

administered the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Small Cities program in the State of New York since the inception of the State CDBG program. Forty-eight states administer their own State CDBG program. At the request of Governor George E. Pataki, New York, the Department has withdrawn the Notice of Funding Availability for Fiscal Year 2000 funding. The Department will continue to retain control of past grants and multi-year grants made prior to Fiscal Year 2000.

In response to requests from local officials throughout the State and concerns that the State may not immediately possess the expertise to manage the program, the Department had originally proposed a transition process designed to permit a smooth and orderly transfer of the program from HUD administration to State control. The proposed process would have allowed the HUD-administered competition to continue as outlined in the NOFA of November 8, 1999, while the State completed all necessary steps to administer the program effectively. HUD had recommended a transition process in order to avoid any disruption in funding to the grantees. New York officials, however, indicated they would prefer HUD to transfer the program without a transition process.

Therefore, through this Notice, HUD withdraws the NOFA inviting applications for the HUD-administered Small Cities program published on November 8, 1999.

Dated: March 6, 2000.

Joseph D'Agosta,

*General Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Community Planning and Development.*

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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.*):

Applicant: Arturo J. Gutierrez, Weston, MA, PRT-023419.

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.

Applicant: Diane Klumpp, Emigrant, MT, PRT-023635.

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.

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.

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: March 3, 2000.

Kristen Nelson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment for the Grand Bayou/Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) Freshwater Diversion Project, Terrebonne and Lafourche Parishes, Louisiana

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

The Service announces the availability of the draft EA for the Grand Bayou/GIWW Freshwater Diversion Project. A more detailed description of the project is outlined in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below. A Copy of the draft EA may be obtained by sending a written request to the Service's Louisiana Field Office (see **ADDRESSES**). Requests must be made in writing to be processed. This notice is

provided pursuant to NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

The Service specifically requests information, views, and opinions from the public via this Notice on the Federal action, including the identification of any other aspects of the human environment not already identified in the Service's EA.

If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to the Service's Field Office (see **ADDRESSES**). You also may comment via the internet to "Ronald_Paille@fws.gov". Please submit comments over the internet as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include your name and return address in your internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the Service that we have received your internet message, contact us directly at the telephone numbers listed below (see **FURTHER INFORMATION**). Finally, you may hand deliver comments to the Service office listed below (see **ADDRESSES**). Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the administrative record. We will honor such requests to the extent allowable by law. There may also be circumstances in which we would withhold from the administrative record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

DATES: Written comments on the draft EA should be sent to the Service's Field Office (see **ADDRESSES**) and should be received on or before April 10, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the draft EA may obtain a copy by writing to the Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 646 Cajundome Boulevard, Suite 400, Lafayette, Louisiana 70506. Documents will also be available for public inspection by appointment (Attn: Ronald Paille) during normal business hours at the Service Field Office. Written data or comments concerning the draft EA should be submitted to the