

questionnaire were taken and thoroughly tested. The other questions in the 2007 questionnaire not used in the 2002 version were also used on several occasions by various boating researchers to collect subject data. The collection contractor is expected to conduct a limited pre-test to identify possible unforeseen problems.

#### 7. Data Analysis

A commenter indicated that very little was said in the supporting statement about how the data collection contractor will analyze the data. In response to this comment, we expanded the data analysis section to show how national, state, and regional estimates will be calculated. However, the contractor will essentially provide the Coast Guard with basic contingency tables showing weighted counts describing various aspects of the boating population and their activities during 2007. We may conduct further analyses internally after receiving the micro-data file.

#### Information Collection Request

*Title:* National Recreational Boating Survey.

*OMB Control Number:* 1625-0089.

*Type of Request:* Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

*Affected Public:* Recreational boating participants and owners of recreational vessels.

*Abstract:* The Federal Boat Safety Act of 1971 determined the framework of the Coast Guard RBS program. This program as set forth in 46 U.S.C., Chapter 131, requires the Coast Guard to “encourage greater state participation and uniformity in boating safety efforts, and particularly to permit the states to assume the greater share of boating safety education, assistance, and enforcement activities.” See 46 U.S.C. 13101. The Coast Guard Office of Boating Safety achieves these goals by providing timely and relevant information on activities that occur in each respective jurisdiction. The boating information provided by the Coast Guard enables each state agency to tailor and implement safety initiatives addressing specific needs of boaters in local jurisdictions. The primary objective of this collection is to provide the Coast Guard with the required information in a format suitable to effectively manage the program.

*Burden Estimate:* This is a biennial requirement. In the year the survey is conducted, the burden is estimated to be 67,619 hours.

Dated: November 26, 2007.

**D.T. Glenn,**

*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Information Technology.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Transportation Security Administration

**[Docket Nos. TSA-2006-24191; Coast Guard-2006-24196]**

#### Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC); Enrollment Dates for the Ports of Tulsa, OK and Albany, NY

**AGENCY:** Transportation Security Administration; United States Coast Guard; DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) through the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) issues this notice of the dates for the beginning of the initial enrollment for the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) for the Ports of Tulsa, OK and Albany, NY.

**DATES:** TWIC enrollment in Tulsa, OK will begin on December 12, 2007, and in Albany, NY on December 13, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** You may view published documents and comments concerning the TWIC Final Rule, identified by the docket numbers of this notice, using any one of the following methods.

(1) Searching the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Web page at <http://www.regulations.gov>;

(2) Accessing the Government Printing Office's Web page at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>; or

(3) Visiting TSA's Security Regulations Web page at <http://www.tsa.gov> and accessing the link for “Research Center” at the top of the page.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James Orgill, TSA-19, Transportation Security Administration, 601 South 12th Street, Arlington, VA 22202-4220. Transportation Threat Assessment and Credentialing (TTAC), TWIC Program, (571) 227-4545; e-mail: [credentialing@dhs.gov](mailto:credentialing@dhs.gov).

#### Background

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), through the United States Coast Guard and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), issued a joint final rule (72 FR 3492; January 25, 2007) pursuant to the

Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA), Public Law 107-295, 116 Stat. 2064 (November 25, 2002), and the Security and Accountability for Every Port Act of 2006 (SAFE Port Act), Public Law 109-347 (October 13, 2006). This rule requires all credentialed merchant mariners and individuals with unescorted access to secure areas of a regulated facility or vessel to obtain a TWIC. In this final rule, on page 3510, TSA and Coast Guard stated that a phased enrollment approach based upon risk assessment and cost/benefit would be used to implement the program nationwide, and that TSA would publish a notice in the **Federal Register** indicating when enrollment at a specific location will begin and when it is expected to terminate.

This notice provides the start date for TWIC initial enrollment at the Ports of Tulsa, OK and Albany, NY. Enrollment in Tulsa will begin on December 12, 2007, and in Albany, NY on December 13, 2007. The Coast Guard will publish a separate notice in the **Federal Register** indicating when facilities within the Captain of the Port Zone Lower Mississippi, including those in the Port of Tulsa, and Captain of the Port Zone New York, including those in the Port of Albany must comply with the portions of the final rule requiring TWIC to be used as an access control measure. That notice will be published at least 90 days before compliance is required.

To obtain information on the pre-enrollment and enrollment process, and enrollment locations, visit TSA's TWIC Web site at <http://www.tsa.gov/twic>.

Issued in Arlington, Virginia, on November 28, 2007.

**Stephen Sadler,**

*Director, Maritime and Surface Credentialing, Office of Transportation Threat Assessment and Credentialing, Transportation Security Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge and UL Bend National Wildlife Refuge, Montana

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare a comprehensive conservation plan and environmental impact statement; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises that we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

(Service), intend to gather information necessary to prepare a comprehensive conservation plan (plan) and environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge, including UL Bend National Wildlife Refuge (UL Bend is a refuge within a refuge), located in north-central Montana. We are furnishing this notice in compliance with Service Refuge Planning policy to advise other agencies and the public of our intentions, and to obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to be considered in the planning process.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received by February 4, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and requests for more information regarding the Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge or UL Bend National Wildlife Refuge should be sent to Laurie Shannon, Planning Team Leader, Division of Refuge Planning, P.O. Box 25486, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Laurie Shannon, 303-236-4317; or [Laurie\\_Shannon@fws.gov](mailto:Laurie_Shannon@fws.gov); or John Esperance, Chief, Branch of Comprehensive Conservation Planning, 303-236-4369.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Service has initiated the Plan and EIS for the Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) and UL Bend NWR with headquarters in Lewistown, Montana.

The Charles M. Russell NWR and UL Bend NWR extend west 125 miles along the Missouri River from Fort Peck Dam in north-central Montana. The Refuges contain approximately 1,100,000 acres including the Fort Peck Reservoir. Habitat includes native prairie, forested coulees, river bottoms, and badlands. Wildlife is as diverse as the topography, and common species include elk, mule deer, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, pronghorn antelope, sharp-tailed grouse, prairie dogs, and over 236 species of birds. The Refuges are located within Fergus, Garfield, Petroleum, Phillips, McCone, and Valley Counties.

In 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 7509 establishing the Fort Peck Game Range and providing "That the natural forage resources therein shall be first utilized for the purpose of sustaining in a healthy condition a maximum of four hundred thousand (400,000) sharp-tail grouse, and one thousand five hundred (1,500) antelope, the primary species, and such nonpredatory secondary species in such numbers as may be necessary to maintain a balanced

wildlife population, but in no case shall the consumption of forage by the combined population of the wildlife species be allowed to increase the burden of the range dedicated to the primary species: *Provided further*, That all the resources within this range or preserve shall be available, except as herein otherwise provided with respect to wildlife, for domestic livestock \* \* \* *And provided further*, That land within the exterior limits of the area herein described \* \* \* may be utilized for public grazing purposes only to the extent as may be determined by the said Secretary (Agriculture) to be compatible with the utilization of said lands for the purposes for which they were acquired \* \* \*."

Originally, the game range was administered jointly by secretaries for the Departments of Agriculture (the Service was the Bureau of Biological Survey under Department of Agriculture until 1939) and Interior. On February 25, 1963, the Fort Peck Game Range was redesignated the Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Range by Public Land Order 2951. On March 25, 1969, Public Land Order 4588 established UL Bend National Wildlife Refuge on approximately 39,456 acres in Phillips County and revoked Executive Order 7509 on those lands. On October 19, 1976, Public Law 94-557 (90 Stat 2633-2634), designated approximately 28,890 acres in UL Bend as the UL Bend Wilderness. On February 27, 1976, the administrative status of Charles M. Russell and all other game ranges in the nation was changed by the signing of Public Law 94-223 (90 Stat. 199), commonly called the Game Range Act, which brought to a close the joint management between the Bureau of Land Management and the Service and vested management authority of Charles M. Russell NWR with the Service. Public Land Order 5635 (1978) changed the name of the game refuge to Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge and clarified the administration and management of the Refuge under the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C 668dd-668ee). Additional legislation and mandates exist between the Service and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the operation of the Fort Peck Dam and Reservoir.

Each unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System, including the Charles M. Russell and UL Bend NWRs, has specific purposes for which it was established and for which legislation was enacted.

Those purposes are used to develop and prioritize management goals and objectives within the National Wildlife

Refuge System mission, and to guide which public uses will occur on these Refuges. The planning process is a way for the Service and the public to evaluate management goals and objectives for the best possible conservation efforts of this important wildlife habitat while providing for wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities that are compatible with the Refuges' establishing purposes and the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

The Service will conduct a comprehensive conservation planning process that will provide opportunity for tribal, State, and local governments; Federal and State agencies; organizations; and the public to participate in issue scoping and public comment. The Service is requesting input for issues, concerns, ideas, and suggestions for the future management of the Charles M. Russell and UL Bend NWRs. Anyone interested in providing input is invited to respond to the following three questions.

(1) What do you value most about the Charles M. Russell and UL Bend National Wildlife Refuges?

(2) What problems or issues do you want to see addressed in the CCP?

(3) What changes, if any, would you like to see in the management of the Charles M. Russell and UL Bend National Wildlife Refuges?

The Service has provided the above questions for your optional use. The planning team developed these questions to facilitate finding out more information about individual issues and ideas concerning these two units of the National Wildlife Refuge System. Comments received by the planning team will be used as part of the planning process; individual comments will not be referenced in our reports or responded to directly.

An opportunity will be given to the public to provide input at open houses to scope issues and concerns (schedules can be obtained from the planning team leader at the address listed above). Comments may be submitted anytime during the planning process by writing to that address. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

The Environmental Review of this project will be conducted in accordance

with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*); NEPA Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508); other appropriate Federal laws and regulations; and Service policies and procedures for compliance with those laws and regulations. All comments received from individuals on Service Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Statements become part of the official public record. Requests for such comments will be handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, NEPA (40 CFR 1506.6(f)), and other Departmental and Service policies and procedures.

Dated: November 27, 2007.

**Stephen Guertin,**

*Acting Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Receipt of Applications for Permit

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

**SUMMARY:** The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species and/or marine mammals.

**DATES:** Written data, comments or requests must be received by January 3, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** 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 to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358–2281.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358–2104.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Endangered Species

The public is invited to comment on the following applications 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.*). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (address above).

*Applicant:* National Institutes of Health/National Cancer Institute, Frederick, MD, PRT–694126.

The applicant requests renewal of their permit to import biological samples from wild, captive-held, and/or captive-born endangered mammals for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

*Applicant:* Carl W. Swensen, Island Heights, NJ, PRT–167027.

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

*Applicant:* Alex R. Stowe, Jr., Plano, TX, PRT–167253.

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

*Applicant:* Jeffrey S. Sorg, Kalispell, MT, PRT–167302.

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

##### Endangered Marine Mammals and Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered marine mammals and/or marine mammals. The applications were submitted to satisfy requirements of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and/or the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing endangered species (50 CFR part 17) and/or marine mammals (50 CFR part 18). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be submitted to the Director (address above). 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.

*Applicant:* Detroit Zoological Society, Detroit, MI, PRT–160107.

The applicant requests a permit for permanent placement of one non-releasable male polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) for the purpose of public display. The animal was recovered as an orphaned cub in Alaska in 1988. The Service has determined that this animal does not demonstrate the skills and abilities needed to survive in the wild.

*Applicant:* Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Fish and Wildlife Research Institute, St. Petersburg, FL, PRT–773494.

The applicant requests renewal and amendment of their permit to capture, tag, drug, collect biological specimens, photograph, aerial survey, and harass Florida manatees (*Trichechus manatus*) and to import, export, and re-export biological specimens from all manatees (*T. manatus*, *T. inunguis*, and *T. senegalensis*) and dugongs (*Dugong dugon*) for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

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

Dated: November 9, 2007.

**Lisa J. Lierheimer,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Issuance of Permits

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of permits for endangered species and/or marine mammals.

**SUMMARY:** The following permits were issued.

**ADDRESSES:** 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 to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North