DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Intent To Prepare a
Comprehensive Conservation Plan and
Associated Environmental Impact
Statement for the Upper Mississippi
River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge
Complex (Refuge Complex)


ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare a
Comprehensive Conservation Plan and
associated Environmental Impact
Statement for the Upper Mississippi
River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge
Complex.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public
that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
(Service) intends to prepare a
Comprehensive Conservation Plan and
an associated Environmental Impact
Statement for the Upper Mississippi
River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge
Complex. The Refuge Complex includes
the Upper Mississippi River National
Wildlife and Fish Refuge in Minnesota,
Wisconsin, Iowa, and Illinois; the
Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge in
Wisconsin; and the Driftless Area
National Wildlife Refuge in Iowa. The
Service is furnishing this notice in
compliance with Service
Comprehensive Conservation Plan
policy and the National Environmental
Policy Act and implementing
regulations to achieve the following: (1)
Advise other agencies and the public of
our intentions; (2) Obtain suggestions
and information on the scope of issues,
opportunities, and concerns for
inclusion in the Comprehensive
Conservation Plan and Environmental
Impact Statement; and (3) Solicit
information from the public about
archaeological sites, buildings and
structures, historic places, cemeteries,
and traditional use sites that could
influence decisions about management
of the Refuge.

DATES: Beginning in August 2002, the
Service will solicit information from the
public via public meetings, workshops,
focus groups, and written comments.
Special mailings, newspaper articles,
radio announcements, and the Services
Web site http://midwest.fws.gov/
planning/apppermisstop.htm will inform
people of the times and places of public
involvement opportunities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Address comments and requests for
additional information to: Thomas
Magnuson, Project Manager, U.S. Fish
and Wildlife Service, 1 Federal Drive,
Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

Receipt of Applications for Permit
AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications
for permit.

SUMMARY: The public is invited to
comment on the following applications
to conduct certain activities with
endangered species and/or marine
mammals.

DATES: Written data, comments or
requests must be received by July 1,
2002.

ADDRESSES: 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
within 30 days of the date of publication
of this notice to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife
Service, Division of Management
Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive,
Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203;
fax 703/358–2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Division of Management Authority,
telephone 703/358–2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Endangered Species

The public is invited to comment on the
following application(s) 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.).
Written data, comments, or requests for
copies of these complete applications
should be submitted to the Director
(address above).

PRT—056128
Applicant: Coronas Entertainment,
Bradenton, Florida.

The applicant requests a permit to
export, re-export, and re-import one
tiger (Panthera tigris) and to/from
worldwide locations to enhance the
survival of the species through
conservation education. This
notification covers activities conducted
by the applicant over a three-year
period.

PRT—056214
Applicant: Richard W. Corzione, Jr.,
Sioux Falls, SD.

The applicant requests a permit to
import the sport-hunted trophy of two
Panthera tigris.

Address comments and requests for
additional information to: Thomas
Magnuson, Project Manager, U.S. Fish
and Wildlife Service, 1 Federal Drive,
Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111.

Telephone: 1–800–247–1247 extension
5467.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: It is
Service policy to have all lands within
the National Wildlife Refuge System
managed in accordance with an
approved Comprehensive Conservation
Plan. The Comprehensive Conservation
Plan will guide management decisions
and identify refuge goals, objectives,
and strategies for achieving refuge
purposes. Public input into this
planning process is encouraged. The
Comprehensive Conservation Plan will
provide other agencies and the public
with a clear understanding of the
desired future conditions of the Refuge
Complex and how the Service will
implement management strategies.

The Upper Mississippi River National
Wildlife and Fish Refuge was
established by public law in 1924 to
protect and preserve habitats for
migratory birds, fish, and a variety of
other wildlife. The refuge extends 261
miles along the Mississippi River from
the Chippewa River in Wisconsin
almost to Rock Island, Illinois. It
encompasses approximately 230,000
acres in parts of Minnesota, Wisconsin,
Iowa, and Illinois and is a component of
the Service-managed National Wildlife
Refuge System. Parts of 19 counties and
two Army Corps of Engineers districts
are included in the Refuge. More than
half of the land within the Refuge is
owned by the Army Corps of Engineers.
Those lands are managed by the Refuge
under a cooperative agreement.

The Trempealeau Wildlife Refuge was
established in 1936 to provide breeding
and migration habitat for migratory
birds and other wildlife. It is located in
Buffalo and Trempealeau counties
Wisconsin, and currently consists of
5,754 acres of land.

The Driftless National Wildlife Refuge
was established in 1989 to protect and
enhance populations of the federally
endangered Iowa Pleistocene snail and
defederally threatened Northern
monkshood plant. It is located in
Clayton, Dubuque, Jackson, and
Allamakee counties, Iowa, and currently
consists of 775 acres of land.

Dated: May 2, 2002.

Marvin Moriarty,
Acting Regional Director, Region 3.

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male bonteboks (*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 Mammals and Endangered Species**

The public is invited to comment on the following application for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered 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.), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, et seq.), and the regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR part 18) and endangered species (50 CFR part 17). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be submitted to the Director (address above). 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.

**PRT-740507**

**Applicant:** Alaska Science Center, U.S. Geological Survey, Anchorage, AK.  
**Permit Type:** Take for Scientific Research.  
**Name and Number of Animals:** Manatee (*Trichecuss manatus*) 20.  
**Summary of Activity to be Authorized:** The applicant requests renewal and amendment of their permit authorizing the following annual activities: take up to 300 animals, including but not limited too, incidental take, capture/recapture, release, collect biological samples, tag, mark, implant, and import biological samples as part of a long term study on the species.  
**Applicant:** Dr. Graham Worthy/University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL.  
**Permit Type:** Take for Scientific Research.  
**Name and Number of Animals:** Manatee (*Trichecuss manatus*) 20.  
**Summary of Activity to be Authorized:** The applicant requests a permit for continued research regarding the metabolic rate of captive held manatees. Activities originally authorized under permit number PRT–766146.  
**Source of Marine Mammals:** Captive held animals.  
**Period of Activity:** Up to 5 years if authorized.  

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the *Federal Register*, the Division of Management Authority is forwarding copies of the above applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

**Marine Mammals**

The public is invited to comment on the following application(s) for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application(s) 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 part 18). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be submitted to the Director (address above). 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.

**PRT-056326**

**Applicant:** Alaska Science Center, U.S. Geological Survey, Anchorage, AK.  
**Permit Type:** Take for Scientific Research.  
**Name and Number of Animals:** Manatee (*Trichecuss manatus*) 20.  
**Summary of Activity to be Authorized:** The applicant requests 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 part 18). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be submitted to the Director (address above). 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.

**PRT-056309**

**Applicant:** Winston Stalcup, Alpharetta, GA.  
**Permit Type:** Take for Scientific Research.  
**Name and Number of Animals:** Northern sea otter (*Enhydra lutris*), 300.  
**Summary of Activity to be Authorized:** The applicant requests 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 part 18). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be submitted to the Director (address above). 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.

**ENDangered Species**

The public is invited to comment on the following application(s) 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.). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications shall be submitted to the Director (address above).

**PRT-054555**

**Applicant:** Robert Goins, Kinston, NC.  
**Permit Type:** Take for Scientific Research.  
**Name and Number of Animals:** Sport hunted from the Northern Beaufort Sea polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.  
**Summary of Activity to be Authorized:** The applicant requests 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.). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications shall be submitted to the Director (address above).