

PRT-017229

Applicant: University of North Florida,
Jacksonville, FL

The applicant requests a permit to import preserved hatchling or egg specimens of: Green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), up to 50s hatchlings and 25 undeveloped eggs; Hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), up to 50 hatchlings and 18 undeveloped eggs; Leatherback turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*), up to 50 hatchlings, for scientific purposes.

PRT-691650

Applicant: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,
Division of Law Enforcement, Arlington,
VA

The applicant requests renewal of a permit to import and export any Endangered or Threatened species for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the affected species through enhanced law enforcement capabilities.

The following applicants have applied 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 part 18).

PRT-017171

Applicant: Jerry Cotner, Richardson, TX

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

PRT-017419

Applicant: Dr. Darlene Ketten, Woods Hole
Oceanographic Institute, Woods Hole, MA

Permit Type: Take and import for scientific research.

Name and Number of Animals:

Dugong (*Dugong dugong*).

Summary of Activity to be

Authorized: The applicant requests a permit to obtain 3 heads for the purpose of scientific research as part of study on how the structural elements of marine mammal ears contribute to underwater hearing.

Source of Marine Mammals: Dugongs obtained post-mortem in the Torres Straits, Australia.

Period of Activity: Up to 5 years, if issued.

PRT-017421

Applicant: Donald E. Lenig, Lancaster, PA

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted taken prior to April 30, 1994 from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada, for personal use.

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

Written data or comments, requests for copies of the complete application, or requests for a public hearing on this application should be sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone 703/358-2104 or fax 703/358-2281 and must be received within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. 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.

Documents and other information submitted for these applications are available for review by any party who submits a written request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Rm 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone (703) 358-2104 or Fax (703) 358-2281.

Dated: September 17, 1999.

Kristen Nelson,

Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of Draft Habitat-Based Recovery Criteria for the Grizzly Bear (*Ursus arctos horribilis*) for Review and Comment

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: In 64 FR 38464, July 16, 1999, we announced the availability for public review of draft habitat-based recovery criteria for the grizzly bear (*Ursus arctos horribilis*) in the Yellowstone Ecosystem. Final habitat-based recovery criteria will be appended to the Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan. We solicited review and comment from the public on this draft information until September 14, 1999. This notice extends the comment period for 45 days, until October 30, 1999.

DATES: Comments on the draft habitat-based recovery criteria must be received on or before October 30, 1999, to ensure

that they will be considered when we finalize the criteria.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the draft habitat-based recovery criteria may obtain a copy by contacting the Grizzly Bear Recovery Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, University Hall, Room 309, University of Montana, Missoula, Montana 59812. Written comments and materials regarding this information should be sent to the Recovery Coordinator at the address given above. Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to:

FW6_grizzly@fws.gov. Please include the "Habitat Criteria" in the subject line of your message. Comments and materials received are available on request for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Christopher Servheen, Grizzly Bear Recovery Coordinator (see ADDRESSES above), at telephone (406) 243-4903.

Authority: The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: September 15, 1999.

Terry Terrell,

Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of Draft Habitat Conservation Plan, Receipt of Application for; and Intent To Issue, Incidental Take Permit for Installation of a 2,500-foot Television Coaxial Cable on Private Property in Garfield County, UT

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability, Receipt of Application for, and Intent to Issue Permit.

SUMMARY: South Central Utah Telephone Association (Applicant) has applied to the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The Applicant has been assigned permit number TE-017010. The request permit, which is for a period of 1 year, would authorize incidental take of the threatened Utah prairie dog (*Cynomys parvidens*). The proposed take would occur as a result of installation of a 2,500-foot television coaxial cable on a privately-owned