

PRT-011639

*Applicant:* Tarzan Zerbini, Webb City, MO

The applicant requests a permit to export, re-export and re-import tigers (*Panthera tigris*), and progeny of the animals currently held by the applicant and any animals acquired in the United States by the applicant to/from worldwide locations to enhance the survival of the species through conservation education. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a three year period.

PRT-011575

*Applicant:* Dale Norman Bigger, Humble, TX

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

PRT-814588

*Applicant:* Brian McMillian, Canyon Country, CA

The applicant requests a permit to export, re-export and re-import tigers (*Panthera tigris*) and leopards (*Panthera pardus*) and progeny of the animals currently held by the applicant and any animals acquired in the United States by the applicant to/from worldwide locations to enhance the survival of the species through conservation education. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a three year period.

PRT-011646

*Applicant:* Kootenai Tribe of Idaho, Bonners Ferry, ID

The applicant requests a permit to export white sturgeon (*Acipenser transmontanus*) fertilized eggs from a spawning and rearing facility in Bonners Ferry, Idaho to the Kootenay Trout Hatchery in Fort Steele, British Columbia as advised in the USFWS White Sturgeon Recovery Team Plan and would enhance the survival of the species through conservation and propagation. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a five year period.

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.

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 part 18).

PRT-011452

*Applicant:* Steven Tyrholm, Klamath Falls, OR

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-011451

*Applicant:* Kevin S. Small, Bakersfield, CA

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

PRT-011326

*Applicant:* Edward A. Peterson, Eatontown, NJ

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

PRT-011393

*Applicant:* Joseph Zbylski, Englewood, CO

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-011394

*Applicant:* John Conti, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI

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

PRT-011392

*Applicant:* John Gall, Chesterfield, MI

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

PRT-838026

*Applicant:* Ferris State University, MI

The applicant requests a permit to import one taxidermied and mounted donated polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) for the purpose of public display.

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: May 10, 1999.

**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 Intent To Revise the Comprehensive Conservation Plan and To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Togiak National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska****AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice and solicitation of comments.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) intends to revise the comprehensive conservation plan (comprehensive plan) for the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska. The Service furnishes this notice to advise agencies and the public of its intentions, and to gather information needed to revise the plan in compliance with the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 3100 *et seq.*), the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee), the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321-4347) and its implementing regulations. Specifically, we would like suggestions on the scope of issues which should be addressed in the plan. We will also evaluate the wilderness review and wild and scenic rivers study that were completed previously for refuge lands and waters.

**DATES:** Comments should be received no later than November 1, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Address comments to Margaret Arend, Refuge Planning Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, AK 99503, telephone (907) 786-3393; fax (907) 786-3965.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** For additional information, contact Margaret

Arend, Refuge Planning, at (907)786-3393, fax (907) 786-3965.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) (16 U.S.C. 3101 *et seq.*) was signed into law on December 2, 1980. The broad purpose of this law is to provide for the disposition and use of a variety of federally owned lands in Alaska. Section 303 of ANILCA established Togiak National Wildlife Refuge which includes the Cape Newenham National Wildlife Refuge. ANILCA lists the purposes for which Togiak Refuge was established and is managed, which are to conserve fish and wildlife populations and habitats in their natural diversity; to fulfill the international treaty obligations of the United States with respect to fish and wildlife and their habitats; to provide the opportunity for continued subsistence uses by local residents; and to ensure water quality and necessary water quantity within the refuge. Section 304(g) of ANILCA directs the Service to prepare comprehensive plans for all refuges and to revise them "from time to time."

The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, which amended the Refuge Administration Act, also includes requirements for system wide refuge planning. Should any provisions of the Refuge Administration Act conflict with the provisions of ANILCA, the provisions of ANILCA shall prevail for refuges in Alaska. Plans identify and describe: the populations and habitats of the fish and wildlife resources of the refuge; the special values of the refuge, as well as any other archeological, cultural, ecological, geological, historical, paleontological, scenic, or wilderness value of the refuge; areas of the refuge that are suitable for use as administrative sites or visitor facilities, or for visitor services; present and potential requirements for access; and significant problems which may adversely affect the populations and habitats of fish and wildlife. The plans designate areas within the Refuge according to their respective resources and values; specify programs for conserving fish and wildlife and maintaining the special values of the Refuge; specify uses which may be compatible with the major purposes of the Refuge; and identify opportunities to be provided for fish and wildlife-oriented recreation, ecological research, environmental education and interpretation of Refuge resources and values, if they are compatible with the purposes of the Refuge.

The Togiak comprehensive plan was completed in 1987. Much of the management direction in the comprehensive plan is now out of date due to changes in laws, regulations, and circumstances. In 1991 the Service completed a public use management plan which provided additional guidance for management of public use along popular sport fishing rivers. In 1997 the Refuge began to revise the public use management plan to address increasing public use of the Refuge. The Service has decided to combine the comprehensive plan and the public use management plan and prepare one revised comprehensive conservation plan and environmental impact statement for the Refuge.

This notice formally begins the revision of the comprehensive plan for the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge. In addition to soliciting public comments through this notice, public comments on issues to be addressed in the revision will be solicited through newsletters and other mailings. The comprehensive plan revision will be discussed during community meetings in Togiak, Quinhagak, Goodnews, Platinum, Manokotak, Aleknagik, Clark's Point, Dillingham and Anchorage, AK between April and November 1999. Once issues are identified, the Service will identify options to address the issues and prepare a draft comprehensive plan and draft environmental impact statement. This document is scheduled to be released for public review in the fall of 2000. After public review and comment on the draft plan and environmental impact statement, including public meetings, a final plan and environmental impact statement will be prepared and released.

In preparing and revising the plan, the Service will consult with appropriate State agencies and Native corporations and will hold public meetings to ensure that residents of local villages and political subdivisions of the State which are most affected by administration of the Refuge have the opportunity to present their views on the plan revisions. Before adopting a plan, The Service will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** and will provide an opportunity for public views and comment.

**Electronic Access:** Interested persons may submit comments and data by electronic mail (E-mail) to: Maggi\_Arend@fws.gov. Submit electronic comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

WordPerfect Version 8 or compatible file formats are acceptable.

**David B. Allen,**  
*Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Pony Express Resource Management Plan, Utah

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare a plan amendment to the Pony Express Resource Management Plan (RMP).

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Salt Lake Field Office, Utah is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to consider a proposed amendment to the Pony Express RMP which would establish the appropriate management level (AML) and forage allocation for two wild horse herd areas (HA), Cedar Mountain and Onaqui Mountain. Forage allocation adjustments shall take into consideration the needs of wildlife and livestock.

**DATES:** The comment period for identification of issues for the proposed plan amendment will commence with the date of publication of this notice. Comments must be submitted on or before June 14, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the proposed plan amendment should be sent to Bureau of Land Management, Salt Lake Field Office, 2370 South 2300 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84119.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alice Stephenson, Land Use Planner, Bureau of Land Management, telephone (801) 977-4317. Existing planning documents and information are available at the above address or telephone number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Pony Express RMP, approved January 12, 1990, Wild Horse Decision No. 1 set the herd sizes at: Cedar Mountain HA at 85 animals (1,020 AUMs) and Onaqui Mountain HA at 45 animals (540 AUMs). Since then, the HAs have been evaluated to determine the potential carrying capacity for wild horses. Preliminary issues include livestock grazing, wilderness study areas, off-highway vehicles, vegetation, water, and riparian. Public participation is being sought at this initial stage in the planning process to ensure the RMP