized recipients are authorized to apply for grants according to these procedures. The Department of the Interior has promulgated rules (43 CFR Part 12) adopting common rules developed by the Office of Management and Budget as required by OMB Circulars A-102 and A-110 that contain administrative requirements that apply to these grants. This annual grant program does not contain information collection requirements for which approval by the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as specified in 43 CFR Part 12.4 are required. The information collection requirements for this grant program are those necessary to comply with 43 CFR Part 12, which include (a) project narrative; and (b)

compliance with Federal laws, regulations, and policies. Record keeping includes the tracking of costs and accomplishments, monitoring progress and evaluating accomplishments, and reporting requirements. The Standard Form 424 series prescribed by OMB Circulars A-102 and A-110 have the OMB clearance number 0348-0043.

Dated: February 28, 1997.

Jay L. Gerst,  
Acting Director.

## Procedures for Selecting and Funding Federal Aid in Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration Administrative Projects

### A. Purpose

This statement establishes procedures for selecting administrative projects to be funded by the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration and Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration programs. These projects are funded by grants to States, local governments, charitable and educational institutions, or other authorized recipients to accomplish public purposes relating to administering the Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration Programs and to facilitate the efforts of the States in implementing these programs.

### B. Background

The mission of the two grant programs is to strengthen the ability of State and Territorial fish and wildlife agencies to meet effectively the consumptive and nonconsumptive needs of the public for fish and wildlife resources. The Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act authorize the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the States and to use administrative funds for carrying out the purposes of the Acts. The Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661) provides the authority to provide financial assistance to Federal, State, and public or private parties to facilitate fish and wildlife programs.

Administrative funds are deducted each year from the total amounts of funds available under the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act. The statutory provisions related to administrative deductions are as follows:

#### Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration (SFR)

Federal Aid Administrative Funds for sport fish restoration may not exceed 6 percent of the deposits in the SFR Account of the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund. These funds may be used for

administrative projects for the "conduct of necessary investigations, administration, and the execution of this Act and for the aiding in the formulation, adoption, or administration of any compact between two or more States for the conservation and management of migratory fishes in marine or fresh waters." (Section 4 of the Act as amended by P.L. 98-369, 16 U.S.C. 777c)

#### Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration (WR)

Federal Aid Administrative Funds for wildlife restoration may not exceed 8 percent of the excise tax receipts deposited in the WR Fund. These funds may be used for the "administration and execution of this Act and the Migratory Bird Conservation Act." (Section 4 of the Act, 16 U.S.C. 669c)

After making administrative deductions as specified above, the remainder of the funds will be apportioned to the States in accordance with the formulas contained in the Acts. The Service will strive to minimize administrative deductions in order to maximize apportionments to the States.

### C. Availability of Funds

In fiscal year 1998, the amounts of funds estimated to be available for administrative projects are \$2,000,000 for sport fish restoration and \$2,000,000 for wildlife restoration.

### D. Interstate Compacts

The Service also will make available a total of \$600,000 annually, without competition, for funding The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission, and Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, as authorized by law. Requests for additional amounts that may be eligible, must compete with other proposals for Administrative Funds. Proposals will be subject to all of the requirements in Section E.

### E. Eligibility Requirements

The Service's Division of Federal Aid will review each proposal to determine if proposals are eligible for funding. To be eligible for funding, proposals must meet the following:

1. Authority—The project being proposed must be consistent with the missions of the programs authorized by the SFR/WR laws and regulations.

2. Scope—The problem or need addressed in the proposal is of direct concern to one-half or more of the States or of national significance, but confined to a lesser geographic area. The scope of marine resources proposals must also address a need that is of direct concern

to a majority of States on a specific coast.

3. Significance—The problem or need addressed is deserving of the level of attention proposed.

4. Feasibility—The proposed objectives can be attained in the amount of time and with the personnel and resources requested.

5. Cost-effectiveness—The expected results of accomplishing the proposal are worth the costs to be expended.

6. Period—The maximum duration for any approved projects will be three years. New proposals may be submitted to extend a project beyond the original three-year period.

7. Documentation—Proposals must address each section of the documentation as listed under Submission Requirements, Section G.

### F. Application Process

1. All proposals including funding requests for administrative projects must be submitted to the Chief, Division of Federal Aid, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, ARLSQ, 140, Arlington, Virginia, 22203. Proposals originating within the Service must have prior approval by the appropriate Regional Director or Assistant Director.

2. Each year, a Notice will be published in the Federal Register announcing the deadline for submitting proposals. The Notice will also announce total funds available for wildlife and sport fish restoration projects. A table with the approximate dates for each step of the process is provided in Appendix A.

### G. Submission Requirements

An original and two copies of each proposal for Federal Aid Administrative funds must be submitted in the following format:

1. *Application for Federal Assistance* Standard form 424 is prescribed by Office of Management and Budget Circular A-110 and the common rule (Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to States and Local Government). The SF 424 consists of a coversheet, the SF 424A consists of a budget sheet, and the SF 424B consists of compliance assurances. Proposals received without these forms will not be accepted.

2. *Title*—A short descriptive name of the proposal.

3. *Objective*—What will this proposal do? State a concise statement of the purpose of the proposal in quantified terms where possible.

4. *Need*—Why address this problem?  
a. State the problem or need that this proposal is intended to address. Make

references to any focus areas that the proposal addresses.

b. Describe the number of states affected by the project, how they will benefit, and expressed support for the proposal. If the proposal is confined to a specific geographic area, describe the national significance of the proposal.

c. Brief status report on the history of previous work conducted by the proposer or others to address this need.

5. *Expected Results or Benefits*—What will be gained by funding this proposal? Describe the significance of accomplishing the project relative to the stated need. Relate benefits of satisfactorily completing the project to the States' fish and wildlife programs. In addition to stating how the results will be useful, describe provisions for making the product or results available and usable to those affected by the problem of need. Benefits should be expressed in quantified terms, i.e., angler days, harvest per unit effort, improvements to State administration, dollars saved, etc.

6. *Approach*—How will the proposed project be conducted? Describe how the work will be conducted including a description of techniques and methods to be used, milestones, and a schedule of accomplishments.

7. *Resumes*—What are the qualifications of key personnel? Include resumes and names of key individuals who will be involved in the project, stating their particular qualifications for undertaking the project.

8. *Project Costs*—Submit a completed SF 424A, Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs. Multi-year proposals must include an itemized budget showing funds required for each severable part of the proposal. A severable part is defined as that portion of a proposal that results in a completed product or service.

#### H. Focus Areas

Focus areas are those specific areas in which the States are seeking information and assistance in administering or implementing the Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration programs. Focus areas will be announced each year by the Service, based on recommendations from the Grants-In-Aid Committee (GIAC) in accordance with the bylaws of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (IAFWA). Each year, the GIAC will be asked to submit recommendations for focus areas after its September meeting. Each year a Federal Register Notice will announce the Focus Areas, along with the amount of funds available for administrative projects.

The following focus areas were identified as priority needs of the States and those proposals addressing these needs will likely be given priority by the States during the ranking in 1997.

#### 1. Outreach

Providing public information on fishing, hunting, trapping, and wildlife-associated recreation.

a. Provide innovative approaches to introducing people to hunting and fishing including emphasis on families.

b. Create public awareness of the value of Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration Funds.

c. Focus public attention on and enhance public awareness of the economic value of managing fish and wildlife resources for both consumptive and non-consumptive recreation.

d. Provide better understanding of how to reach constituents with information.

#### 2. Education

Teaching or training people about fish and wildlife resources and the responsible use of the resources.

a. Advance the public's understanding of importance of actively managing fish and wildlife resources.

b. Promote natural resources and environmental education of "K through 12" students.

c. Advance public understanding of the importance of biological diversity in maintaining diverse hunting and fishing opportunities.

d. Provide for continuing education and training for state fish and wildlife biologists.

#### 3. Management

Handling, directing, manipulating, and managing fish and wildlife populations and providing improved public access to these populations. These focus areas relate to hands-on responsibilities of fish and wildlife management agencies.

a. Restore, create, enhance, and protect fish and wildlife.

b. Protect, create, and enhance fish and wildlife recreational opportunities.

c. Provide, enhance, or maintain public access to fish and wildlife resources.

#### 4. Research

Conducting investigations, inquiries, searches, examinations, and experiments for the discovery and interpretation of facts.

a. Evaluate effectiveness of incorporating constituent involvement and information in fish and wildlife resource management.

b. Measure effectiveness of habitat restoration, creation, and enhancement techniques.

#### 5. Administration

Providing service, supervisory, and management responsibilities that directly link to supporting fish and wildlife agency affairs.

a. Provide better understanding of constituents and their needs.

b. Measure changing social, economic, and political environment within which fish and wildlife must be managed.

c. Advance automated licensing and fiscal data collections for fish and wildlife agencies.

#### I. Proposal Review and Selection Process

1. Each proposal will be reviewed for eligibility as defined in section E. The review will be conducted by the Washington Office staff. The final determination for eligibility will be made at a meeting that includes staff from Washington, with the Chair of the GIAC as an observer.

2. All applicants will be notified that their proposal has been determined eligible or ineligible.

3. Copies of eligible proposals will be forwarded to the Chair, GIAC, along with lists of ongoing grants and ineligible proposals. The Chair, GIAC, will forward copies to the voting members of the GIAC.

4. Voting members of the GIAC will review and rate each eligible proposal high, medium or low.

5. All ratings from GIAC voting members and comments from Service Offices will be returned to the Division of Federal Aid in Washington.

6. The Division of Federal Aid will summarize the ratings and comments.

7. A summary of the comments and ratings will be provided to the Chair, GIAC, for review at the GIAC September meeting.

8. During the September meeting of IAFWA, the GIAC will evaluate and rank eligible proposals based on the needs of the States. The GIAC will forward its rankings and recommendations to the Service in accordance with IAFWA procedures.

9. The Division of Federal Aid will summarize and consolidate all rankings and comments and develop recommendations for proposal selections and awards. The recommendations may be for partial funding of any proposal.

10. The Aid Division's recommendations will be forwarded to the Director of the Service. The Director will review the recommendations and make the final decision on project selections and funding.

11. The Service will notify each eligible applicant in writing of the final disposition of their proposal.

12. The Director will notify the Regional Directors and the Chair, GIAC, of the proposals selected for funding.

**J. Lobbying Restrictions**

During the review of proposals, grant applicants may not engage in any activities that might be considered as attempts to influence Federal reviewers or approving officials. If the activities are determined to be lobbying, the proposal will be disqualified for Federal Aid Administrative Funds.

**K. Awards and Funding**

1. The Service's Division of Contracting and General Services will prepare and sign the formal award agreements. The Federal Aid Office, may provide technical assistance to the Division of Contracting and General Services in finalizing the award

agreements. The formal award agreements will be forwarded to the awardees for signature and must be signed by the Service and authorized awardee officials before they become valid agreements. This process may require up to 60 days to complete. The Service is not responsible for costs incurred prior to the effective date of a signed agreement; therefore, the starting date for all projects should be planned accordingly.

2. All funding must comply with the bone fide need rule established by 31 USC 1502a requiring that the entire amount of a project must be obligated in the fiscal year the grant is approved unless the project is severable. A project is severable only if it can be separated into components that independently meet a separate need.

3. Non-profit grantees must maintain a financial management system in accordance with the Office of

Management and Budget Circular A-110. State and local governments must maintain a financial management system in accordance with OMB Circular A-102 and 43 CFR Part 12.

**L. Project Administration**

Proposals awarded funding will be assigned to a Project Officer. Project Officers are those persons representing the Contracting Officer on technical matters relating to the responsibilities of the grantee. They provide assistance that includes:

1. Assisting Service contracting officials in completing the award agreement;
2. Serving as the Service's point of contact after the award agreement is signed;
3. Receiving and approving bills; and
4. Monitoring project performance and assuring that the awardee adheres to the award agreement.

**SUMMARY OF EVENTS—APPENDIX A**

Target date	Event
March 14 .....	<b>Federal Register</b> Notice announcing availability of Federal Aid Funds and focus areas for grant applications.
May 1 .....	Washington Office receives proposals.
June 16 .....	Washington Office with assistance from the Regions determines eligibility (Chair of the Grants-In-Aid Committee (GIAC) participates as an observer).
July 1 .....	Service forwards copies of eligible proposals to voting members of the GIAC (includes summary list of ongoing grants and list of ineligible proposals)
July 1 .....	Service sends letters to all applicants informing them that their proposal is eligible or ineligible.
August 15 .....	Voting members of the GIAC forward comments and ratings to Chief, FA (Ratings of High, Medium or Low).
September 1 .....	Chief, FA, summarizes comments and ratings and forwards to Chair, GIAC, for review at the September meeting.
September 15 .....	GIAC reviews and ranks proposals and forwards rankings and recommendations to Service, along with recommendations for Focus Areas for the following years.
October 31 .....	Federal Aid summarizes all rankings and recommendations for consideration by the Director.
November 15 .....	Director selects proposals for funding.
November 30 .....	Federal Aid notifies applicants and Chair, GIAC, of the final disposition of proposals.
March 1 .....	Contracting and General Services awards grants.

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**Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals**

On November 7, 1996, a notice was published in the Federal Register, Vol. 61, No. 217, Page 57694, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by the Chicago Zoological Park, Brookfield Zoo for a permit (PRT-821744) to import 3 juvenile walrus for public display.

Notice is hereby given that on February 19, 1997, 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 November 29, 1996, a notice was published in the Federal Register, Vol. 61, No. 231, Page 60722, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by the Alaska Science Center for renewal of a permit (PRT-766818) to take (capture) sea otters for scientific research.

Notice is hereby given that on February 7, 1997, 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 December 20, 1996, a notice was published in the Federal Register, Vol. 61, No. 246, Page 67340, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by the Oregon Coast Aquarium for a permit (PRT-

823259) to import 2 sea otters for the purpose of public display.

Notice is hereby given that on January 27, 1997, 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 December 11, 1996, a notice was published in the Federal Register, Vol. 61, No. 239, Page 65229, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by the Point Defiance Zoo for a permit (PRT-822531) to import 2 polar bears for the purpose of public display.

Notice is hereby given that on January 21, 1997, 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