

matching sources of money to target the purchase of larger tracts of habitat. As a result, the immediate acquisition of habitat with the mitigation funding provided by the Applicant is not anticipated.

However, any future acquisition made with all or portions of this funding is expected to benefit scrub-jays since habitat protection and management has been identified as one of the most important conservation tasks for this species.

As stated above, the Service has made a preliminary determination that the issuance of the Permit is not a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment within the meaning of section 102(2)(C) of NEPA. This preliminary information may be revised due to public comment received in response to this notice and is based on information contained in the draft EA and Plan.

The Service will also evaluate whether the issuance of a section 10(a)(1)(B) Permit complies with Section 7 of the Act by conducting an intra-Service Section 7 consultation. The results of the biological opinion, in combination with the above findings, will be used in the final analysis to determine whether or not to issue the Permit.

Dated: December 22, 1999.

Judy L. Jones,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Change in Administrative Jurisdiction of Navassa Island

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are announcing the establishment of Navassa Island National Wildlife Refuge located in the Caribbean Sea, and that the Secretary of the Interior has delegated the authority for the civil administration of Navassa Island to the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeffery M. Donahoe, Chief, Division of Realty, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 622, Arlington, Virginia 22203; Telephone (703) 358-1713; FAX (703) 358-2223.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This gives public notice of the establishment of the Navassa Island National Wildlife

Refuge. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) and the Director of the Office of Insular Affairs (both within the Department of the Interior) established the refuge on April 22, 1999. On December 3, 1999, the Secretary of the Interior transferred full administrative responsibility for the island and its territorial waters from the Office of Insular Affairs to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service by Secretarial Order 3210.

We will continue to administer this area under the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd-ee), the general regulations governing the National Wildlife Refuge System published in Title 50, Subchapter C, Code of Federal Regulations, and in accordance with all applicable laws, policies, and rules.

The refuge consists of all of Navassa Island located in latitude 18°25' N and longitude 75°02' W from Greenwich together with the full extent of its territorial sea, which currently extends outward to 12 miles. Secretarial Order 3210, dated December 3, 1999 delegated the authority over Navassa Island from the Secretary of the Interior to the Director of the Service. We took this action in furtherance of United States sovereignty over Navassa Island and to protect the unique ecosystem of Navassa Island, the adjacent coral reefs, and marine waters.

The Service, which has been managing the refuge pursuant to the MOU, will continue to manage it under all applicable laws, policies, and regulations that govern the National Wildlife Refuge System. In carrying out those responsibilities, and consistent with those authorities, we shall ensure that we manage the unique ecosystem of the refuge to preserve its character in support of the protection and conservation of the fish and wildlife in the refuge.

Dated: December 15, 1999.

Jamie Rappaport Clark,

Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Receipt of Application for Approval

The following applicant has applied for approval to conduct certain activities with birds that are protected under the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992.

This notice is provided under section 112, paragraph 4, of the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992, and Title 50, of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 15.26(c).

Applicant: Hurricane Aviaries Inc., Loxahatchee, FL. The applicant wishes to establish a cooperative breeding program for the Blue-headed macaw (*Ara couloni*). The applicant wishes to be an active participant in this program with four other private enterprises. The American Federation of Aviculture Inc. has assumed the responsibility for the oversight of the program.

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

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 these 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, VA 22203. Phone: (703/358-2095); FAX: (703/358-2298).

Dated: December 22, 1999.

Bruce Weissgold,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Receipt of Application for Approval

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Applicant: Jerry G. Royster, Leonard, MI. The applicant wishes to establish a cooperative breeding program for the Orange-breasted Fig-parrot (*Cyclopsitta gulielmiterti*), Double-eyed Fig-parrot (*Cyclopsitta diophthalma*), Desmarest's Fig-parrot (*Psittaculirostris desmarestii*), Edward's Fig-parrot (*Psittaculirostris edwardsii*), and Salvadori's Fig-parrot