

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****Extension of Comment Period on Draft Supplemental Information Regarding the Recovery Plan for the Grizzly Bear (*Ursus Arctos horribilis*)**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice: extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service provides notice that the comment period is being extended for commenting on draft supplemental information to the recovery plan for the grizzly bear (*Ursus arctos horribilis*). All interested parties that have not done so are invited to submit comments on this information.

DATES: Comments on the draft supplemental information must be received on or before December 1, 1997, to ensure they receive consideration by the Service.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and materials regarding this information should be sent to the Grizzly Bear Recovery Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, University Hall, Room 309, University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Under the provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act) as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the Service approved the revised Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan on September 10, 1993. In May 1994 The Fund For Animals, Inc., and 22 other organizations and individuals filed suit in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia over the adequacy of the Plan approved in 1993. Later in May 1994 the National Audubon Society and 19 other organizations and individuals also filed suit in the same court. The two cases were eventually consolidated. In September 1995 the court issued an opinion. The motions for summary judgment of both the plaintiffs and the defendants were granted in part and denied in part. The court ordered the Service to reconsider certain portions of the Plan, and to provide supplemental information. The information presented in the document being made available for review includes supplemental information that the Service was to

provide and the results of its reconsideration.

Section 4(f) of the Act, as amended in 1988, requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. The Service will consider all information presented during a public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised recovery plan. The Service and other Federal agencies also will take these comments into account in the course of implementing approved recovery plans.

Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on the supplemental information described above. All comments received by December 1, 1997, will be considered prior to finalization of the information. Appropriate portions of the information will be appended to, and become part of, the Plan.

Authority

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

Dated: October 29, 1997.

Terry T. Terrell,

Deputy Regional Director, Denver, CO.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals**

On August 28, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 167, Page 45674, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Bobbie F. McLawhorn, New Bern, NC, for a permit (PRT 833590) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken from the McClintock Channel population, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on October 9, 1997, 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 authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On August 28, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 167, Page 45674, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by John C. Bryam, Jr., Mission, KS, for a permit (PRT-833352) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy taken

from the McClintock Channel population, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on October 9, 1997, 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 authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On August 28, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 167, Page 45674, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Arlo Speiss, El macero, CA for a permit (PRT-833156) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy taken prior to April 30, 1994 from the Lancaster Sound population, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on October 10, 1997, 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 authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On April 24, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 79, Page 20019, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by the Alaska Science Center for amendment of a permit (PRT-766818) to lethally take up to 10 Alaskan sea otters (*Enhydra lutris lutris*) for the purpose of scientific research. On June 26, 1997, a second notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 123, Page 34482, to announce the availability of additional information in reference to the amendment request.

Notice is hereby given that on October 16, 1997, 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 denied the requested permit amendment.

On August 28, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 167, Page 45674, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Robert Johnson, Millwood, NY, for a permit (PRT-833623) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken from the Southern Beaufort Sea population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on October 15, 1997, 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 authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

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: October 30, 1997.

MaryEllen Amtower,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Notice of Tribal-State Gaming Compact Taking Effect

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA) Public Law 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III (casino) gambling on Indian reservations. The Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through her delegated authority, is publishing the Tribal-State Compacts between the Pueblo of Picuris, the Pueblo of Santa Ana, the Jicarilla Apache Tribe and the State of New Mexico executed on August 20, 1997, and the Pueblo of Nambe and the State of New Mexico executed on September 5, 1997. By the terms of IGRA these Compacts are considered approved, but only to the extent the Compacts are consistent with the provision of IGRA.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department believes that the decision to let the 45-day statutory deadline for approval or disapproval of the Compacts expire without taking action is the most appropriate course of action given the unique history of state and federal court cases and legislative actions that have shaped the course of Indian gaming in New Mexico. A letter further explaining the Department's decision is available from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Gaming Management Staff at the address below.

DATES: This action is effective November 5, 1997.

FUR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Paula L. Hart, Acting Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street NW, MS 2070-MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240, (202) 219-4068.

Dated: October 23, 1997.

Ada E. Deer,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

James H. McDivitt,

Certifying Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submitted for Office of Management and Budget Review; Comment Request

TITLE: Gas Processing and Transportation Allowances.

COMMENTS: This collection of information has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Section 3506(c)(2)(A), we are notifying you, members of the public and affected agencies, of this collection of information, and are inviting your comments. Is this information collection necessary for us to properly do our job? Have we accurately estimated the public's burden for responding to this collection? Can we enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information we collect? Can we lessen the burden of this information collection on the respondents by using automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

Comments should be made directly to the Attention: Desk Officer for the Interior Department, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503; telephone (202) 395-7340. Copies of these comments should also be sent to us. The U.S. Postal Service address is Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, Rules and Publications Staff, P.O. Box 25165, MS 3021, Denver, Colorado 80225-0165; the courier address is Building 85, Room A-613, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225; and the e-Mail address is David_Guzy@mms.gov. OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days; therefore, public comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days in order to assure their maximum consideration.

Copies of the proposed information collection and related explanatory material may be obtained by contacting Dennis C. Jones, Rules and Publications Staff, telephone (303) 231-3046, FAX

(303) 231-3385, e-Mail Dennis_Jones@mms.gov.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before December 5, 1997.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Interior is responsible for the collection of royalties from lessees who produce minerals from leased Indian lands. The Secretary is required by various laws to manage the production of mineral resources on Indian lands, to collect the royalties due, and to distribute royalty funds in accordance with those laws. The product valuation and allowance determination process is essential to assure that the Indians receive payment on the proper value of the minerals being removed. In order to determine whether the amount of royalty tendered represents the proper royalty due, it is first necessary to establish the proper value of the gas and gas plant products being sold, or otherwise disposed of, as well as the proper costs associated with the allowable deductions from the value of gas and gas plant products.

Under certain circumstances lessees are authorized to deduct from royalty payments, the reasonable actual costs of transporting the royalty portion of produced minerals from the lease to a processing or sales point not in the immediate lease area. Transportation allowances are a part of the product valuation process which the Minerals Management Service (MMS) uses to determine if the lessee is reporting and paying the proper royalty amount.

When gas is processed for the recovery of gas plant products, lessees may claim a processing allowance. MMS normally will accept the cost as stated in the lessee's arm's-length processing contract as being representative of the cost of the processing allowance. In those instances where gas is being processed through a lessee owned plant, the processing costs shall be based upon the actual plant operating and maintenance expenses, depreciation, and a reasonable return on investment. The allowance is expressed as a cost per unit of individual plant products. Processing allowances may be taken as a deduction from royalty payments.

Failure to collect the data described could result in the undervaluation of leased minerals. Regulations at 30 CFR 206 establish uniform product valuation and allowance policies for all Indian leases. These regulations require information in support of the product valuation or allowances being claimed. Without such information, MMS cannot evaluate the correctness of values or allowances reported and claimed.