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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Development of the Palau Compact Road, Babeldaob Island, Republic of Palau

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Interior announces that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for development of the Palau Compact Road, Babeldaob Island, Republic of Palau is available for public review and comment.

**DATES:** The Office of the Secretary will consider written information and comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement received by June 9, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the Draft EIS should be submitted to Mr. Allen Chin, CEPOD-ET-E, U.S. Army Engineer District, Honolulu, Fort Shafter, HI 96858-5440. Copies of this document may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling 808-438-6974.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Allen Chin, CEPOD-ET-E, U.S. Army Engineer District, Honolulu, Fort Shafter, HI 96858-5440, telephone (808) 438-6974.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proponent for the Proposed Action discussed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is the United States Department of the Interior as program manager and on behalf of the United States of America.

Operating under the authority of the Compact of Free Association which became effective on October 1, 1994, the United States of America agreed to assist the Republic of Palau in its efforts to advance the economic development and self-sufficiency of the people of Palau. Concomitantly, the two governments entered into a joint agreement for the construction of a major road system on the island of Babeldaob in accordance with section 212(a) of the Compact of Free

Association and as implemented by certain nation-to-nation agreements.

The Department of the Interior published a Notice of Intent to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement in the **Federal Register** on March 7, 1996. Scoping meetings were held for governmental agencies and the public on April 24, 1996. Intensive scoping was also conducted during a Social Impact Assessment prepared under contract for the Department of the Interior.

The Proposed Action in the DEIS calls for construction of a safe, high-quality, all-weather, two-lane vehicular road system on the island of Babeldaob. This roadway has been configured as a loop system with a northern spur to serve as a direct transportation and communication link between the 10 states on Babeldaob Island.

Additionally, the road would provide access through, or proximal to, known areas having potential for agricultural, forestry, mining and quarrying, industry and tourism, and water resource and port development. It would also provide a land-based transportation corridor to and from the proposed site of the Republic of Palau's new capital in Melekeok State.

In addition to the Proposed Action, the following three primary alternatives were assessed: Alternative Transportation Systems, Alternative Roadway Alignment Schemes, and No Action. Alternatives Transportation Systems include enhanced use of coastal waters and the ocean as a transit surface by wind-powered sailing craft, individually-owned motorized vessels, or water buses and ferries, and a land-based mass transit system such as a bus system with exclusive roadway, fixed guideway, or rail system. Alternative Roadway Alignment Schemes include a single north-south roadway alignment along the central axis (spine) of Babeldaob Island, and a radial system converging on the future Republic of Palau capital to be sited in Melekeok State. No Action refers to noncompliance with section 212(a) of the Compact of Free Association and certain nation-to-nation agreements, no provision for a new, paved roadway system, and perpetuation of the existing land-based transportation system on Babeldaob Island.

The selection of a Proposed Action in the Draft EIS does not constitute a final decision. The Final EIS, as well as comments submitted on the Draft EIS, will be used by the Department of the Interior in reaching a final decision and developing a final array of measures to avoid, reduce, or mitigate adverse impact. The Record of Decision will be

approved at least 30 days after publication of the Final EIS to allow for public review and comment.

Supplemental NEPA documents may be prepared after contract award to address any substantive changes from the Proposed Action or substantive change in environmental impacts.

A Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement will also be published by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the **Federal Register** and by the Department of the Interior in newspapers in the Republic of Palau.

**Ferdinand Aranza,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

The following applicants have applied 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.*):

PRT-827386

*Applicant:* Larry L. Hagebusch, Long Beach, CA.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*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.

PRT-826217

*Applicant:* Lawrence T. Epping, Salem, OR.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one bontebok (*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.

PRT-827581

*Applicant:* National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C.

The applicant requests a permit for the import of the skins, skulls and skeletal elements from three male Severtsov's wild sheep, (*Ovis ammon severtzovi*) taken in Uzbekistan in 1995 for the purpose of scientific research on

genetics and as voucher specimens for this subspecies.

PRT-827582

*Applicant:* Rogue River National Forest, Medford, OR.

The applicant requests a permit for the export of 10 flight feathers of the American peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus anatum*) collected as post-molt salvage from nests in the wild for the purpose of scientific research in genetic identification.

PRT-827692

*Applicant:* San Antonio Zoological Gardens and Aquarium, San Antonio, TX

The applicant requests a permit to import one captive-bred Mauritius pink pigeon (*Columba mayeri*) from the Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust, Channel Islands, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through captive-breeding.

PRT-827616

*Applicant:* Mote Marine Laboratory, Sarasota, FL

The applicant request a permit to import eggs and fry from Shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) from Huntsman Marine Laboratory, New Brunswick, Canada, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through scientific research.

PRT-827887

*Applicant:* T.I.G.E.R.S., Surfside Beach, SC

The applicant requests a permit to export and re-import captive-born Mandrill (*Mandrillus sphinx*) and progeny of the animals currently held by the applicant and any animals acquired in the United States by the applicant to/from worldwide locations to enhance the survival of the species through conservation education. This notification covers activities by the applicant over a three year period.

PRT-827888

*Applicant:* Saipan Zoo, Saipan, Mariana Island

The applicant requests a permit to import three live Saltwater Crocodiles from Diego Blanco and Raymond Alvarez, of Koror, Palau, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through conservation education.

PRT-823123

*Applicant:* Detroit Zoological Park, Royal Oak, MI

The applicant requests a permit to purchase in interstate commerce two Tartaruga (*Podocnemis expansa*) from the Miami Metrozoo, Miami, FL for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through propogation.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 430, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

The public is invited to comment on the following application(s) for permits to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application(s) was/were 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 18).

PRT-766818

*Applicant:* Alaska Science Center, Anchorage, AK.

*Type of Permit:* Scientific Research, amendment.

*Name and Number of Animals:* Alaskan sea otter (*Enhydra l. lutris*), as described below.

*Summary of Activity to be Authorized:* The applicant has requested an amendment to the permit, 766818, to lethally take up to 10 male and 10 female otters that have eluded all other recapture attempts for recovery of implanted TDR transmitters.

*Source of Marine Mammals for Research/Public Display:* Alaskan waters as currently authorized under permit 766818.

*Period of Activity:* through expiration date of permit 766818.

PRT-801652

*Applicant:* Alaskan Science Resource Center, Anchorage, AK.

*Type of Permit:* Scientific Research. *Name and Number of Animals:*

Walrus (*Odobenus rosmarus*), 230.

*Summary of Activity to be Authorized:* The applicant has requested an amendment to the permit for scientific research of Pacific walrus in Alaska to include hot branding as an authorized take activity. No additional animals will be taken specifically for hot branding.

*Source of Marine Mammals for Research/Public Display:* Alaska.

*Period of Activity:* through 12/31/2000, the expiration date of the current permit.

PRT-826442

*Applicant:* Grayson County Bank Museum, Sherman, TX.

*Type of Permit:* Public Display.

*Name and Number of Animals:* polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*); 1.

*Summary of Activity to be Authorized:* the aplicant has requested a permit to import a taxidermied and mounted polar bear for the purposes of public display.

*Source of Marine Mammals for Research/Public Display:* donated by a U.S. sport hunter who took the bear in a legal sport hunt from the Baffin Bay polar bear population, NWT, Canada.

*Period of Activity:* Up to five years from date of permit issuance, if issued.

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.

The following applicants have each requested a permit to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) from the Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Applicant/address	Population	PRT-
Charles Folkman, Dousman, WI .....	Northern Beaufort .....	827523
Dick Jacobs, Montesano, WA .....	.....do .....	827627
Toby Johnson, Sheridan, WY .....	.....do .....	827628
John Munsinger, Mills, WY .....	.....do .....	828001
Robert McClimon, Pottstown, PA .....	.....do .....	827774
John Garrett, Sulphur, KY .....	.....do .....	827772
Robert Deligans, Sherman, TX .....	.....do .....	828114
James Gall, Shelby, MI .....	.....do .....	828117
Roger Wendel, Vancouver, WA .....	.....do .....	828118
J. Martin Benchoff, Waynesboro, PA .....	.....do .....	828120
Lee Gatzke, Tulare, SD .....	Southern Beaufort .....	827521
Bruce Moe, Bellevue, WA .....	.....do .....	826756
Horst Baier, Miami, FI .....	.....do .....	828003
Fred McMillan, Ridgeland, MS .....	.....do .....	828002

Applicant/address	Population	PRT-
Philip Majerus, Fond du Lac, WI .....	.....do .....	827892
Nick Mueller, Campbellsport, WI .....	.....do .....	827891
John Dale Powers, Baton Rouge, LA .....	.....do .....	827771
Marvin Schick, Meadville, PA .....	.....do .....	827081
Ken Semelsberger, Strongsville, OH .....	McClintock Channel .....	827520
Patrick O'Neill, St. Cloud, MN .....	.....do .....	827088
George Heller, Webster City, IA .....	Viscount Melville .....	827517
Jerome Miner, Grand Rapids, MN .....	Foxe Basin .....	827652
Leonard Guldman, Aurora, CO .....	Parry Channel .....	827651
Floyd R. Hardesty, Tulsa, OK .....	Davis Strait .....	827650

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 430, 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 hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

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 at the above address.

Dated: April 18, 1997.

**Karen Anderson,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Availability of a Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement on Impacts of Artificial Salmon and Steelhead Production Strategies in the Columbia Basin**

**AGENCIES:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, (lead agency), National Marine Fisheries Service, Bonneville Power Administration (cooperating agencies).

**ACTION:** Notice of Extension of Comment Period.

**SUMMARY:** As announced in the **Federal Register** on February 21, 1997 (FR, Vol. 62, No. 35, p. 8034), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) requested comments on the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement be received by May 1, 1997. This notice

announces the Service has extended the comment period.

**DATES:** Written comments are requested by June 2, 1997.

**ADDRESS WRITTEN COMMENTS:** Send comments to PEIS Team Leader, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 911 NE 11 Ave, Portland, Oregon, 97232-4181.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lee Hillwig, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Telephone: 503-872-2766 or Dave Riley, Telephone: 503-226-2460.

Dated: April 17, 1997.

**Thomas J. Dwyer,**

*Acting Regional Director, Region 1, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Geological Survey**

**Technology Transfer Act of 1986**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) negotiations.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Geological Survey (USGS) is planning to enter into Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with International Software Engineering, Negaunee, Michigan. The purpose of the CRADA is to jointly research and develop a PC-based version of the Spatial Data Transfer Standard-Common Software Platform. Any other organization interested in pursuing the possibility of a CRADA for similar kinds of activities should contact the USGS.

**ADDRESSES:** Inquiries may be addressed to the Acting Chief of Research, U.S. Geological Survey, National Mapping Division, 500 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192; Telephone (703) 658-4643, facsimile (703) 648-4706; Internet "ebrunson@usgs.gov".

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ernest B. Brunson, address above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is to meet the USGS requirement stipulated in the Survey Manual.

Dated: April 14, 1997.

**Richard E. Witmer,**

*Acting Chief, National Mapping Division.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Geological Survey**

**Technology Transfer Act of 1986**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) negotiations.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Geological Survey (USGS) is planning to enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with Spitz, Inc., Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania. The purpose of the CRADA is to jointly research and develop 3D and immersive technology display capabilities for USGS Earth science data. Any other organization interested in pursuing the possibility of a CRADA for similar kinds of activities should contact the USGS.

**ADDRESSES:** Inquiries may be addressed to the Acting Chief of Research and Development, U.S. Geological Survey, National Mapping Division, 500 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192; Telephone (703) 648-4637, facsimile (703) 648-4706; Internet "ebrunson@usgs.gov".

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ernest B. Brunson, address above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is to meet the USGS requirement stipulated in the Survey Manual.

Dated: April 14, 1997.

**Richard E. Witmer,**

*Acting Chief, National Mapping Division.*

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