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Source of Marine Mammals: Wild sea otters from Alaska.

Period of Activity: Up to 5 years, if issued.

Applicant: Ibaraki Prefectural Oarai Aquarium, Ibaraki, Japan. PRT-043001.

Permit Type: Take and Export for public display.

Name and Number of Animals: Northern sea otter (*Enhydra lutris lutris*), 1.4.

Summary of Activity to be

Authorized: The applicant requests a permit to live capture from the waters of Alaska 5 adult Northern sea otters and export them to their facility in Japan for the purpose of public display.

Source of Marine Mammals: Wild sea otters from Alaska.

Period of Activity: Up to 5 years, if issued.

Applicant: California Department of Fish and Game, Santa Cruz, California, PRT-039953.

Permit Type: Take for Enhancement.

Name and Number of Animals: Southern sea otter (*Enhydra lutris nereis*), variable number.

Summary of Activity to be

Authorized: The applicant requests an enhancement permit to hold Southern sea otters for rehabilitation purposes at their Marine Wildlife Veterinary Care and Research Center; animals will be held for rehabilitation purposes pending return to the wild.

Source of Marine Mammals: Stranded animals in need of rehabilitation.

Period of Activity: Up to 5 years, if issued.

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

Applicant: Richard T. Adams, Verdi, NV, PRT-043591.

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

Applicant: Frank Huschitt, Grayslake, IL, PRT-043606

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: Alfred Cito, Manasquan, NJ, PRT-043609.

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

sport hunted prior to April 30, 1994, from the Northern Beaufort polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

Applicant: James A. Cummings, Fort Lauderdale, FL, PRT-043611.

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: Thomas E. Ferry, Ponca, NE, PRT-043735.

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 use.

Applicant: Bruce DeShano, Pigeon, MI, PRT-043824.

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 use.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife has information collection approval from OMB through February 28, 2001. OMB Control Number 1018-0093. Federal Agencies may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a current valid OMB control number.

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, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); Fax: (703/358-2281).

Dated: June 1, 2001.

Monica Farris,

Senior Biologist, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered Species Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications.

SUMMARY: The following applicants have applied for a scientific research permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Permit No. TE-040748

Applicant: Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

The applicant requests a permit to take black-footed ferrets (*Mustela nigripes*), and Wyoming toads (*Bufo hemiophrys baxteri*) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' ranges for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.

Applicant: Aaron R. Ellingson, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado.

The applicant requests a permit to take Uncompahgre fritillary butterflies (*Boloria acrocneuma*) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancing its survival and recovery.

Applicant: William Wyatt Hoback, University of Nebraska, Kearney, Nebraska.

The applicant requests a permit to take American burying beetles (*Nicrophorus americanus*) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancing its survival and recovery.

Applicant: Kevin R. Bestgen, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado.

The applicant requests a permit to take Colorado pikeminnows (*Ptychocheilus lucius*) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancing its survival and recovery.

Applicant: Greystone Environmental Consultants, Inc., Lakewood, Colorado.

The applicant requests a permit to take Southwestern willow flycatchers (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancing its survival and recovery.

Applicant: Clay Richard Davis, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, Texas.

The applicant requests a permit to take black-footed ferrets (*Mustela nigripes*), and gray bats (*Myotis grisescens*) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancing their survival and recovery.

Applicant: Hank Guarisco, Guariscocorp Inc., Lawrence, Kansas.

The applicant requests a permit to take American burying beetles (*Nicrophorus americanus*) in

conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancing its survival and recovery.

Applicant: Ronald J. Kass, Intermountain Ecosystems, Springville, Utah.

The applicant requests a permit to take Southwestern willow flycatchers (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in conjunction with recovery activities throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancing its survival and recovery.

DATES: Written comments on these requests for permits must be received on or before July 16, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Assistant Regional Director-Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225-0486; facsimile 303-236-0027.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: 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 20 days of the date of publication of this notice to the address above; telephone 303-236-7400.

Dated: June 6, 2001.

Ralph O. Morgenweck,

Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

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Extension of Approved Information Collections, OMB 1004-0172 and 1004-0181

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior, and Forest Service, Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (USDAFS), request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend existing approvals to collect information through

conducting surveys of the public for their respective user groups.

DATES: You must submit your comments to BLM at the appropriate address below on or before August 14, 2001. BLM will not necessarily consider any comments receive after the above date.

ADDRESSES: You may mail comments to: Regulatory Affairs Group (630), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street, NW., Room 401LS, Washington, DC 20240.

You may send comments via Internet to: WOCComment@blm.gov. Please include "ATTN: 1004-0172 and 1004-0181" and your name and return address in your Internet message.

You may hand deliver comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Comments will be available for public review at the L Street address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.), Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may contact Andrew Goldsmith, Management Systems Group, Business and Fiscal Resources Directorate, on (202) 452-5169 (Commercial or FTS). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) on 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact Mr. Goldsmith.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 5 CFR 1320.12(a) requires that we provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a collection of information to solicit comments on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of the agencies, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of our estimates of the information collection burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions we use;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and

(c) Ways to minimize the information collection burden on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical or to her technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. BLM will receive and analyze any comments sent in response to this notice and include them with its request for approval from OMB under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

I. Background

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IV. Requests for Comments

I. Background

The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (Pub. L. No 103-62) sets out to "improve Federal program effectiveness and public accountability by promoting a new focus on results, service quality, and customer satisfaction." In order to fulfill this responsibility, the BLM and USDAFS must collect data from their respective user groups to:

(1) Better understand the needs and desires of the public; and

(2) Respond to those needs and desires accordingly.

Executive Order No. 12862 fortifies this course of action. The Order discusses surveys as a means to determine the kinds and qualities of services the Federal Government's customers desire and to determine satisfaction levels for existing services. The BLM and USDAFS use these voluntary customer surveys to ascertain customer satisfaction with our services and products. Respondents are individuals and organizations who receive our services and products. Previous customer surveys provide useful information to assess how well we deliver our services, products, and for making improvements.

II. Current Actions

The request to OMB will be fore a three-year clearance to conduct customer surveys in the BLM and USDAFS. Over the past several years, we conducted several customer surveys, including the use of focus groups an a BLM-USDAFS comment card. The BLM uses this information to improve its products and services. (Examples of previously conducted customer surveys are available upon request.) Our planned activities in the next three fiscal years reflect our increased emphasis on and expansion of these activities.

III. Methodology

The BLM and USDAFS survey customers in the following general categories:

- (1) Use requiring authorization;
- (2) State and private forestry;
- (3) Timber sales;
- (4) Wild horse and burro;
- (5) Research;
- (6) Law enforcement;
- (7) Fire and aviation;
- (8) Wildlife and fisheries;
- (9) Recreation;
- (10) Information [general, land, title, and technology-based];
- (11) Pilot programs;
- (12) Stakeholders and partners; and
- (13) State and local governments.