

party that has submitted the best responsive offer.

The Secretary will consider and evaluate all proposals received as a result of this notice. Any proposal, including that of the existing concessioner, must be received by the Superintendent not later than the sixtieth (60) day following publication of this notice to be considered and evaluated.

Dated: September 11, 1995.

William W. Schenk,

Field Director, Midwest Region.

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Office of the Secretary

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National Indian Gaming Commission

ACTION: Notice of proposed appointment to the Commission.

SUMMARY: The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.) provides for appointment by the Secretary of the Interior of two associate members of the National Indian Gaming Commission after public notice and an opportunity for comment. Notice is hereby given of the proposed appointment of Philip N. Hogen as an associate member of the Commission.

DATES: Comments must be received by November 6, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to: Debbie Brown, Director, Division of Personnel Services, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, N.W., Mail Stop 5459, Washington, D.C. 20240-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon D. Eller or Debbie Brown (202) 208-6702.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 5(a) of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2704(a)) establishes a three-member National Indian Gaming Commission within the Department of the Interior. The Act provides that the Chairman of the Commission is to be appointed by the President with advice and consent of the Senate. The two associate members of the Commission are to be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior (24 U.S.C. 2704(b)(1)). The Act provides that the Secretary shall publish notice of nominations for the associate member positions in the Federal Register and provide an opportunity for public comment (24 U.S.C. 2704 (b)(2)(B)).

Notice is hereby given of the proposed appointment of Philip N. Hogen to be

associate member of the Commission for a term of three years.

Mr. Hogen is a partner in the law firm of DeMerssen Jensen in Rapid City, South Dakota, which he joined in 1993, where his practice focuses on litigation, Federal and administrative matters, and Indian law. In April 1992, Mr. Hogen became the first Director of the Office of American Indian Trust within the United States Department of the Interior. Prior to joining the Department of the Interior, Mr. Hogen served from 1981 to 1992 as the United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota. Before his appointment as U.S. Attorney, Mr. Hogen served as the States Attorney for Jackson County in Kadoka, South Dakota. He also served on the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Court of Appeals. In 1973 and 1974, he served as Congressman Jim Abdnor's first Administrative Assistant. His professional activities have included serving as Chairman of the Indian Affairs Subcommittee of the Attorney General's Advisory Committee of U.S. Attorneys, and as President of the South Dakota States Attorneys Association and on the Board of Directors of the National District Attorneys Association. In 1988, Mr. Hogen received the Attorney General's Award for Dedication and Leadership in the prosecution of crimes within Indian country. Mr. Hogen graduated from Augustana College in 1967, and holds a Juris Doctor from the University of South Dakota School of Law (1970). He is an enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe of the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

Persons wishing to comment on this proposed appointment may submit written comments to the address identified above. Comments must be received by the date indicated above, which is 30 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: September 26, 1995.

Bruce Babbitt,

Secretary of the Interior.

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National Park Service

Concession Permit Proposal

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.
ACTION: Public notice.

SUMMARY: Public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to award a concession permit authorizing continued sale of photographic film, photographic supplies and sanitary napkins at Jefferson National Expansion Memorial

National Historic Site, St. Louis, Missouri, for a period of five (5) years from September 1, 1995, through August 31, 2000.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 5, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should contact the Superintendent, Jefferson National Expansion Memorial National Historic Site, 11 North Fourth Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63102-1882, to obtain a copy of the prospectus describing the requirements of the proposed permit.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This permit renewal has been determined to be categorically excluded from the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act and no environmental document will be prepared.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 5 of the Concessions Policy Act (79 Stat. 969; 16 USC 20), the concessioner hereby waives its right to a preference in the renewal of this concession permit.

The Secretary will consider and evaluate all proposals received as a result of this notice. Any proposal, including that of the existing concessioner, must be received by the Superintendent not later than the sixtieth (60) day following publication of this notice to be considered and evaluated.

Dated: August 23, 1995.

William W. Schenk,

Field Director, Midwest Region.

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Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of an Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan and Receipt of Application for Incidental Take Permit for Construction of One Single Family Residence on Lot 26, Block B, Lake Georgetown Estates, Williamson County, Texas

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Angela and Paul Murski (Applicants) have applied to the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit pursuant to Section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). The Applicant has been assigned permit numbers PRT-806824. The requested permit, which is for a period of 1 year, would authorize the incidental take of the endangered golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*). The proposed take would

occur as a result of the construction of one single family residence at Lot 26, Block B, Lake Georgetown Estates, Williamson County, Texas. The Service has prepared the Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan (EA/HCP) for the incidental take applications. A determination of jeopardy to the species or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will not be made before 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

DATES: Written comments on the application should be received on or before November 6, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the application may obtain a copy by writing to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Persons wishing to review the EA/HCP may obtain a copy by contacting Joseph E. Johnston or Mary Orms, Ecological Services Field Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758 (512/490-0063). Documents will be available for public inspection by written request, by appointment only, during normal business hours (8:00 to 4:30), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin, Texas. Written data or comments concerning the application(s) and EA/HCPs should be submitted to the Acting Field Supervisor, Ecological Field Office, Austin, Texas (see **ADDRESSES** above). Please refer to permit number PRT-806824 when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph E. Johnston or Mary Orms at the above Austin Ecological Service Field Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the Act prohibits the "taking" of endangered species such as the golden-cheeked warbler. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take endangered wildlife species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22.

Applicant: Angela and Paul Murski plan to construct a single family residence on Lot 26, Block B, Lake Georgetown Estates, Williamson County, Texas. This action will eliminate less than one-half acre of land and indirectly impact less than one-half additional acres of golden-cheeked warbler habitat per residence. The applicant proposes to compensate for this incidental take of golden-cheeked warbler habitat by placing \$1,500 into the City of Austin Balcones

Canyonlands Conservation Fund to acquire/manage lands for the conservation of the golden-cheeked warbler.

Alternatives to this action were rejected because selling or not developing the subject property with federally listed species present was not economically feasible.

Nancy M. Kaufman,

Regional Director, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Notice of Public Meeting and Request for Public Comments

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

SUMMARY: The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM or we) of the U.S. Department of the Interior is developing its recommendations to the President for the FY 1997 budget. As part of OSM's effort to be customer-driven, we are providing the public (you) with a chance to give us your recommendations on how much money we should ask for and how we should set our priorities to serve your needs. You can send us written comments. We will also hold a public meeting to give you and OSM's Management Council a chance to talk about FY 1997 priorities and funding levels. You can also let us know your views on other issues, but we prefer the focus to be on your priorities for FY 1997. The public meeting will be interactive, and will include several pre-selected roundtables. OSM will not respond directly to written comments or to the points raised in the public meeting. All points will be considered in the Management Council's deliberations. This is an experimental effort. If it works, we will use it in the future.

DATES: *Written comments:* We will accept written comments on the priority of our business lines and the program activities for fiscal year 1997 until 4:00 p.m. local time on November 1, 1995.

Public meeting: We will hold a public meeting in an interactive forum on our business lines and program activities for fiscal year 1997 in Washington, D.C. on October 31, 1995, beginning at 9:00 a.m. If more time is needed we will continue the meeting on November 1, 1995.

ADDRESSES: *Written comments:* Mail or hand-deliver to Victor J. Christiansen at the address provided under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

Public meeting: The public meeting will be held at the South Interior Building's Auditorium, 1951 Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Victor J. Christiansen. Mr. Christiansen can supply information on our FY 1995-1996 budget for those interested, and may be reached at: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Room 244, 1951 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240; Telephone: 202-7851; E-Mail address on the internet; vchristi@osmre.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OSM has decided to request public comments and to hold a public meeting where we hope to gain your input into our recommendations to the President on OSM's FY 1997 budget. To better enable you to prepare comments, we have included our mission and vision statements and a list of our business functions below. We would like you to prioritize the business lines and program activities, keeping in mind the mission and vision of OSM.

Mission

Our mission is to carry out the requirements of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act in cooperation with States and Tribes. Our primary objectives are to ensure that coal mines are operated in a manner that protects citizens and the environment during mining and assures that the land is restored to beneficial use following mining, and to mitigate the effects of past mining by aggressively pursuing reclamation of abandoned coal mines.

Vision

In regulating active coal mining, we will maintain compliance at high levels and ensure that all mines are properly operated and promptly reclaimed to the standards established under the Act. We will emphasize prevention and ensure that long-term environmental problems do not occur. We will ensure that the premining productivity of the land is restored.

In reclaiming abandoned mine lands, we will aggressively pursue reclamation with a primary emphasis on correcting the most serious problems related to public health, safety, and the general welfare. We will ensure maximum public benefit through the prompt and fair distribution of public funds.

In cooperating with State regulatory authorities, the primary enforcers of SMCRA, and with Tribes, we will promote a shared commitment to the goals of the Act. We will develop