

The applicant requests an amendment to this permit to include the import of shed hair samples from gorillas (*Gorilla gorilla*) collected in Nigeria, for scientific research.

Applicant: Wayne P. Steffens, Superior, WI, PRT-842124.

The applicant requests a permit to import and export specimens of Hine's emerald dragonfly (*Somatochlora hineana*) to and from Canada, including salvaged specimens and voucher specimens associated with population surveys for the purposes of scientific research.

Applicant: The Peregrine Fund, Boise, Idaho, PRT-842855.

The applicant request a permit to export captive-born Aplomado falcons (*Falco femoralis septentrionalis*) to Mexico for release as part of the recovery program for this species. This notice covers activities conducted by the applicant over a five year period.

Applicant: H & L Sales Company, Patio Ranch, San Antonio, TX, PRT 704025.

The applicant requests renewal of a permit to authorize interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cull of excess male barasingha (*Cervus duvauceli*) from their captive herd for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species. This notice shall cover a period of three years. Permittee must apply for renewal annually.

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).

Applicant: Mark Cary Connor, Decatur, IL, PRT-842222.

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

Applicant: Ken D. Semelsberger, Strongsville, OH, 842192.

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

Applicant: Kenneth J. Semelsberger, Strongsville, OH, 842191.

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

Applicant: Obert L. Haines, Alamosa, CO, PRT-842521.

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.

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: May 14, 1998.

MaryEllen Amtower,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Application

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications.

The following applicant has 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: Davey Resource Group, Davey Tree Expert Company, Kent, Ohio; Michael D. Johnson, Vertebrate Zoologist.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) in the state of Ohio. Activities are proposed for the purpose of presence/absence studies aimed at enhancement and survival of the species in the wild.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive,

Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056, and must be received on or before June 19, 1998.

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review 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, Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056. Telephone: (612/713-5332); FAX: (612/713-5292).

Dated: May 13, 1998.

Matthias A. Kerschbaum,

Acting Assistant Regional Director, IL, IN, MO (Ecological Services), Region 3, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals

On February 20, 1998, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 63, No. 34, Page 8658, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by John Abercrombie, Las Vegas, NV, for a permit (PRT-839323) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy taken from the Southern Beaufort Sea population, Northwest Territories, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on April 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 February 20, 1998, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 63, No. 34, Page 8658, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Wallace D. Gott, Upland, CA, for a permit (PRT-839315) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken prior to April 30, 1994, from the Northern Beaufort Sea population, Northwest Territories, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on April 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 March 13, 1998, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 63, No. 49, Page 12498, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Edwin E. Smith, Houston, TX, for a permit (PRT-838493) 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 April 27, 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 March 13, 1998, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 63, No. 49, Page 12498, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Dan L. Duncan, Houston, TX, for a permit (PRT-838492) 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 April 27, 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, Rm 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone (703) 358-2104 or Fax (703) 358-2281.

Dated: May 14, 1998.

MaryEllen Amtower,
Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of
Management Authority.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the organizing meeting of the Ballast Water and Shipping Committee of the Aquatic

Nuisance Species Task Force. Topics to be addressed during the meeting are identified.

DATES: The Ballast Water and Shipping Committee will meet from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, May 28, 1998.

ADDRESSES: the meeting will be held in the first floor conference room at the Northeast-Midwest Institute, 218 D Street, SE., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

LT Lawrence Greene, Ph.D., Committee Chair, U.S. Coast Guard at 202-267-0500, or Bob Peoples, Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, at 703-358-2025.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice announces a meeting of the Ballast Water and Shipping Committee of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force. The Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990.

During the meeting, there will be an in-depth discussion of the Notice of Proposed Rule Making regarding implementation of the National Invasive Species Act of 1996 published by the U.S. Coast Guard in the **Federal Register** on April 10, 1998 (63 FR 17782). The notice addresses national voluntary ballast water management guidelines, requirements for reporting ballast water exchange, and modifications of Great Lakes and Hudson River ballast water management regulations. The meeting will conclude with a discussion of future activities and tasks of the Committee and tasks to be undertaken by individual members.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Suite 851, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1622, and the Chair, Ballast Water and Shipping Committee, Plans and Preparedness Division, Office of Response, U.S. Coast Guard (G-MOR-2), 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, within 30 days following the meeting.

Dated: May 14, 1998.

Gary Edwards,
Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task
Force, Assistant Director—Fisheries.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-920-08-1320-01; WYW136142]

Competitive Coal Lease Sale; Powder River Tract; WY

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that certain coal resources in the Powder River Tract, described below, in Campbell County, Wyoming, will be offered for competitive lease by sealed bid in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*).

DATES: The lease sale will be held at 2 p.m., on Tuesday, June 30, 1998. Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 4 p.m., on Monday, June 29, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The lease sale will be held in the First Floor Conference Room (Room 107) of the Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Cashier, Wyoming State Office, at the address given above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mavis Love, Land Law Examiner, or Melvin Schlagel, Coal Coordinator, at 307-775-6258 and 307-775-6257, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This coal lease sale is being held in response to a lease by application (LBA) filed by Powder River Coal Company of Gillette, Wyoming. The coal resources to be offered consist of all reserves recoverable by surface mining methods in the following-described lands located in Campbell County approximately 48 miles south-southeast of Gillette, Wyoming, and about 7 miles east of State Highway 59 just south of Piney Canyon Road:

T. 41 N., R. 70 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
Sec. 6: Lots 10 thru 13, 18 thru 21;
Sec. 7: Lots 6, 11, 14, and 19;
Sec. 18: Lots 5, 12, 13, and 20;
Sec. 19: Lots 5, 12 (N2);
Sec. 20: Lots 1 thru 4, 5 (N2), 6 (N2), 7 (N2), 8 (N2);
Sec. 21: Lots 4, 5 (N2);
T. 42 N., R. 70 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
Sec. 31: Lots 5 thru 20;
Sec. 32: Lots 1 thru 16;
Sec. 33: Lots 1 thru 16;
Sec. 34: Lots 1 thru 16;
Sec. 35: Lots 1 thru 16.

Containing 4224.225 acres.

The tract is adjacent to the North Antelope and Rochelle mines operated by Powder River Coal Company. It contains surface minable coal reserves