

(T.I.G.E.R.S.), Surfside Beach, SC, PRT-130309.

The applicant requests a permit to import one male and two female captive-born cheetahs (*Acinonyx jubatus*) from DeWildt Cheetah and Wildlife Centre, DeWildt, South Africa for the purpose of enhancement of the species through conservation education.

Applicant: Nashville Zoo, Nashville, TN, PRT-144911.

The applicant requests a permit to import one male captive-born Central American tapir (*Tapirus bairdii*) from Zoologico La Marina, San Jose, Costa Rica for the purpose of enhancement of the species through captive breeding.

Applicant: Cincinnati Zoo, Cincinnati, OH, PRT-145194.

The applicant requests a permit to import semen samples from black-footed cats (*Felis nigripes*) from the wild in South Africa in cooperation with the Government of South Africa for scientific research in an ongoing study "Biomedical Assessment of free-ranging black-footed cats in South Africa". This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Applicant: Jose P. De Ayala, Honolulu, HI, PRT-144838.

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

Applicant: Arthur P. Hoffart, Bozeman, MT, PRT-144999.

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

Applicant: Tarzan Zerbini, Webb City, MO, PRT-065144, 065145, 065146, 065148, 065149, and 088344.

The applicant requests permits to export captive elephants (*Elephas maximus*) to worldwide locations for the purpose of enhancement of the species through conservation education. *The permit numbers and animals are:* 065144, Jan; 065145, Roxy; 065146, Shelly; 065148, Bunny; 065149, Marie; and 088344, Luke. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a three-year period and the import of any potential progeny born while overseas.

Dated: January 26, 2007.

Lisa J. Lierheimer,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a comprehensive conservation plan and environmental assessment for Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) intends to prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Environmental Assessment (EA), pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and its implementing regulations, for Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), located within the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia. This notice also advises the public that the Service is withdrawing a previous notice, published on May 8, 2002, stating that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) would be developed for the refuge. Comments already received under the previous notice will be considered during preparation of the subject CCP/EA.

The Service is furnishing this notice in compliance with the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 668dd *et seq.*): (1) To advise other agencies and the public of our intentions, and (2) to obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to include in the environmental documents.

DATES: Please provide any comments on the subject CCP/EA by March 26, 2007. The Service will notify the public of subsequent meetings on development of the proposed CCP/EA via **Federal Register** notice and other means, including special mailings, newspaper articles, and Web site announcements. Inquire at the address below for future dates of planning activity.

ADDRESSES: Address comments, questions, and requests for more information to the following: Refuge Manager, Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge, 4005 Sandpiper Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23456-4325, 757-721-2412.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas Bonetti, Refuge Planner, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, Massachusetts 01035, telephone 413-253-8307, fax 413-253-8468, electronic mail tom_bonetti@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By Federal law, all lands within the National Wildlife Refuge System are to be managed in accordance with an approved CCP. The CCP guides management decisions and identifies refuge goals, long-range objectives, and strategies for achieving refuge purposes. Public input into this planning process is essential. The CCP will provide other agencies and the public with a clear understanding of the desired conditions for the refuges and how the Service will implement management strategies. Public input into this planning process is essential.

The Service began soliciting information from the public in early 2002 via open houses, meetings, and written comments. Special mailings, newspaper articles, and Web site announcements helped to inform the public in the area near the refuge of the time and place of opportunities for input to the CCP.

The Service has determined that, at this time, an EA is a more appropriate document than an EIS to accompany the CCP. The need to prepare an EIS is a matter of professional judgment requiring consideration of all issues in question. If the EA determines that the CCP will constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, an EIS will then be prepared. The primary purpose of an EIS is to ensure that a full and fair discussion of all significant environmental impacts occurs, and to inform decision makers and the public of the reasonable alternatives that would avoid or minimize adverse impacts or enhance the quality of the human environment.

Review of this project will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the NEPA, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), NEPA Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), other appropriate Federal laws and regulations, and Service policies and procedures for compliance with those regulations. Concurrent with the CCP process, the Service will conduct a wilderness review and incorporate a summary of the review into the CCP, as well as include compatibility determinations for all applicable refuge uses. We estimate that the Draft CCP/EA will be available in 2007.

Dated: August 28, 2006.

Marvin E. Moriarty,

Regional Director, Region 5, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Hadley, Massachusetts.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for Innoko National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska

AGENCY: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service, we), will be developing a revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Environmental Assessment (EA) for Innoko National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge). We will use special mailings, newspaper articles, and other media announcements to inform the public of opportunities to provide input throughout the planning process. We will hold public meetings in communities near the Refuge (Grayling, Anvik, Shageluk, Holy Cross, Kaltag, McGrath and Takotna).

DATES: Please provide written comments on the scope of the CCP revision on or before 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice.

ADDRESSES: Address comments, questions, and requests for further information to: Rob Campellone, Planning Team Leader, Division of Conservation Planning and Policy, 1011 East Tudor Rd., MS-231, Anchorage, Alaska 99503. Comments may be faxed to (907) 786-3965, or e-mail to Innoko_Plan@fws.gov. Additional information about the refuge is available on the Internet at: <http://alaska.fws.gov/nwr/planning/innpol.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rob Campellone, Planning Team Leader, at (907) 786-3982.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Established by the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (94 Stat. 2371) in 1980, Innoko Refuge covers some 3,850,000 acres and is one of the most important waterfowl areas in west central interior Alaska. Approximately half of the refuge consists of wetlands set with innumerable lakes and ponds of varying size. The remainder is marked by hills,

most of which are less than one thousand feet in elevation. Almost one-third of the refuge is designated Wilderness. The route of the historic Iditarod Trail crosses the Refuge.

Refuge purposes include (1) Conservation of fish and wildlife populations and habitats in their natural diversity including, but not limited to, waterfowl peregrine falcons, other migratory birds, black bear, moose, furbearers, and other mammals and salmon; (2) fulfilling the international treaty obligations of the United States with respect to fish and wildlife and their habitats; (3) providing, in a manner consistent with purposes (1) and (2) above, the opportunity for continued subsistence by local residents; and ensuring, to the maximum extent practicable and in a manner consistent with purpose (1) above, water quality and necessary water quantity within the refuge.

We furnish this notice in accordance with the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd-688ee), and Service policies.

These laws and policies require all lands within the National Wildlife Refuge System to be managed in accordance with an approved CCP. A CCP is a 15-year plan for managing a refuge. Refuge goals and objectives are identified in a CCP. During the CCP process, we will consider many elements, including conservation of the Refuge's fish and wildlife populations and habitats in their natural diversity; facilitation of subsistence use by local residents, access for traditional activities; and conservation of resource values including cultural resources, wilderness and rivers. The final revised CCP will detail the programs, activities, and measures necessary to best administer the Refuge to protect these values and fulfill refuge purposes over the next 15-years. Until the revised CCP is completed, management will continue to be guided by the original CCP, Federal legislation regarding management of National Wildlife Refuges, and other legal, regulatory, and policy guidance.

Public Meetings: We plan to hold public meetings in communities near the Refuge: Grayling, Anvik, Shageluk, Holy Cross, Kaltag, McGrath and Takotna. Meetings will be held between December 1 and the end of February as weather conditions permit. Each meeting will be announced, in advance, locally.

Dated: February 16, 2007.

Thomas O. Melius,

Regional Director, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Anchorage, Alaska.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Wapack National Wildlife Refuge

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent: preparation of a comprehensive conservation plan and environmental assessment; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service, we) intends to gather information necessary to prepare a comprehensive conservation plan (CCP) and environmental assessment (EA) for Wapack National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) in Greenfield, Lyndeborough, and Temple, New Hampshire. We furnish this notice in compliance with our CCP policy to advise other agencies and the public of our intentions, and to obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to be considered in the planning process.

DATES: We will hold a public open house meeting to begin the CCP planning process; see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for date, time, and location.

ADDRESSES: Wapack National Wildlife Refuge, c/o Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge, 100 Merrimac Drive, Newington, New Hampshire 03801-2903, at 603-431-7511 (telephone); 603-431-6014 (FAX); fw5rw_gbnwr@fws.gov (e-mail); <http://www.fws.gov/Refuges/profiles/index.cfm?id=53572> (Web site).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Lelaina Marin, Assistant Refuge Planner, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, Massachusetts 01035; 413-253-8731 (telephone); 413-253-8468 (FAX); northeastplanning@fws.gov (e-mail).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: With this notice, we initiate the CCP for Wapack NWR with headquarters in Newington, New Hampshire. We will hold a public open house and announce its location, date, and time at least 2 weeks in advance, in special mailings and local newspaper notices, on our Web site, and through personal contacts. Additional public information sessions in the local community are available upon request.

Under the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife