

Wells, of FEMA is appointed to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared disaster.

I do hereby determine the following areas of the State of Nebraska to have been affected adversely by this declared major disaster:

Cass, Gage, Lancaster, and Saline Counties for Individual Assistance.

Cass, Gage, Lancaster and Saline Counties for debris removal (Category A) and emergency protective measures (Category B) under the Public Assistance program.

All counties within the State of Nebraska are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund Program; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services Program; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance; 97.048, Individual and Household Housing; 97.049, Individual and Household Disaster Housing Operations; 97.050 Individual and Household Program-Other Needs, 97.036, Public Assistance

Grants; 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

**Michael D. Brown,**

*Under Secretary, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Department of Homeland Security.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Issuance of Permits**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of permits for endangered species and/or marine mammals.

**SUMMARY:** The following permits were issued.

**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: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358-2281.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that on the dates below, as authorized by the provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*), and/or the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permit(s) subject to certain conditions set forth therein. For each permit for an endangered species, the Service found that (1) the application was filed in good faith, (2) the granted permit would not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species, and (3) the granted permit would be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in section 2 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended*.

**Endangered Species**

Permit No.	Applicant	Receipt of application <b>Federal Register</b> notice	Permit issuance date
082597 .....	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University ....	69 FR 13324; March 22, 2004 .....	May 13, 2004.
084530 .....	Bruce G. Cowell .....	69 FR 16285; March 29, 2004 .....	May 17, 2004.

**Endangered Marine Mammals and Marine Mammals**

Permit No.	Applicant	Receipt of application <b>Federal Register</b> notice	Permit issuance date
084463 .....	Jimmie C. Rosenbruch .....	69 FR 16285; March 29, 2004 .....	May 19, 2004.
084882 .....	Philip J. Guarino, Jr. ....	69 FR 17440; April 2, 2004 .....	May 18, 2004.

Dated: May 21, 2004.

**Monica Farris,**

*Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Receipt of Applications for Permit**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

**SUMMARY:** The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with

endangered species and/or marine mammals.

**DATES:** Written data, comments or requests must be received by July 7, 2004.

**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 within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358-2281.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Endangered Species**

The public is invited to comment on the following applications 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.*). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (**ADDRESSES** above).

*Applicant: Iowa State University, PRT-084859*

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples and discarded shells from wild caught specimens of two species of turtle (*Apalone ater* and *Terrapene coahuila*) from Mexico for scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

*Applicant: Alberto Santos Jr., The Woodlands, TX, PRT-086636*

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) 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: Richard E. Heckert, Kennett Square, PA, PRT-085827*

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) 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.

#### **Endangered Marine Mammals and Marine Mammals**

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered marine mammals and/or marine mammals. The applications were submitted to satisfy requirements of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*) and/or the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing endangered species (50 CFR part 17) and/or marine mammals (50 CFR part 18). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be submitted to the Director (**ADDRESSES** above). Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

*Applicant: Robert J. Merkle, El Dorado, AR, PRT-086954*

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

*Applicant: Kevin M. Libby, Reno, NV, PRT-087507*

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Viscount Melville polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

*Applicant: Walter O. Kirby, Sacramento, CA, PRT-087684*

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

*Applicant: Richard R. Childress, Lexington, NC, PRT-087563*

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Southern Beaufort polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

*Applicant: Raymond K. Yu, Los Angeles, CA, PRT-087181*

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

*Applicant: Lonnie R. Henriksen, Arlington, SD, PRT-087596*

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Southern Beaufort polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

Dated: May 21, 2004.

**Monica Farris,**

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Bureau of Indian Affairs**

#### **Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Operations and Maintenance of the Flathead Indian Irrigation Project Upon Transfer**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent and public scoping meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) intends to gather information necessary for preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed operations and maintenance of the Flathead Indian Irrigation project upon

transfer. This notice also announces public meetings to determine the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS.

The purpose of this notice is to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. Comments and participation in this scoping process are encouraged.

**DATES:** Comments on the scope and implementation of this proposal must be received before July 31, 2004. The meeting dates are:

1. June 28, 2004, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Arlee, Montana.
2. June 30, 2004, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Ronan, Montana.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail or hand deliver written comments to Mr. Jeffery Loman, Chief, Natural Resources Division, Office of Trust Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Mail Stop-3061, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240. You may also fax comments to Chief, Natural Resources, at (202) 219-0006 or (202) 219-1255.

The first meeting will be held at the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Arlee Community Center, Arlee, Montana.

The second meeting will be held at the Ronan High School Gymnasium, Ronan, Montana.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Jeffery Loman, (202) 208-7373.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Flathead Indian Irrigation Project (Project) is located on the Flathead Indian Reservation in northwestern Montana. The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) is required to transfer the operations and maintenance of the Project as provided by the 1908 Act of May 29, 1908, Public Law 60-156, 35 Stat. 441 (1908) (the 1908 Act) and the 1948 Act of May 25, 1948, Public Law 80-554, 62 Stat. 269 (1948) (the 1948 Act).

In 1904, the Flathead Indian Allotment Act authorized allotments of land within the Flathead Indian Reservation to members of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai tribes ("tribes") and construction of the Flathead Indian Irrigation Project for "the benefit of Indians" on the Flathead Indian Reservation. 33 Stat. 302. When this Act was amended in 1908, it also authorized the construction of irrigation systems to serve homesteaded lands within the Flathead Indian Reservation and provided for turnover of the operation and maintenance of irrigation works to non-Indian lands served by the Project when certain Project construction repayment conditions had been met. 35 Stat. 450. Further, upon turn over of the project, the 1948 Act called for the operation and