

## 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.*):

PRT-841026

*Applicant:* Thane Wibbels, Univ. of Alabama, Birmingham, AL.

The applicant has requested a permit to import blood samples of hatchling Kemp's ridley sea turtles (*Lepidochelys kempi*) for enhancement of the species through scientific research.

PRT-840618

*Applicant:* Fredrick S. Larson, Little Falls, MN.

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.

PRT-840620

*Applicant:* John T. Portemont, Andalusia, AL.

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.

PRT-841388

*Applicant:* LeRoy Mohrman, Jacksonville, FL.

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.

PRT-841282

*Applicant:* Memphis Zoo, Memphis, TN.

The applicant requests a permit to import three captive-bred Komodo dragons (*Varanus komodoensis*) from the Gembira Loka Zoo, Yogyakarta, Indonesia for the purpose of enhancement of the species through captive propagation.

PRT-841636

*Applicant:* Zoological Society of San Diego, San Diego, CA.

The applicant requests a permit to import one, captive-born, female Blyth's tragopan (*Tragopan blythii*) for the purpose of enhancement of the species through captive propagation.

PRT-841765

*Applicant:* Thane Wibbels, Dept. of Biology, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL.

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from captive-held hawksbill sea turtles (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) from Canada for the purpose of scientific research to benefit the species in the wild. This notice covers activities conducted by the applicant over a 5 year period.

PRT-799227

*Applicant:* Riverbanks Zoo, Columbia, SC.

The applicant request amendment to US 799227 to include the import of all biological samples including preserved organs, tissue samples and other parts from captive-held and captive born specimens of black-footed cat (*Felis nigripes*) that have died in captivity in zoos world wide for the purpose of scientific research to enhance the survival of the species.

PRT-828861

*Applicant:* Wesley W. Kyle III, Pipe Creek, TX.

The applicant requests a permit to authorize interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cull of excess male barasingha (*Cervus duvauceli*) from his captive herd for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

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 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

The public is invited to comment on the following application 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 18).

PRT-841982

*Applicant:* Ravetch Underwater Films, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

*Permit Type:* Take for Photography [Sec 104(c)(6) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act].

*Name and Number of Animals:* Pacific walrus (*Odobenus rosmarus*), as available.

*Summary of Activity to be Authorized:* The applicant requests a permit for commercial/educational photography involving no more than Level B harassment of Pacific walrus in the area of Cape Pierce, Alaska. The applicant has indicated that the resulting product will be used for an educational program on Pacific walrus. Most filming is expected to occur on land or by boat from the water surface. However, the applicant is also requesting authorization to film animals in the water using a diver if conditions are suitable. Other activities related to this work include attachment of a camera device to a walrus tusk for educational and scientific research purposes. That proposal is being reviewed under a separate request as an amendment to a scientific research permit, PRT-801652, submitted by the Alaska Science Center.

*Source of Marine Mammals:* Cape Pierce, Alaska.

*Period of Activity:* Up to 5 years from issuance date of permit, if issued.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Office of Management Authority is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

PRT-840943

*Applicant:* Angie D. Hall, Sarasota, FL.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted prior to April 30, 1994, from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

PRT-841205

*Applicant:* Allan E. Bergland, Flagstaff, AZ.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Southern Beaufort Sea polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

PRT-841988

*Applicant:* Ronald J. Pavlik, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Southern Beaufort Sea polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

PRT-841987

*Applicant:* Joseph B. Dodge, Jr., Jackson, NH.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Southern Beaufort Sea polar bear population,

Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

PRT-841894

*Applicant:* Prince T. House, Little Rock, AR.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Southern Beaufort Sea polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Written data or comments, requests for copies of the complete application, or requests for a public hearing on this application should be sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone 703/358-2104 or fax 703/358-2281 and must be received within 30 days of the date of publication 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.

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 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703-358-2281).

Dated: April 24, 1998.

**MaryEllen Amtower,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[AK-962-1410-00-P]

#### Notice for Publication AA-6984-B; Alaska Native Claims Selection

In accordance with Departmental regulation 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that a decision to issue conveyance under the provisions of Sec. 14(b) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613(b), will be issued to Klawock-Heenya Corporation for 80.50 acres. The lands involved are in the vicinity of Klawock, Alaska.

**Copper River Meridian, Alaska**

T. 74 S., R. 82 E.,

Secs. 1, 2 and 3.

A notice of the decision will be published once a week, for four (4) consecutive weeks, in the Ketchikan Daily News. Copies of the decision may be obtained by contacting the Alaska State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599 ((907) 271-5960).

Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision, an agency of the Federal government or regional corporation, shall have until June 1, 1998 to file an appeal. However, parties receiving service by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal. Appeals must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management at the address identified above, where the requirements for filing an appeal may be obtained. Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

**Patricia K. Underwood,**

*Land Law Examiner, ANCSA Team, Branch of 962 Adjudication.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[AZ030-1010-00; AZA-29861]

#### Notice of Availability of Draft Hualapai Mountains Land Exchange, Environmental Impact Statement/Plan Amendment

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 206 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716), as amended and Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the Bureau of Land Management, Kingman Field Office, Arizona, has prepared an EIS/Plan amendment to analyze the effect of a proposed land exchange and a proposed plan amendment to the Kingman Resource Management Plan. The EIS addresses the effects of a proposal to exchange approximately 70,000 acres of public land for approximately 70,000 acres of private land. The proposed land exchange is entirely within Mohave County, Arizona. The amendment is needed

because the Proponent selected public lands that were not identified for disposal in the Kingman Resource Management Plan by Township, Range, and Section. The plan amendment will assess impacts of proposed changes to land tenure classification decisions and resource management.

**DATES:** Written comments will be accepted until July 27, 1998. Public meetings, to listen to concerns and answer questions, will be held on the following dates:

Tuesday June 9 in Wikieup, AZ at the Owens School, 14109 East Chicken Springs Road, Wikieup, AZ 85360

Wednesday June 10 in Kingman AZ, at the Mohave County Public Library, located at 3269 N. Burbank, Kingman, AZ 86401

Thursday June 11 in Yucca, AZ, at the Yucca Fire Department, 12349 S. Yucca Frontage Road, Yucca, AZ 86348

All meetings will start at 6:00 pm and end at 8:00 pm.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the document are available at the following locations: Bureau of Land Management, Kingman Field Office, 2475 Beverly Ave., Kingman, Arizona, 86401-3629 and Bureau of Land Management, Arizona State Office, 222 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85004-2203. Comments should be sent to the Team Leader, Hualapai Mountain Project, Bureau of Land Management, Kingman Field Office, 2475 Beverly Ave., Kingman, Arizona, 86401-3629.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Don McClure, phone: (520) 692-4400.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The land exchange includes both public and non-public land in Mohave County in northwestern Arizona, encompassing approximately 140,000 acres. Issues that have been addressed are ranching, biological resources, socioeconomics, recreation/access, soil erosion, cultural resources, realty, riparian areas, mineral resources, and areas of critical environmental concern. Proposed modifications to the Kingman Resource Management Plan have been integrated with the proposed Hualapai Mountains Land Exchange, and the impacts thereof will be presented in a single EIS-level analysis.

Dated: April 14, 1998.

**John R. Christensen,**

*Field Manager.*

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