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 the 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.


On July 31, 1997, a notice was published in the Federal Register, Vol. 62, No. 147, Page 41072, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Bruce Shoeneweis for a permit (PRT–831928) 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 3, 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 denied the requested permit.

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.


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 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.

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Denial of Permit for Marine Mammals

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Notice is hereby given that on December 3, 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 denied the requested permit.

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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