appreciate. The holding of such a
hearing is at the discretion of the
Director.

PRT–093627
Applicant: William D. Hoher, Easton,
CT
The applicant requests a permit to
import a polar bear (Ursus maritimus)
sport hunted from the Foxe Basin polar
bear population in Canada prior to
February 18, 1997, for personal use.

PRT–092340
Applicant: Guy P. Ferraro, Union Beach,
NJ
The applicant requests a permit to
import a polar bear (Ursus maritimus)
sport hunted from the Viscount Melville
Sound polar bear population in Canada
for personal use on September 7, 2004,
(69 FR 54149).

SUMMARY: The following permit was
issued.

Applicant: Guy P. Ferraro, Union Beach,
NJ
The applicant requests a permit to
import a polar bear (Ursus maritimus)
sport hunted from the Viscount Melville
Sound polar bear population in Canada
for personal use on September 7, 2004,
(69 FR 54149).

Michael L. Carpenter,
Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits,
Division of Management Authority.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

Emergency Exemption: Issuance of
Permit for Endangered Species

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of permits
for endangered species.

SUMMARY: The following permit was
issued.

The Lincoln Park Zoo requested a
permit to import multiple tissue
samples from a male chimpanzee (Pan
troglodytes) which died in the wild in the
Gombe Stream Reserve, Tanzania, for the
purpose of scientific research to
determine the cause of death and possible
intervention required. This action was
authorized under Section 10(c) of the
Endangered Species Act of 1973, as
amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, et seq.). The
Service determined that an emergency
affecting the health and life of the
remaining chimpanzee population of
the Gombe Stream Reserve existed, and
that no reasonable alternative was
available to the applicant for the
following reasons.

The Lincoln Park Zoo requested a
permit to import multiple tissue
samples from a male chimpanzee which
recently died in the Gombe Stream
Reserve, Tanzania for emergency and
ongoing health/disease evaluation
purposes. The specimens will be utilized
exclusively for diagnostic and scientific
purposes. The specimens will be used to
run diagnostics tests to determine the
cause of death of the animal that died.
Additional animals appear to be affected
with similar symptoms as the animal
which died and the necessary diagnostic
testing is not available in Africa to
adequately and quickly diagnose the
pathogen or pathogens involved. The
determination of the cause of the illness
and possible treatment as quickly as
possible will benefit the chimpanzee
population in the wild.

Michael L. Carpenter,
Acting Chief, Branch of Permits—
International Division of Management
Authority.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of permits
for marine mammals.

SUMMARY: The following permits were
issued.

ADDRESS: 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:
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division
of Management Authority, 4401 North
Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington,
Virginia 22203, telephone 703/358–2104
or fax 703/358–2281.

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force
Northeast Regional Panel Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a
meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance
Species (ANS) Task Force Northeast
Regional Panel. The meeting topics are
identified in the SUPPLEMENTARY
INFORMATION.

DATES: The Northeast Regional Panel
will meet from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Tuesday, November 9, 2004, and 8:30
a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, November
10, 2004. Minutes of the meeting will be
available for public inspection during

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