

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-013922

Applicant: Gary R. Tuohy, Alpena, MI

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.

Written data or comments, requests for copies of the complete application, or requests for a public hearing on this application should be sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone 703/358-2104 or fax 703/358-2281 and must be received within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. 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.

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: July 2, 1999.

Pamela Hall,

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 March 25, 1999, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 64, No. 57, Page 14460, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Bradley W. Nicholson for a permit (PRT-008875) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy taken from the Southern Beaufort Sea population, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on May 13, 1999, 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 March 25, 1999, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 64, No. 57, Page 14460, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Robert Landis for a permit (PRT-008656) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy taken from the Southern Beaufort Sea population, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on May 13, 1999, 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 April 29, 1999, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 64, No. 82, Page 23095, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by David Petrella for a permit (PRT-010260) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy taken from the Southern Beaufort Sea population, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on June 22, 1999, 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 April 29, 1999, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 64, No. 82, Page 23095, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Aldrege Fabian for a permit (PRT-010261) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy taken from the Lancaster Sound population, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on June 22, 1999, 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 April 29, 1999, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 64, No. 82, Page 23095, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Catherine Rondeau for a permit (PRT-010262) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy taken from the Western Hudson Bay population, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on June 22, 1999, 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 April 29, 1999, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 64, No. 82, Page 23095, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Robert Rondeau, Jr. for a permit (PRT-010287) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy taken from the Western Hudson Bay population, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on June 22, 1999, 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 May 7, 1999, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 64, No. 88, Page 24673, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Allen Ebnet for a permit (PRT-011207) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy taken from the McClintock Channel population, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on June 22, 1999, 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 April 29, 1999, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 64, No. 82, Page 23095, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Dube Viateur for a permit (PRT-010660) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy taken from the Western Hudson Bay population, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on June 16, 1999, 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 May 13, 1999, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 64, No. 92, Page 25899, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by John Conti for a permit (PRT-011394) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy taken from the Northern Beaufort Sea population, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on June 28, 1999, 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: July 2, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES); Eleventh Regular Meeting; Proposed Resolutions and Agenda Items Being Considered; Species Being Considered for Amendments to the CITES Appendices; Public Meeting; Observer Information

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States, as a Party to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), may submit proposed resolutions and agenda items for consideration at meetings of the Conference of the Parties to CITES. The United States may also propose amendments to the CITES Appendices for consideration at meetings of the Conference of the Parties. The eleventh regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES (COP11) will be held at the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya, April 10-20, 2000.

With this notice we:

(1) List potential proposed resolutions and agenda items that the United States is considering submitting for consideration at COP11;

(2) List potential proposed amendments to the CITES Appendices (species proposals) that the United States is considering submitting for consideration at COP11;

(3) Invite your comments and information on these potential proposals;

(4) Announce a public meeting to discuss these potential proposals; and
(5) Provide information on how non-governmental organizations based in the United States can attend COP11 as observers.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on July 28, 1999, at 1:30 P.M. We will consider written information and comments you submit concerning potential species proposals, proposed resolutions, and agenda items that the United States is considering submitting for consideration at COP11, and other items relating to COP11, if we receive them by September 7, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in the Large Buffet Room of the Department of the Interior at 18th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. Directions to the building can be obtained by contacting the Office of Management Authority or the Office of Scientific Authority (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, below). Please note that the room is accessible to the handicapped and all persons planning to attend the meeting will be required to present photo identification when entering the building. Persons planning to attend the meeting who require interpretation for the hearing impaired should notify the Office of Management Authority or the Office of Scientific Authority as soon as possible.

Comments pertaining to proposed resolutions and agenda items should be sent to the Office of Management Authority; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 North Fairfax Drive; Room 700; Arlington, VA 22203, or via E-mail at: r9oma_cites@fws.gov. Comments pertaining to species proposals should be sent to the Office of Scientific Authority; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 North Fairfax Drive; Room 750; Arlington, VA 22203, or via E-mail at: r9osa@fws.gov. Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at either the Office of Management Authority or the Office of Scientific Authority.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Office of Management Authority, Branch of CITES Operations, phone 703/358-2095, fax 703/358-2298, E-mail: r9oma_cites@fws.gov; or Office of Scientific Authority, phone 703/358-1708, fax 703/358-2276, E-mail: r9osa@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, TIAS 8249, hereinafter

referred to as CITES or the Convention, is an international treaty designed to control and regulate international trade in certain animal and plant species that are now or potentially may be threatened with extinction. These species are listed in Appendices to CITES, copies of which are available from the Office of Management Authority or the Office of Scientific Authority at the above addresses, from our World Wide Web site <http://www.fws.gov/r9dia/applinks.html>, or from the official CITES Secretariat Web site at <http://www.wcmc.org.uk/CITES/english>. Currently, 145 countries, including the United States, are Parties to CITES. CITES calls for biennial meetings of the Conference of the Parties, which review its implementation, make provisions enabling the CITES Secretariat in Switzerland to carry out its functions, consider amendments to the list of species in Appendices I and II, consider reports presented by the Secretariat, and make recommendations for the improved effectiveness of CITES. Any country that is a Party to CITES may propose amendments to Appendices I and II, resolutions, and agenda items for consideration by the other Parties. Only Party countries may submit species proposals, resolutions, and agenda items for consideration at the meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Accredited non-governmental organizations may participate in the meeting as approved observers, and may speak during sessions, but may not vote.

This is our fourth in a series of **Federal Register** notices that, together with announced public meetings, provide you with an opportunity to participate in the development of the United States' negotiating positions for the eleventh regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES (COP11). We published our first such **Federal Register** notice on January 30, 1998 (63 FR 4613), and with it we requested information and recommendations on potential species amendments for the United States to consider submitting for discussion at COP11. Information on that **Federal Register** notice, and on species amendment proposals, is available from the Office of Scientific Authority at the above address. We published our second such **Federal Register** notice on September 4, 1998 (63 FR 47316), and with it we requested information and recommendations on potential resolutions and agenda items for the United States to consider submitting for discussion at COP11. You may obtain information on that **Federal Register**