

Notice is hereby given that on April 2, 2002, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On February 8, 2002, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 6048), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Ralph Schaller for a permit (PRT-052375) to import one polar bear taken from the Western Hudson Bay population, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on March 18, 2002, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On March 7, 2002, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 10430), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Wayne W. Webber for a permit (PRT-052890) to import one polar bear taken from the Western Hudson Bay population, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on April 30, 2002, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On April 25, 2002, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 20544), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Richard Hawkins for a permit (PRT-055367) to import one polar bear taken from the Lancaster Sound population, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on June 12, 2002, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On April 25, 2002, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 20544), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Jerry P. Mariska for a permit (PRT-055368) to import one polar bear taken from the Lancaster Sound population, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on June 12, 2002, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested

permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On April 25, 2002, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 20544), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Richard B. Sapa for a permit (PRT-055302) to import one polar bear taken from the Southern Beaufort Sea population, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on June 19, 2002, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On May 7, 2002, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 30720), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Thomas P. Bruner for a permit (PRT-055566) to import one polar bear taken from the Lancaster Sound population, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on June 28, 2002, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On May 30, 2002, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 37853), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by John F. Baker for a permit (PRT-056495) to import one polar bear taken from the Southern Beaufort Sea population, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on July 10, 2002, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

Dated: July 26, 2002.

Monica Farris,

*Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits,
Division of Management Authority.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES); Twelfth Regular Meeting; Announcement of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States, as a Party to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), will attend the twelfth regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES (COP12) in Santiago, Chile, November 3-15, 2002. Currently, the United States is developing its negotiating positions on proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, agenda items, and proposed amendments to the CITES Appendices submitted by other countries and the CITES Secretariat for consideration at COP12. With this notice we announce a public meeting to discuss the tentative U.S. negotiating positions on these proposals and agenda items.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on September 10, 2002, at 1:30 p.m. In developing the U.S. negotiating positions on proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, agenda items, and species amendment proposals submitted by other countries and the CITES Secretariat for consideration at COP12, we will consider written information and comments you submit if we receive them by October 4, 2002.

ADDRESSES:

Public Meeting

The public meeting will be held in Sidney Yates Auditorium, in the Department of the Interior at 18th and C Streets, NW., Washington, DC. Directions to the building can be obtained by contacting the Division of Management Authority (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, below).

Available Information

Information concerning the tentative U.S. negotiating positions for COP12 is available upon request from the Division of Management Authority; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 North Fairfax Drive; Room 700; Arlington, VA 22203. Effective on or about September 3, 2002, this information will also be available from our World Wide Website (<http://international.fws.gov/cop12/cop12.html>) and via our Faxback system. You may obtain the information

via the Faxback system by dialing 703/358-2400, our Faxback telephone number, following the automated instructions, and entering Document Number 5054 when prompted to enter a document number.

Comment Submission

Comments pertaining to proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, and/or agenda items should be sent to the Division of Management Authority; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 North Fairfax Drive; Room 700; Arlington, VA 22203, or via E-mail at: cites@fws.gov, or via fax at: 703/358-2298. Comments pertaining to species amendment proposals should be sent to the Division of Scientific Authority; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 North Fairfax Drive; Room 750; Arlington, VA 22203, or via E-mail at:

scientificauthority@fws.gov, or via fax at: 703/358-2276. Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at either the Division of Management Authority or the Division of Scientific Authority.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Andrea Gaski, Division of Management Authority, Branch of CITES Operations, phone: 703/358-2095, fax: 703/358-2298, E-mail: cites@fws.gov; or Robert R. Gabel, Division of Scientific Authority, phone: 703/358-1708, fax: 703/358-2276, E-mail: scientificauthority@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, hereinafter referred to as CITES or the Convention, is an international treaty designed to control and regulate international trade in certain animal and plant species that are now or potentially may be threatened with extinction if their trade is not controlled. These species are listed in Appendices to CITES, copies of which are available from the Division of Management Authority or the Division of Scientific Authority at the above addresses, from our World Wide Website at <http://international.fws.gov/cites/cites.html>, or from the official CITES Secretariat Website at <http://www.cites.org/eng/append/index.shtml>. Currently, 158 countries, including the United States, are Parties to CITES. CITES calls for biennial meetings of the Conference of the Parties, which review its implementation, make provisions enabling the CITES Secretariat in Switzerland to carry out its functions,

consider amendments to the list of species in Appendices I and II, consider reports presented by the Secretariat, and make recommendations for the improved effectiveness of CITES. Any country that is a Party to CITES may propose and vote on amendments to Appendices I and II, resolutions, decisions, and agenda items for consideration by the Conference of the Parties.

This is our fifth in a series of **Federal Register** notices that provide you with an opportunity to participate in the development of the United States' negotiating positions for COP12. We published our first such **Federal Register** notice on June 12, 2001 (66 FR 31686), and with it we requested information and recommendations on potential species amendments for the United States to consider proposing at COP12. Information on that **Federal Register** notice, and on species amendment proposals, is available from the Division of Scientific Authority at the above address. We published our second such **Federal Register** notice on July 25, 2001 (66 FR 38739), and with it we requested information and recommendations on potential resolutions, decisions, and agenda items for the United States to submit for consideration at COP12. You may obtain information on that **Federal Register** notice, and on proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, and agenda items, from the Division of Management Authority at the above address. We published our third such **Federal Register** notice on March 27, 2002 (67 FR 14728), and with it we announced a public meeting to discuss potential species amendment proposals, proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, and agenda items that the United States is considering submitting for consideration at COP12. With that notice, we also provided information on how non-governmental organizations based in the United States can attend COP12 as observers. You may obtain information on that **Federal Register** notice from the Division of Management Authority at the above address. We published our fourth such **Federal Register** notice on April 18, 2002 (67 FR 19207), and with it we listed potential proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, agenda items, and proposed amendments to the CITES Appendices that the United States was considering submitting for consideration at COP12, and invited your comments on these potential proposals. You may obtain information on that **Federal Register** notice from the Division of Management Authority (for information pertaining to

proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, and agenda items) or the Division of Scientific Authority (for information pertaining to proposed amendments to the Appendices) at the above addresses. On June 6, 2002, the United States submitted to the CITES Secretariat, for consideration at COP12, its proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, agenda items, and proposed amendments to the CITES Appendices. These documents are available from our World Wide Website at: <http://international.fws.gov/cop12/ussubmission.html>. You may locate our regulations governing this public process in 50 CFR 23.31-23.39.

COP12 is scheduled to be held in Santiago, Chile, November 3-15, 2002.

Announcement of Public Meeting

We announce that we will hold a public meeting to discuss with you the tentative U.S. negotiating positions on proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, agenda items, and proposed amendments to the CITES Appendices submitted by other countries and the CITES Secretariat for consideration at COP12. The public meeting will be held on September 10, 2002, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Sidney Yates Auditorium of the Department of the Interior at 18th and C Streets, NW., Washington, DC. You can obtain directions to the building by contacting the Division of Management Authority (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, above). Sidney Yates Auditorium is accessible to the handicapped. Persons planning to attend the meeting who require interpretation for the hearing impaired should notify the Division of Management Authority as soon as possible. All persons planning to attend the meeting will be required to present photo identification when entering the building.

Future Actions

We are planning to soon publish a **Federal Register** notice announcing the provisional agenda for COP12 and informing you about tentative U.S. negotiating positions on proposals to amend the Appendices, proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, and other agenda items before the Parties for consideration at COP12.

Author: The primary author of this notice is Mark Albert, Division of Management Authority; under the authority of the U.S. Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: July 24, 2002.
Marshall P. Jones, Jr.,
Acting Director.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Receipt of Application for Approval

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application for approval.

SUMMARY: The public is invited to comment on the following application for approval to conduct certain activities with birds that are protected in accordance with the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992. This notice is provided pursuant to section 112(4) of the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992, 50 CFR 15.26(c).

DATES: Written data, comments, or requests for a copy of this complete application must be received by September 19, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written data, comments, or requests for a copy of this complete application should be sent to the Chief, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrea Gaski, Chief, Branch of CITES Operations, Division of Management Authority, at 703-358-2095.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Applicant: Mr. David Marez of Sun Valley, California.

The applicant wishes to establish a cooperative breeding program for Abyssinian lovebird (*Agapornis taranta*). The applicant wishes to be an active participant in this program along with nine other individuals. Bird Clubs of America has agreed to assume oversight responsibility of this program if it is approved.

Documents and other information submitted with this application 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.

Dated: July 26, 2002.
Andrea Gaski,
Chief, Branch of CITES Operations, Division of Management Authority.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Retraction of Notice of Intent To Prepare a Land Use Analysis/Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Retraction of intent to prepare a land use analysis/environmental assessment (LUA/EA).

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) published two notices in the **Federal Register** dated February 21, 2002; both of same title. The notice on page 8033-8034 (LUA/EA for coal lease application by Southfork Coal Company) is retracted, but will be republished with errors having been corrected. The notice on page 8034 (LUA/EA for coal lease application by Chas Coal, L.L.C.) remains correct.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John A Lewis, Bureau of Land Management, 411 Briarwood Drive, Suite 404, Jackson, MS 39206; telephone (601) 977-5437.

Dated: July 23, 2002.
Duane Winters,
Acting Field Manager.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-050-1020-PG: GP2-0119]

Notice of Public Meeting, John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) John Day Snake Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The first meeting will be held September 3, 2002 as a tour starting at the Ukiah Ranger Station, Ukiah, OR. On September 4, 2002 the RAC will meet at the Oxford Inn Suites in Pendleton, OR beginning at 8 a.m. The second meeting will be held on December 3 and 4, 2002 at the Oxford Inn Suites in Pendleton, OR, beginning at 8 a.m. both days. The public comment period will begin at approximately 1 p.m. on September 4, 2002 and December 3, 2002. All meetings will adjourn at approximately 3 p.m.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in North East Oregon.

At the two meetings, topics we plan to discuss include:

Off-Highway Vehicle Subgroup—Issue ID/Field Trip

Hells Canyon, Blue Mountain and Noxious Weed Subgroups—Membership Approval/Review

Sage Grouse Subgroup—Identify statewide rep; primary & secondary members

JDS RACE/EO RAC—What affects both National Fire Plan—Native Seeds

Agency Updates

Meeting Procedures

Winter Meetings/Information Sharing

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, tour transportation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Virginia Gibbons at (541) 416-6700, Prineville Bureau of Land Management, 3050 NE. Third Street, Prineville, OR 97754.

Dated: August 12, 2002.
A. Barron Bail,
District Manager.
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