

maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

PRT-840485

Applicant: Lawrence I. Masserant, Newport, MI.

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.

The public is invited to comment on the following application for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application was 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 18).

PRT-837414

Applicant: Alaska Sealife Center, Seward, AK.

Permit Type: Take for enhancement/scientific research.

Name and Number of Animals: northern sea otter (*Enhydra lutris lutris*) and walrus (*Odobenus rosmarus*), unlimited.

Summary of Activity to Be Authorized: The applicant requests authorization for species enhancement and scientific research for the following activities: recovery and rehabilitation of sick and stranded sea otters and walrus, and investigations of new rehabilitation protocols for sea otters to increase the chances of successful reintroduction. The applicant has proposed to include an education component to the rehabilitation program to help educate the public of species biology and conservation.

Source of Marine Mammals: Range of species in Alaska.

Period of Activity: Up to 5 years from issuance date of permit, if issued.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Office of Management Authority is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

PRT-839985

Applicant: Thomas A. Rue, Ovando, MT.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted prior to April 30, 1994, from the Baffin Bay polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

PRT-840250

Applicant: Fred D. Rich, Portland, TX.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*)

sport-hunted from the Southern Beaufort Sea polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

PRT-840283

Applicant: Ralph W. Brockman, Monroe, LA.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted prior to April 30, 1994, from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

PRT-840287

Applicant: Robert L. Zachrich, Holgate, OH.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted prior to April 30, 1994, from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

PRT-840286

Applicant: John Victor Lattimore III, Denison, TX.

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

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 13, 1998.

MaryEllen Amtower,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals

On December 19, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 244, Page 66660, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Eugene Giscombe for a permit (PRT-837603) to import a sport-hunted polar bear trophy, taken from the McClintock Channel population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on February 10, 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 January 6, 1998, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 63, No. 3, Page 571, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Stephen C. Slack for a permit (PRT-837990) to import a sport-hunted polar bear trophy, taken prior to April 30, 1994, from the Davis Strait population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on March 3, 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: March 13, 1998.

MaryEllen Amtower,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Application for a Natural Gas Pipeline Right-of-Way

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that under Section 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (41 Stat. 449; 30 U.S.C. 185), as amended by Public Law 93-153,

Southern Natural Gas Company has applied for a right-of-way to install and maintain a 16-inch outer-diameter natural gas pipeline across 2.82 miles of Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge, in Morgan and Limestone Counties, Alabama, described as follows:

A right-of-way with a beginning width of fifty (50) feet, on, over, across, and through that part of the Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) lying and being in Sections 25 and 36, Township 5 South, Range 4 West of Morgan County, Sections 13, 24, and 25, Township 5 South, Range 4 West and Section 18, Township 5 South, Range 3 West of Limestone County, Alabama. The boundaries of said right-of-way are more particularly described as being situated twenty five (25) feet either side and measured at right angles to the following described pipeline survey centerline. The boundaries of said right-of-way increase to approximately one hundred (100) feet in width for a length of approximately 882 feet in Section 24, Township 5 South, Range 4 West of Limestone County, as more particularly described below. The said right-of-way parallels and abuts an existing Department of Transportation easement for Interstate 65 in the same sections described above and becomes a part of the same corridor.

Commencing at a 1/2" rebar at or near the interior Southeast corner of the Wheeler NWR; thence S88°27'57" W along the interior South line of said tract or parcel of land a distance of 25.7 feet to the Point of Beginning, at which point the fifty (50) feet wide right-of-way is situated twenty five (25) feet either side and measured at right angles of a surveyed line; thence run N14°32'11" E a distance of 154.4 feet to a point; thence run N15°55'16" E a distance of 158.8 feet to a point; thence run N17°08'36" E a distance of 3,994.3 feet to a point; thence run N77°8'40" E a distance of 404.8 feet to a point; thence run N17°22'59" E a distance of 2,249.5 feet to a point; from said point (Sta. 560+94) the right-of-way starts a transition from fifty (50) feet to one hundred (100) feet in width; thence run N21°57'19" E a distance of 892.9 feet to a point;

At said point (Sta. 569+87) the one hundred (100) feet wide right-of-way is situated twenty five (25) feet East and seventy five feet (75) feet West of a surveyed line; thence run N17°15'43" E a distance of 881.7 feet to a point; from said point (Sta. 578+68) the right-of-way starts a transition from one hundred (100) feet to fifty (50) feet in width; thence run N12°18'06" E a distance of 864.6 feet to a point; at said point (Sta. 587+33) the right-of-way is twenty five

(25) feet either side and measured at right angles of a surveyed line; thence run N17°30'24" E a distance of 1,274.7 feet to a point; thence run N10°31'35" E a distance of 142 feet to a point; thence run N14°54'58" E a distance of 225 feet to a point; thence run N13°45'48" E a distance of 224.4 feet to a point; thence run N11°40'40" E a distance of 357.7 feet to a point; thence run N10°10'43" E a distance of 495 feet to a point; thence run N07°33'10" E a distance of 302.6 feet to a point; thence run N06°15'25" E a distance of 395.2 feet to a point; thence run N04°11'32" E a distance of 366.2 feet to a point; thence run N02°48'17" E a distance of 423.5 feet to a point; thence run N00°24'45" W a distance of 544.9 feet to a point, thence run N19°45'17" E a distance of 136.6 feet to a point; thence run N07°44'51" E a distance of 13.7 feet to the Point of Ending, which is a point on 136.6 feet to a point, thence run N07°44'51" E a distance of 13.7 feet to the Point of Ending, which is a point on the North line of said Wheeler NWR, said point is also located a distance of 1,448.6 feet from a "T" post (T.V.A. corner No. 99) at or near the Northeast corner of the Wheeler NWR.

Said right-of-way contains 18.666 acres, more or less.

Also for the purpose and duration of the initial construction and installation of the proposed pipeline, a temporary right-of-way and work space twenty (20) feet in width along and adjacent to the west right-of-way from Sta. 1000+35 to Sta. 1000+85. Also a twenty (20) feet in width temporary right-of-way and work space along and adjacent to the east right-of-way from Sta. 1000+85 to Sta. 636+46;

Also an additional temporary right-of-way and work space twenty (20) feet in width along and adjacent to the east temporary work space limits at the following locations: Sta. 566+65 to Sta. 573+50, Sta. 582+32 to Sta. 588+26, Sta. 605+01 to Sta. 617+45, Sta. 620+53 to Sta. 621+74, Sta. 623+48 to Sta. 625+14, and Sta. 627+15 to Sta. 634+91;

Also a temporary work space (drill site) being one hundred fifty (150) feet in width and two hundred and fifty (250) feet in length;

Also twelve (12) twenty five (25) feet wide by one hundred (100) feet long temporary rights-of-way and work spaces located at water crossings.

The above-described temporary rights-of-way and work spaces contain, in the aggregate 7.448 acres, more or less.

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that the United States Fish and Wildlife Service is currently

considering the merits of approving this application.

DATES: Interested persons desiring to comment on this application should do so on or before April 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Room 420, Atlanta, Georgia 30345.

Sam D. Hamilton,
Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U.S. Geological Survey

Technology Transfer Act of 1986

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed cooperative research and development agreement (CRADA) negotiations.

SUMMARY: The United States Geological Survey (USGS) is contemplating entering into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with the University of Florida—Gainesville to jointly perform Large Scale and Live Bed Pier Scour research at the Conte Anadromous Fish Research Center.

ADDRESSES: If any other parties are interested in similar activities with the USGS, please contact: Dr. Mufeed Odeh, 413-863-8994, Ext. 43.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is to meet the USGS requirement stipulated in the Survey Manual.

Dated: March 11, 1998.

Dennis B. Fenn,
Chief Biologist.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-952-08-1420-00]

Arizona State Office; Filing of Plats of Survey

March 9, 1998.

1. The plats of survey of the following described lands were officially filed in the Arizona State Office, Phoenix, Arizona, on the dates indicated:

A plat, in two sheets, representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines and portions of certain mineral surveys; and the