

Dated: January 23, 1998.

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Dated: January 9, 1998.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals

On November 14, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 220, Page 61139, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Charles L. Chappell for a permit (PRT-836256) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken from the Lancaster Sound population, Northwest Territories, Canada, prior to April 30, 1994 for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on January 9, 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 November 14, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 220, Page 61139, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Robert E. Chappell for a permit (PRT-836255) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken from the Lancaster Sound population, Northwest Territories, Canada, prior to April 30, 1994 for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on January 9, 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 November 14, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 220, Page 61139, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Richard N. Biewer, St. Clair, MI for a permit (PRT-836264) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken from the Lancaster Sound population, Northwest Territories, Canada, prior to April 30, 1994, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on January 9, 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 November 20, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 224, Page 62068, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Taylor Mills for a permit (PRT 836587) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken from the Gulf of Bothia population, Northwest Territories, Canada, prior to April 30, 1994 for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on January 6, 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: January 23, 1998.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Geological Survey

#### Request for Public Comments on Extension of Existing Information Collection Submitted to OMB for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

A request extending the information collection described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)). Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's clearance officer at the phone number listed below. OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days; therefore, public comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days in order to assure their maximum consideration. Public comments on the proposal should be made directly to the

Desk office for the Interior Department, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 and to the Bureau Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, Reston, VA 20192.

As required by OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), the U.S. Geological Survey solicits specific public comments 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:* North American Reporting Center for Amphibian Malformations.

*OMB Approval No:* 1028-0056.

*Summary:* The collection of information referred herein applies to a World-Wide Web site that permits individuals who observed malformed amphibians or who inspect substantial numbers of normal or malformed amphibians to report those observations and related information. The Web site is termed the North American Reporting Center for Amphibian Malformations. Information will be used by scientists and federal, state, and local agencies to identify areas where malformed amphibians occur and the rates of occurrence.

*Estimated Completion Time:* 20 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Number of Respondents:* 900.

*Frequency:* Once.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 300 hours.

*Affected Public:* Primarily U.S. and Canadian residents.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To obtain copies of the survey, contact the Bureau clearance officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia, 20192, telephone (703) 648-7313, or go to the Website (<http://www.npsc.nbs.gov./narcam>).

Dated: January 12, 1998.

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