

taken from the McClintock Channel population, Northwest Territories, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on December 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 September 25, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 186, Page 50394, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Wilton Hardesty, Gunnison, CO for a permit (PRT-832902) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken from the Davis Strait population, Northwest Territories, Canada, prior to April 30, 1994, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on December 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 authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On September 25, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 186, Page 50394, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by the Seattle Aquarium, Seattle, WA for a permit (PRT-834418) to take for the purpose of public display one female northern sea otter (*Enhydra lutris lutris*) recovered by the Fish and Wildlife Service as an orphaned pup near Kodiak, AK.

Notice is hereby given that on November 20, 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: December 31, 1997.

MaryEllen Amtower,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals

On September 25, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 186, Page 50394, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Mote Marine Laboratory, for a permit (PRT-834406) to opportunistically take manatees (*Trichechus manatus*) for scientific research of the manatee cellular immune system.

Notice is hereby given that on November 26, 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: December 19, 1997.

MaryEllen Amtower,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Denial of Permit for Marine Mammals

On July 31, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 147, Page 41072, that an

application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Bruce Shoeneweis for a permit (PRT-831928) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken from the McClintock Channel population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on December 3, 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.

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 430, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone (703) 358-2104 or Fax (703) 358-2281.

Dated: December 19, 1997.

MaryEllen Amtower,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Letters of Authorization To Take Marine Mammals

AGENCY: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of Letters of Authorization to take marine mammals incidental to oil and gas industry activities.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 101(a)(5) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended*, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service implementing regulations [50 CFR 18.27(f)(3)], notice is hereby given that Letters of Authorization to take polar bears incidental to oil and gas industry exploration, development, and production activities have been issued to the following companies:

Company	Activity	Location	Date issued
ARCO Alaska, Inc	Exploration	Colville River	December 9, 1997.
ARCO Alaska, Inc	Exploration	Kuparuk River Unit	December 9, 1997.
Northern Geophysical	Exploration	Hemisprings, Fish Creek, Sag River	December 16, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. John W. Bridges at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals

Management Office, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, (800) 362-5148 or (907) 786-3810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Letters of Authorization were issued in accordance with U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Service Federal Rules and Regulations "Marine Mammals; Incidental Take During Specified Activities" (58 FR 60402; November 16, 1993); modified and extended (60 FR 42805; August 17, 1995).

Dated: December 24, 1997.

David B. Allen,

Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of approved Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, Public Law 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of approved 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 his delegated authority, has approved the Compact between the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and the State of Nevada, which was executed on August 4, 1997.

DATES: This action is effective January 6, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4068.

Dated: December 12, 1997.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK-020-5101-00-LO12]

Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Golden Valley Electric Association Northern Intertie Project (EIS #97-47); Alaska

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Golden Valley Electric Association has applied to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for a Right of Way (ROW) to construct a 230kv

transmission line from Healy, Alaska, to Fairbanks, Alaska. Therefore, in compliance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, as amended, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508, the Bureau of Land Management has prepared a Draft EIS. The Draft EIS evaluates the granting of the ROW necessary for the Golden Valley Electric Association Northern Intertie Project.

The public can view a set of large-scale maps and pick up copies of the Draft EIS at the following locations:

Fairbanks: BLM-Northern District Office and the Alaska Department of Natural Resources Office.

Nenana: Nenana Public Library.

Anderson: Anderson City Hall.

Healy: Healy Community Center.

Copies are also available by mail by contacting the BLM Northern District Office, 1150 University Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709, or by calling (907) 474-2339.

DATES: Written comments on the Draft EIS must be submitted or postmarked no later than March 5, 1998. Oral and/or written comments may also be presented at four public meetings scheduled as follows:

Fairbanks: February 9, 1998, Carlson Center.

Nenana: February 10, 1998, Nenana Senior Center.

Anderson: February 11, 1998, Anderson City Hall.

Healy: February 12, 1998, Healy Community Center.

The meetings will be conducted at all locations in the following manner: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Open House where information and maps will be displayed and staff will be available to answer questions. Written comments will be accepted. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.—Public Hearing where oral comments will be recorded. Written comments will also be accepted.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the document should be addressed to the Bureau of Land Management, Northern District Office, Attn: Gary Foreman, 1150 University Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709-3899. Comments can also be entered via the internet at <http://aurora.ak.blm.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Foreman, Project Manager, at 1-800-437-7021 or (907) 474-2339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Draft EIS analyzes seven transmission line route alternatives and the No Action alternative. The preferred alternative is the Rex/South Route, Option B.

Public participation for this project has occurred throughout the process.

The BLM and the Rural Utilities Service completed an Environmental Assessment of the project in January 1997. Based on public and agency comments the BLM decided to complete an EIS for this project. The Notice of Intent for the EIS was filed in the **Federal Register** in May, 1997. Public meetings, open houses, and mail outs have been conducted for the Environmental Assessment and the Environmental Impact Statement processes. Any comments presented during these processes have been considered.

Dated: December 30, 1997.

Donald L. Hinrichsen,

Acting Associate State Director.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[USITC SE-97-16]

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: United States International Trade Commission.

TIME AND DATE: January 15, 1998 at 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Room 101, 500 E Street S.W., Washington, DC 20436.

STATUS: Open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Agenda for future meeting: none.
 2. Minutes.
 3. Ratification List.
 4. Inv. No. TA-201-67 (Wheat Gluten) (Injury Phase)—briefing and vote.
 5. Outstanding action jackets: none.
- In accordance with Commission policy, subject matter listed above, not disposed of at the scheduled meeting, may be carried over to the agenda of the following meeting.

Issued: December 30, 1997.

By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

John Paul King, M.D., Denial of Applications

On August 12, 1997, the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), issued an Order