DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

Endangered Species

The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

Applicant: Center for Environmental Research and Conservation, Columbia Univ., NY, NY, PRT-02924.

The applicant requests a permit to import biological tissue samples from Javan rhinoceros (Rhinoceros sondaicus) from the Cat-Tien National Park, Vietnam for the scientific research on genetic markers for use in population analysis to enhance the survival of the species.

Applicant: Carlos T. Oliveira, Laredo, TX, PRT-023972.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (Damalisus pygargus dorcas) 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: National Marine Fisheries Service/South West Region/Pacific Island Area Office, Honolulu, HI, PRT-022729.

The applicant requests a permit to introduce from the high seas samples and/or whole carcasses of Olive Ridley Sea Turtle, Lepidochelys olivacea, Green Sea Turtle, Chelonia mydas, Hawkswill Sea Turtle, Eretmochelys imbricata, Loggerhead Sea Turtle, Caretta caretta and Leatherback Sea Turtle, Dermochelys coriacea for enhancement of the species through scientific research.

Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following application for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application was submitted 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).

Applicant: Terry Meyer, Westfield, PA, PRT-023759.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (Ursus maritimus) sport-hunted from the Davis Straight polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use taken prior to April 30, 1994. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

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).


Kristen Nelson,
Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Ethan T. Smith (Executive Secretary), Chief, Water Information Coordination Program, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, 417 National Center, Reston, VA 20192. Telephone: 703-648-5022; Fax: 703-648-5295.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Advisory Committee on Water Information (ACWI)


ACTION: Notice of an open meeting of the Advisory Committee on Water Information (ACWI).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the ACWI. This meeting of the ACWI is to discuss broad policy-related topics relating to national water initiatives, and to hear reports from ACWI subgroups. The proposed agenda will include a series of discussions concerning various U.S. Government policies and programs related to the development and dissemination of water information.

The ACWI has been established under the authority of the Office of Management and Budget Memorandum 92–01 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the ACWI is to provide a forum for water-information users and professionals to advise the Federal Government of activities and plans which may improve the effectiveness of meeting the Nation’s water information needs. More than 30 organizations have been invited by the Secretary of the Interior to name representatives to the ACWI. These include Federal departments, State, local, and tribal government organizations, industry, academia, agriculture, environmental organizations, professional societies, and volunteer groups.

DATES: The formal meeting will convene at 8 a.m., on May 18, 2000, and will adjourn on May 17, 2000 at 3:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Sheraton Reston Hotel, 11810 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Ethan T. Smith (Executive Secretary), Chief, Water Information Coordination Program, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, 417 National Center, Reston, VA 20192. Telephone: 703-648-5022; Fax: 703-648-5295.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is open to the public. Up to a half hour will be set aside for public comment. Persons wishing to make a brief presentation (up to 5 minutes) are asked to provide a written request with a description of the general subject to Dr. Smith at the above address no later than noon, April 5, 2000. It is requested that 40 copies of a written statement be submitted at the time of the meeting for distribution to members of the ACWI and placement in the official file. Any member of the public may submit written information and (or) comments to Dr. Smith for distribution at the ACWI.


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