issued 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–837847

Applicant: Arthur Cantando, Huntingdon
Valley, PA.

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

PRT–837990

Applicant: Stephen C. Slack, Chanhassen,
MN.

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

Written data or comments, requests
for copies of any of these complete
applications, or requests for a public
hearing on these applications 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 the application 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 above
address within 30 days of the date of
publication of this notice.


Mary Ellen 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 November 5, 1997, a notice was
published in the Federal Register, Vol.
62, No. 214, Page 59876, that an
application had been filed with the Fish
and Wildlife Service by Robert Moses,
Worthington, IN, for a permit (PRT–
836090) to import a sport-hunted polar
bear (Ursus maritimus) trophy, taken from the Lancaster Sound population,
Northwest Territories, Canada prior to
April 30, 1994, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on
December 16, 1997, 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 October 21, 1997, a notice was
published in the Federal Register, Vol.
62, No. 203, Page 54648, that an
application had been filed with the Fish
and Wildlife Service by William R.
Williamson, Austin, TX for a permit
(PRT–832316) to import a sport-hunted
polar bear (Ursus maritimus) trophy,
taken from the McClintock Channel population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on December 9, 1997, 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 September 25, 1997, a notice was published in the Federal Register, Vol. 62, No. 186, Page 50394, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Wilton Hardesty, Gunnison, CO for a permit (PRT-832902) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (Ursus maritimus) trophy, taken from the Davis Strait population, Northwest Territories, Canada, prior to April 30, 1994, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on December 16, 1997, 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 September 25, 1997, a notice was published in the Federal Register, Vol. 62, No. 186, Page 50394, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Seattle Aquarium, Seattle, WA for a permit (PRT-834418) to take for the purpose of public display one female northern sea otter (Enhydra lutris lutris) recovered by the Fish and Wildlife Service as an orphaned pup near Kodiak, AK.

Notice is hereby given that on November 20, 1997, 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.

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals**

On September 25, 1997, a notice was published in the Federal Register, Vol. 62, No. 186, Page 50394, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Mote Marine Laboratory, for a permit (PRT-834406) to opportunistically take manatees (Trichecus manatus) for scientific research of the manatee cellular immune system.

Notice is hereby given that on November 26, 1997, 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.

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Letters of Authorization To Take Marine Mammals**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of Letters of Authorization to take marine mammals incidental to oil and gas industry activities.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 101(a)(5) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service implementing regulations [50 CFR 18.27(f)(3)], notice is hereby given that Letters of Authorization to take polar bears incidental to oil and gas industry exploration, development, and production activities have been issued to the following companies:

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**
Mr. John W. Bridges at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals Management Office, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, (800) 362-5148 or (907) 786-3810.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Letters of Authorization were issued in accordance with U.S. Fish and Wildlife