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Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The applications were 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 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 (address 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: Douglas J. Leech, PRT-103096.

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, noncommercial use.

Applicant: Clifford L. Tulpa, PRT-103409.

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

Applicant: Robert G. Moyer, PRT-103429.

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

Applicant: Donald L. Shaum, PRT-103098.

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

Dated: May 20, 2005.

Michael Carpenter,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications.

SUMMARY: The following applicants have applied for scientific research permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be received on or before July 5, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Ecological Services, P.O. Box 1306, Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. 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. Documents will be available for public inspection, by appointment only, during normal business hours at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 500 Gold Ave., SW., Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chief, Endangered Species Division, (505) 248-6920.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Permit No. TE-048464

Applicant: Joanne Roberts, Phoenix, Arizona.

Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for Sonoran tiger salamander (*Ambystoma tigrinum stebbinsi*) within Arizona.

Permit No. TE-103076

Applicant: Transcon Infrastructure, Inc., Mesa, Arizona.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*) within Arizona.

Permit No. TE-020844

Applicant: Engineering and Environmental consultants, Inc., Tucson, Arizona.

Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for lesser long-nosed bat (*Leptonycteris curasoae* (=sanborni) *verbabuena*), interior least tern (*Sterna*

antillarum), and northern aplomado falcon (*Falco femoralis septentrionalis*) within Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas.

Permit No TE-102515

Applicant: Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys, capture, and tag for the American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) within Oklahoma.

Permit No. TE-102517

Applicant: Tetra Tech, Inc., Farmington, New Mexico.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) within Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, and Utah.

Permit No. TE-006655

Applicant: Logan Simpson Design, Inc., Tempe, Arizona.

Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit to conduct presence/absence surveys for the following species within Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, and Utah: interior least tern (*Sterna antillarum*), northern aplomado falcon (*Falco femoralis septentrionalis*), Gila topminnow (*Poeciliopsis occidentalis*), and razorback sucker (*Xyrauchen texanus*). In addition to presence/absence surveys, applicant requests authorization to conduct nest searches and nest monitoring for the northern aplomado falcon (*Falco femoralis septentrionalis*).

Permit No. TE-103069

Applicant: Donna J. Howell, Mora, New Mexico.

Applicant requests a new permit to capture, hold, and release lesser long-nosed bats (*Leptonycteris curasoae* (=sanborni) *verbabuena*) within Arizona.

Permit No. TE-103314

Applicant: Jon Matthew Tanner, McKinney, Texas.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys and nest monitoring for interior least tern (*Sterna antillarum*) within Texas.

Permit No. TE-103480

Applicant: Carianne Funicelli, Tucson, Arizona.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to

conduct presence/absence surveys for the following species within Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas: lesser long-nosed bat (*Leptonycteris curasoae* (=sanborni) *yerbabuenae*), cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*), southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), Sonoran tiger salamander (*Ambystoma tigrinum stebbinsi*), desert pupfish (*Cyprinodon macularius*), and Gila topminnow (*Poeciliopsis occidentalis*).

Permit No. TE-103860

Applicant: Roberg Environmental Consulting Services, Cabot, Arkansas.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to survey, trap, and relocate for the American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) within Arkansas and Oklahoma.

Permit No. TE-103862

Applicant: Texas Department of Transportation, Houston, Texas.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the following species within Texas: Attwater's greater prairie chicken (*Tympanuchus cupido attwateri*), brown pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*), Eskimo curlew (*Numenius borealis*), red-cockaded woodpecker (*Picoides* (=Dendrocopos) *borealis*), whooping crane (*Grus americana*), and Texas prairie dawn-flower (*Hymenoxys texana*).

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*

Dated: May 10, 2005.

Steve Chambers,

Acting Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U.S. Geological Survey

Patent, Trademark & Copyright Acts

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey.

ACTION: Notice of prospective intent to award exclusive license.

SUMMARY: The United States Geological Survey (USGS) is contemplating awarding an exclusive license to: Geovision Solutions, Inc., 1410 Gunston Road, Bel Air, Maryland 21015 on U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/877,786, entitled "Integrated Method for

Disseminating Large Spatial Data Sets in a Distributed Form Via the Internet."

Inquiries: If other parties are interested in similar activities, or have comments related to the prospective award, please contact Neil Mark, USGS, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 201, Reston, Virginia 20192, voice (703) 648-4344, fax (703) 648-7219, or e-mail nmark@usgs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is submitted to meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 208 *et seq.*

Dated: May 20, 2005.

Patricia P. Dunham,

Deputy Chief, Office of Administrative Policy and Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection, Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of an extension of a currently approved information collection (OMB Control Number 1010-0155).

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, we are inviting comments on a collection of information that we will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The information collection request (ICR) is titled "30 CFR Part 204 Alternatives for Marginal Properties, Subpart C—Accounting and Auditing Relief." This ICR covers the regulatory language under 30 CFR part 204, as published in the final rulemaking on September 13, 2004 (69 FR 55076). This citation explains how lessees and their designees can obtain accounting and auditing relief for production from Federal oil and gas leases and units and communitization agreements that qualify as marginal properties.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before August 2, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to Sharron L. Gebhardt, Lead Regulatory Specialist, Minerals Management Service, Minerals Revenue Management, P.O. Box 25165, MS 302B2, Denver, Colorado 80225. If you use an overnight courier service or wish to hand-carry your comments, our courier address is Building 85, Room A-614, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225.

You may also e-mail your comments to us at mrm.comments@mms.gov. Include the title of the information collection and the OMB control number in the "Attention" line of your comment. Also include your name and return address. Submit electronic comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. If you do not receive a confirmation that we have received your e-mail, contact Ms. Gebhardt at (303) 231-3211.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharron L. Gebhardt, telephone (303) 231-3211, FAX (303) 231-3781, or e-mail sharron.gebhardt@mms.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title: 30 CFR PART 204—ALTERNATIVES FOR MARGINAL PROPERTIES, Subpart C—Accounting and Auditing Relief.

OMB Control Number: 1010-0155.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Abstract: The Secretary of the U.S.

Department of the Interior is responsible for collecting royalties from lessees who produce minerals from leased Federal and Indian lands. The Secretary is required by various laws to manage mineral resources production on Federal and Indian lands, collect the royalties due, and distribute the funds in accordance with those laws. The MMS performs the royalty management functions for the Secretary.

When a company or an individual enters into a lease to explore, develop, produce, and dispose of minerals from Federal or Indian lands, that company or individual agrees to pay the lessor a share (royalty) of the value received from production from the leased lands. The lease creates a business relationship between the lessor and the lessee. The lessee is required to report various kinds of information to the lessor relative to the disposition of the leased minerals. Such information is similar to data reported to private and public mineral interest owners and is generally available within the records of the lessee or others involved in developing, transporting, processing, purchasing, or selling of such minerals. The information collected includes data necessary to ensure that the royalties are accurately valued and appropriately paid. A response is required to obtain the benefit of auditing and accounting relief.

Proprietary information submitted to MMS under this collection is protected, and no items of a sensitive nature are collected.

Applicable Citations

On August 13, 1996, Congress enacted Public Law 104-185—Aug. 13, 1996 (Federal Oil and Gas Royalty