

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals

On January 29, 1998, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 63, No. 19, Page 4464, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Robert C. Senter, Sr., for a permit (PRT 838243) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken prior to April 30, 1994, from the Viscount Melville population, Northwest Territories, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on March 16, 1998, 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 19, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 244, Page 66660, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Jack R. Cook for a permit (PRT 837437) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken prior to April 30, 1994, from the Lancaster Sound population, Northwest Territories, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on March 19, 1998, 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 January 15, 1998, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 63, No. 10, Page 2407, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Thomas H. Cochran for a permit (PRT 838178) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken prior to April 30, 1994, from the Gulf of Boothia population, Northwest Territories, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on March 3, 1998, 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 September 11, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 176, Page 47825, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Bruce Schoeneweis for a permit (PRT-833661)

to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy taken from the M'Clintock Channel population, Northwest Territories, Canada.

Notice is hereby given that on March 3, 1998, 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 January 6, 1998, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 63, No. 3, Page 571, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by David Dybvig for a permit (PRT-837757) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy taken from the M'Clintock Channel population, Northwest Territories, Canada.

Notice is hereby given that on March 3, 1998, 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, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone (703) 358-2104 or Fax (703) 358-2281.

Dated: April 3, 1998.

Kristen Nelson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC); Public Comment on the Proposal To Develop the "Hydrographic Data Content Standard for Coastal and Inland Waterways" as a Federal Geographic Data Committee Standard

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FGDC is soliciting public comments on the proposal to develop a "Hydrographic Data Content Standard for Coastal and Inland Waterways." If the proposal is approved, the standard will be developed following the FGDC standards development and approval process. If the standard is adopted by the FGDC, it must be followed by all Federal agencies gathering and using

hydrographic data for the purpose of navigation and engineering applications directly or indirectly (through grants, partnerships, or contracts).

In its assigned Federal leadership in the development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI), the FGDC recognizes that FGDC standards must also meet the needs and recognize the views of State and local governments, academia, industry, and the public. The purpose of this notice is to solicit such views. The FGDC invites the community to review the proposal and comment on the objectives, scope, approach, and usability of the proposed standard; identify existing related standards; and indicate their interest in participating in the development of the standard.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 1, 1998.

CONTACT AND ADDRESSES: The complete proposal is included in this notice. It is also posted at Internet address: <http://www.fgdc.gov/Standards/Documents/Proposals/hydrocont.html>.

Comments may be submitted via Internet mail or by submitting an electronic copy on diskette. Send comments via Internet to: gdc-hydrocont@www.fgdc.gov. Comments e-mailed as attachments must be in ASCII format.

A soft copy version may be submitted on a 3.5 x 3.5 diskette in WordPerfect 5.0 or 6.0/6.1 format, along with one hardcopy version of the comments, to the FGDC Secretariat (attn: Jennifer Fox) at U.S. Geological Survey, 590 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Following is the complete proposal for the "Hydrographic Data Content Standard for Coastal and Inland Waterways."

Project Title: Development of an NSDI Hydrographic Data Content Standard for Coastal and Inland Waterways.

Point of Contact: Kevin Backe, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 703-428-6505, email: kevin.backe@usace.army.mil.

Submitting Organization: FGDC Bathymetric Subcommittee.

Objectives: To develop a nationally focused Hydrographic Data Content Standard for Inland Waterways (hereafter called Hydrographic Standard) from the combination of information from existing standards (specified in the related standards paragraph).

Scope: This activity will first focus on developing a nationally focused standard for geospatial data pertaining to coastal and inland waterways that supports navigation applications. It will include an informative annex that

contains additional information about presentation of this information for charting and electronic chart display applications. The project team will further refine the scope of this project as this project proceeds.

This Standard will consist of a feature/attribute/domain catalog and will use a logical data model that is consistent with the Spatial Data Transfer Standard/Federal Information Processing Standard (SDTS/FIPS 173 part 2).

Justification/Benefits: There is currently no national data content standard for hydrographic data that support navigation and engineering applications; yet there has been considerable interest from Federal Agencies, the private industry, and the public for this type of information. A comprehensive data content standard that supports waterway navigation applications will ensure effective use of geospatial data across different agencies, organizations, and other users. Inclusion of graphic representation information and symbology will increase consistency and accuracy of interpreted information displayed on electronic charting.

Development Approach: The Bathymetric Subcommittee will create a project team to develop a draft of this standard. This project team will extract feature/attribute information available from existing standards and other sources and package and present this information as an FGDC Standard. The project team will provide a draft standard for the Bathymetric Subcommittee review and approval. Upon its approval the Bathymetric Subcommittee will submit the Hydrographic Standard to the FGDC Standards Working Group for their review and approval prior to it going out for public review. The Bathymetric Subcommittee will also submit this information to the FGDC Feature Registry to discover any potential overlap with other FGDC Standards.

Development and Completion Schedule: The Bathymetric Subcommittee will form a project team and begin work on the development of this standard as soon as this project is approved by the FGDC Standards Working Group. The development of a working draft of the Hydrographic Standard is expected to take 3–6 months. Once the Bathymetric Subcommittee is satisfied with the content of this Standard it will be forwarded to the Standards Working Group for their review and consideration of its readiness for public review. The Bathymetric Subcommittee expects to accomplish the development

of this standard in one year to eighteen months.

Resources Required: The Bathymetric Subcommittee has adequate resources to accomplish most of the development of this Hydrographic Standard. If there is interest in participation on the development of this standard from the non-Federal sector, additional resources may be required.

Potential Participants: The primary participants will be the members of the Bathymetric Subcommittee that includes representatives from federal agencies. Other members of the public and private sector will be sought for the development of this Standard.

Related Standards: There are several significant standards that relate to the standard being proposed for development. As mentioned above the project team is planning on producing this Hydrographic Standard by extracting relevant information from these existing standards and other sources. These standards and other sources are:

International Hydrographic Organization's S57 Appendix A "Object Catalog for Digital Hydrographic Data,"

USACE Regional Engineering and Environmental GIS project's data dictionary for inland waterways information,

Tri-Service Spatial Data Standard,

Potentially the National Mapping and Imagery Agency (NIMA) Feature Attribute Coding Catalog, potentially the NIMA Hydrographic Data Model, and potentially the USGS DLG-F feature dictionary.

Target Authorization Body: The Bathymetric Subcommittee proposes pursuing the development of this Hydrographic Standard as a FGDC standard. The Bathymetric Subcommittee may consider pursuing (at a later date) the promoting of parts of this standard (e.g., inland waterways information) that are not currently part of the S57 standard to International Hydrographic Organization for inclusion in their standard.

Dated: April 2, 1998.

Kathryn R. Clement,

Associate Chief, National Mapping Division.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Hearing and Request for Comments on Environmental Assessment, Maximum Economic Recovery Report, and Fair Market Value; Application for Competitive Coal Lease COC 61209; Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: Bureau of Land Management, Colorado State Office, Lakewood Colorado, hereby gives notice that a public hearing will be held to receive comments on the environmental assessment, maximum economic recovery, and fair market value of federal coal to be offered. An application for coal lease was filed by Bowie Resources Limited requesting the Bureau of Land Management offer for competitive lease 3,403.27 acres of federal coal in Delta County, Colorado. **DATES:** The public hearing will be held at 7 p.m., April 22, 1998. Written comments should be received no later than May 12, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing will be held in the Paonia Town Hall, 214 Grand Avenue, Paonia, Colorado. Written comments should be addresses to the Bureau of Land Management, Area Manager, Uncompahgre Basin Resource Area, 2505 South Townsend Avenue, Montrose, Colorado 81401.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Allan Belt, Area Manager, Uncompahgre Basin Resource Area Office at the address above, or by telephone at (970) 240-5315.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Bureau of Land Management, Colorado State Office, Lakewood, Colorado, hereby gives notice that a public hearing will be held on April 22, 1998, at 7 p.m., in the Paonia Town Hall at the address given above.

An application for coal lease was filed by Bowie Resources Limited requesting the Bureau of Land Management offer for competitive lease federal coal in the lands outside established coal production regions described as:

T. 12 S., R. 91 W., 6th P.M.

Sec. 33, lots 1 to 16, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 34, lots 1 to 16, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$.

T. 13 S., R. 91 W., 6th P.M.

Sec. 2, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 3, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 4, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$;