

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****Receipt of Application for Endangered Species Permit**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Receipt of Application for Endangered Species Permit.

SUMMARY: The following applicants have applied for permits 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.*).

DATES: Written data or comments on these applications must be received, at the address given below, by June 18, 1999.

ADDRESSES: 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, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345 (Attn: David Dell, Permit Biologist). Telephone: 404/679-7313; Facsimile: 404/679-7081.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Dell, Telephone: 404/679-7313; Facsimile: 404/679-7081.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Applicant: Dr. Caryn C. Vaughn, Oklahoma Biological Survey, Norman, Oklahoma, TE011464-0.

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, identify, release, and retain selected voucher specimens for taxonomic research) the threatened leopard darter, *Percina pantherina*, and Arkansas fatmucket, *Lampsilis powelli*; and the endangered Ouachita rock-pocketbook, *Arkansia wheeleri*, pink mucket pearlymussel, *Lampsilis abrupta*, speckled pocketbook, *Lampsilis streckeri*, and winged mapleleaf mussel, *Quadrula fragosa*, throughout the species' ranges in Arkansas and Oklahoma for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

Applicant: Patrick Rakes and John R. Shute, Conservation Fisheries, Inc., Knoxville, Tennessee, TE011542-0.

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture and retain for captive propagation) fourteen species of threatened and endangered fish native to the southern Appalachian region and

the Atlantic coastal plain in North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Alabama. The proposed activities will enhance survival of the species by providing specimens for restocking in historically known habitat, and to provide specimens for pollutant toxicity trials and taxonomic research.

Dated: May 12, 1999.

H. Dale Hall,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Geological Survey****Request for Public Comments on Proposed Information Collection To Be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act**

The proposal for the collection of information described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection of information and related forms may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's clearance officer at the phone number listed below. Comments and suggestions on the proposal should be made within 60 days directly to the Bureau clearance officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia, 20192, telephone (703) 648-7313.

Specific public comments are requested as to:

1. whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions on the bureaus, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. the accuracy of the bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. how to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: Annual National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Announcement.

OMB approval number: 1028-0051.

Abstract: Respondents submit proposals to support research in earthquake prediction to earth-science

data and information essential to mitigate earthquake losses. This information will be used as the basis for selection and award of projects meeting the program objectives. Annual or final reports are required on each selected performances.

Bureau form number: None.

Frequency: Annual proposals, annual or final reports.

Description of respondents:

Educational institutions, profit and non-profit organizations, individuals, and agencies of local or State governments.

Annual responses: 320.

Annual burden hours: 11,400 hours.

Bureau clearance officer: John Cordyack, 703-648-7313.

Dated: May 7, 1999.

P. Patrick Leahy,
Chief Geologist.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[MT-067-07-3120-00]

Notice of Intent To Amend the Judith-Valley-Phillips Resource Management Plan; Petroleum and Fergus Counties, Montana

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will amend the Judith-Valley-Phillips Resource Management Plan (RMP) with respect to management of public lands in Petroleum and Fergus Counties. The BLM proposes exchanging 2755 acres of Federal surface estate in Petroleum and Fergus Counties for approximately 2000 acres of private surface estate in Petroleum County. The Federal land is legally described as:

- T. 12 N., R. 30 E.
Sec. 10: All
- T. 12 N., R. 28 E.
Sec. 10: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$
- Sec. 11: W $\frac{1}{2}$
- Sec. 14: N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$
- T. 15 N., R. 26 E.
Sec. 2: W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$
- Sec. 11: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$
- Sec. 12: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$
- T. 18 N., R. 23 E.
Sec. 12: E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$
- Sec. 13: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$
- T. 18 N., R. 24 E.
Sec. 7: Lot 1, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$

Disposal of the Federal lands was not analyzed in the Judith-Valley-Phillips Resource Management Plan (RMP) and associated Environmental Impact Statement. Disposal of Federal land requires that the specific tract be identified in the land use plan with the criteria to be met for exchange and discussion of how the criteria have been satisfied. This will be part of the plan amendment and environmental assessment. The Lewistown Field Office, Bureau of Land Management will prepare an environmental assessment to analyze the effects of disposal.

DATES: Comments and recommendations on this notice to amend the Judith-Valley-Phillips RMP should be received on or before June 18, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to David L. Mari, Field Manager, Lewistown Field Office, P.O. Box 1160, Lewistown, MT 59457-1160.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Loretta Park, Realty Specialist, 406-538-1910.

Dated: May 5, 1999.

David L. Mari,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Wrangell-St. Elias National Preserve; Intention To Issue Concession Permits

AGENCY: National Park Service, DOI.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under the authority of section 404(11)(B) of the National Park Service Concessions Management Improvement Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-391), the National Park Service intends to award noncompetitively six concession permits at Wrangell-St. Elias National Preserve. The proposed permits will authorize hunting guide services within Wrangell-St. Elias National Preserve and will be for a term of approximately 4 years from February 1, 1999, through November 30, 2003. The National Park Service proposes to award these six permits to the following individuals: Terry Overly, Dick Gunlogson, Tom Vaden, Ray MuNutt, Urban Raho and Kirk Ellis.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These six operations were included in a prospectus for seventeen hunting guides at Wrangell-St. Elias National Preserve that was issued in October 1997. Because these six operations contain

overlaps with other guide areas, the offerors were told that they would be required to develop a cooperative joint use agreement before the six permits could be issued, to prevent reoccurrence of problems within the overlapping guide areas. Offers in response to the prospectus were evaluated in March 1998. Seventeen guides were selected and all signed the permits proposed by the park. The National Park Service executed eleven of the permits. The remaining six permits, which contain overlapping guide areas, were not executed by the National Park Service pending the development of cooperative joint use agreements, which could not be finalized until late November 1998. By that time, the National Park Service Concessions Management Improvement Act of 1998 had been passed, and the park could not sign the permits for the remaining six guides.

Section 404(11)(B) of the National Park Service Concessions Management Improvement Act of 1998 authorizes the Secretary to issue, without public solicitation, concession contracts in extraordinary circumstances where compelling and equitable considerations require the award of a concession contract to a particular party in the public interest. Although these six permits were awarded as a result of a competitive process under the Concession Policies Act of 1965 (Pub. L. 89-249), they were not competed under the requirements of the new law. There are no inconsistencies between the terms and conditions of the proposed permits and the National Park Service Concessions Management Improvement Act of 1998. Keeping all of the permits the same will facilitate permit administration at the park level. More importantly, it will maintain consistency of guide services throughout the Preserve. Further, there is an issue of equity in that the execution of these six permits was delayed because of an administrative requirement imposed by the National Park Service. The National Park Service believes that this situation constitutes an extraordinary circumstance where compelling and equitable considerations require the award of a concession contract to a particular party in the public interest.

DATED: The proposed permits will be awarded on or before June 18, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wendelin Mann, Concession Program, National Park Service, 1849 "C" Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240 (202) 565-1219.

Dated: May 5, 1999.

Robert G. Stanton,

Director, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Acadia National Park, Bar Harbor, ME; Acadia National Park Advisory Commission; Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770, 5 U.S.C. App. 1, Sec. 10), that the Acadia National Park Advisory Commission will hold a meeting on Monday, June 7, 1999.

The Commission was established pursuant to Pub. L. 99-420, sec. 103. The purpose of the commission is to consult with the Secretary of the Interior, or his designee, on matters relating to the management and development of the park, including but not limited to the acquisition of lands and interests in lands (including conservation easements on islands) and termination of rights of use and occupancy.

The meeting will convene at park Headquarters, McFarland Hill, Bar Harbor, Maine, at 10:00 AM to consider the following agenda:

1. Review and approval of minutes from the meeting held February 8, 1999
2. Committee reports
 - Land Conservation
 - Education
 - Park Use
 - Science
3. Old business
4. Superintendent's report
5. Public comments
6. Proposed agenda and date of next Commission meeting

The meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may make oral/written presentations to the Commission or file written statements. Such requests should be made to the Superintendent at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Further information concerning this meeting may be obtained from the Superintendent, Acadia National Park, P.O. Box 177, Bar Harbor, Maine 04609, tel: (207) 288-3338.

Dated: May 12, 1999.

Len Bobinchock,

Acting Superintendent, Acadia National Park.

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