Federal Communications Commission.
Magalie Roman Salas,
Secretary.
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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 27, 2000, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation’s Board of Directors will meet in closed session, pursuant to sections 552b(c)(2), (c)(4), (c)(6), (c)(8), (c)(9)(A)(ii), and (c)(10) of Title 5, United States Code, to consider matters relating to the Corporation’s supervisory and corporate activities.

The meeting will be held in the Board Room on the sixth floor of the FDIC Building located at 550 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Requests for further information concerning the meeting may be directed to Mr. Robert E. Feldman, Executive Secretary of the Corporation, at (202) 898–6757.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
James D. LaPierre,
Deputy Executive Secretary.
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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.).
PRT–018316
Applicant: Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, Washington, DC.

The applicant requests a permit to import a specimen of Cahow (Pterodroma Cahow) found dead in the wild from natural causes, for the purpose of scientific research.
PRT–030276
Applicant: Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, FL.

The applicant requests a permit to import tissue and blood samples obtained from wild Hawksbill Sea Turtle (Eretmochelys imbricata) from the Cayman Islands Department of Environment, for the purpose of scientific research.
PRT–844694
Applicant: National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, La Jolla, CA.

The applicant requests a permit to Re-Export samples obtained from Leatherback Sea Turtle (Dermochelys coriacea) and Hawksbill Sea Turtle (Eretmochelys imbricata) for the purpose of enhancement of scientific research.
PRT–030747
Applicant: Donald P. Wilson, Stoneham, MA.

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

Marine Mammal

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).
PRT–030691
Applicant: Jerry W. Peterman, Dallas, TX.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (Ursus maritimus) sport-hunted from the Northern Beaufort Sea polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

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.)
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Establishment of the Little Darby National Wildlife Refuge in Madison and Union Counties, West Central Ohio

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability for public comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) which is available for public review. The DEIS analyzes the potential environmental impacts that may result if a national wildlife refuge is established in the Little Darby watershed. The analysis provided in the DEIS is intended to accomplish the following: inform the public of the proposed action and alternatives; address public comment received during the scoping period; disclose the direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental effects of the proposed actions and each of the alternatives; and indicate any irreversible commitment of resources that would result from implementation of the proposed action. The Service invites the public to comment on the DEIS. All comments received from individuals become part of the official public record. Requests for such comments will be handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and the Council on Environmental Quality’s National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6(f)). Our practice is to make comments available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. If a respondent wishes us to withhold his/her name and/or address, this must be stated prominently at the beginning of the comment.

The DEIS evaluates the establishment of the Little Darby National Wildlife Refuge as a means of working with individuals, groups, and governmental entities to permanently preserve and restore a significant segment of the Little Darby Creek subwatershed, its aquatic resources, threatened and endangered species, migratory birds and the historic grassland, wetland and oak savanna habitats that they depend upon. Five alternatives, including a No Action alternative are being considered. The four action alternatives are aimed at permanently protecting and enhancing a major corridor segment of the Little Darby Creek, and associated grassland, wetland and riparian habitats.

The Service’s preferred alternative (Alternative 2) is to permanently protect, enhance and restore riparian areas, grasslands and wetlands that were historically present within the framework of a Voluntary Purchase Area and to protect a larger part of the subwatershed identified as a Watershed Conservation Area through the use of voluntary non-development easements which will perpetuate the current land use and encourage conservation land use practices. The use of partnerships, incentives, education, and cooperative agreements will be used and considered in addition to the acquisition of easements and fee title interests. Any conservation easements, or acquisition of full title would be done by the Service and Service Partners which may include state agencies and private organizations. Service acquisition of easements and fee interest in lands would be on a voluntary basis from willing sellers.

DATES: Written comments on the DEIS must be received on or before September 28, 2000. A Final Environmental Impact Statement will then be prepared and provided to the public for review.

ADDRESSES: Individuals wishing copies of this DEIS for review should contact: William Hegge, Darby Creek Watershed Project Manager, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 6950–H Americana Parkway, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068 or Thomas Larson, Chief of Ascertainment and Planning, National Wildlife Refuge System, BHW Federal Building, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111. The DEIS is also available on the Internet at http://www.fws.gov/r3pao/planning/top.htm and at the Ohio libraries listed below:

Hilliard Branch, Columbus Metropolitan Libraries
Dublin Branch, Columbus Metropolitan Libraries
Main Branch, Columbus Metropolitan Libraries
Northwest Branch, Columbus Metropolitan Libraries
London Branch, Madison County Libraries
Plain City Branch, Madison County Libraries
West Jefferson Branch, Madison County Libraries
Marysville Branch, Union County Libraries
Richwood Branch, Union County Libraries
Urbana Branch, Champaign County Libraries
St. Paris Branch, Champaign County Libraries
Mechanicsburg Branch, Champaign County Libraries
Springfield Branch, Clark County Libraries
Hurt/Battelle Memorial Library, West Jefferson

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Hegge or Thomas Larson at the addresses listed above or by telephone at 614/469–6923 x17 and 800/247–1247 respectively.

Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held in Ohio during the comment period to solicit oral comments from the public. The date and location of this hearing will be announced through the local news media.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 9, 2000, a notice was published in the Federal Register (65 F.R. 36711) announcing that the Service intended to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement addressing the possible Federal action of establishing a refuge on the Little Darby watershed in Madison and Union counties, Ohio, and inviting comments on the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement. Comments were received and considered and are reflected in the DEIS made available for comment through this notice.

America’s native grasslands are a vanishing ecosystem, and mounting evidence indicates that many species dependent upon grasslands are also declining. Few other ecosystem types have experienced as great a degree of loss and alteration. The population trend in Ohio for grassland nongame migratory birds exhibits declines much greater than the declines reported nationally. Ohio has also lost more than 90 percent of its presettlement wetlands through conversion. An estimated 50 percent of Ohio’s waterways are impaired by agricultural runoff and hydro-modification. This project could preserve and restore grassland and wetland habitats and play a major role in long term preservation of the diverse Little Darby Creek aquatic system.

Through an integrated and novel ecosystem approach, the Service, with its partners, proposes to protect and restore fish and wildlife habitats, overall...