administers the telecommunications budget; (2) develops technical requirements for the NIH Institutes and Centers (ICs) and implements telecommunications programs to meet the needs of the NIH community; (3) serves as the focal point for service orders and billing; (4) develops and disseminates policies and procedures for the nationwide implementation and management of the NIH telecommunication systems; and (5) serves as the telecommunications liaison for NIH with other Federal agencies, GSA, DHHS, and private industry.

Office of Information Resources Management (NU5, formerly HNU5). Advises the Chief Information Officer on the direction and management of NIH information technology (IT) program activities under the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Computer Security Act, the Information Technology Management Reform Act, and OMB Circular A–130 by serving as a focal point for: (1) Implementing, managing, and overseeing NIH IT activities related to IT policy, planning and budgeting, IT resources user requirements, IT reviews, IT and automated systems inventories, capacity management and planning, security, IT standards, and IT resources obsolescence and excess shipment: (2) collaborating with NIH components responsible for acquisition of IT resources, major information systems, telecommunications management, printing management, computer matching, IT accommodations for persons with disabilities, records and forms management including the Privacy Act, information collection, and information dissemination; (3) serving as the NIH liaison to the Department and to OMB, GSA, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology and other Federal agencies on all IT matters; (4) participating with appropriate NIH components in assessing and enhancing the level of knowledge and skill of users of IT resources; (5) coordinating with appropriate NIH components in developing an NIH-wide plan for standardizing networking, cabling, and electrical facilities for IT resources; (6) ensuring that oversight measures are appropriate for the diversity, complexity, and size of the major providers and the individual ICs; and (7) providing direction to the major providers/individual ICs in enhancing and strengthening their individual IT program management to ensure compliance with legislative mandates.

(2) Under the heading Office of the Director (NA, formerly HNA) the following is inserted: Office of Management (NAM, formerly HNAM). (1) Advises the NIH Director and staff on all phases of NIH-wide administration and Management; (2)provides leadership and direction to all aspects of management; and (3) oversees the management of functions in the areas of budget and financial management, personnel management, management policy, management assessment, program integrity, contract, procurement, and logistics management, engineering services, safety, space and facility management, support services, and security operations.

Office of Administration (NAM2, formerly HNAM2). (1) Advises the NIH Director and staff on administration and management; (2) provides leadership and guidance to NIH components on administrative management; and (3) develops and implements policies, provides oversight, and manages the operational components in the areas of management assessment, contract management, procurement management, and logistics management.

Delegatins of Authority Statement: All delegations and redelegations of authority to offices and employees of NIH that were in effect immediately prior to the effective date of this reorganization and are consistent with this reorganization shall continue in effect, pending further redelegation.

Dated: February 10, 1998.

**Harold Varmus,**

*Director, National Institutes of Health.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

### 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.*):

*Applicant:* Exotic Feline Breeding Compound, Inc., Rosamond, CA, PRT–839056.

The applicant requests a permit to import one captive-born male Amur leopard (*Panthera pardus orientalis*) from Estonia for the purpose of enhancement through captive propagation.

*Applicant:* Grand Canyon Monitoring & Research Ctr., Flagstaff, AZ, PRT–839107.

The applicant requests a permit to import up to 210 preserved specimens of Kanab ambersnail (*Oxyloma haydeni kanabensis*) from Canada for the purpose of scientific research related to taxonomic identification.

*Applicant:* John J. Schumann, Jr., Vero Beach, FL, PRT–839357.

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.

*Applicant:* David Roberts, Madison, WI, PRT–839037.

The applicant requests a permit to import 2 male and 7 female certified bred-in-captivity Cabot's tragopan (*Tragopan caboti*) from Glenn Howe, Ontario, Canada, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through captive propagation.

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 700, 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 applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application was 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).

*Applicant:* Institute of Marine Science, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA, PRT–839099.

*Permit Type:* Take for Scientific Research.

*Name and Number of Animals:* Pacific Walrus (*Odobenus rosmarus*), 400.

*Summary of Activity to be Authorized:* Analysis of tissue samples to determine metabolic activity and model energy reserves.

*Source of Marine Mammals:* The samples will be provided to the applicant by Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals Management Office biologists. The samples are taken from walrus killed during Native American subsistence hunts.

*Period of Activity:* Up to 5 years from issuance date of permit, if issued.

*Applicant:* Mote Marine Laboratory, Sarasota, FL, PRT–838930.

*Permit Type:* Take for scientific research.

*Name and Number of Animals:* West Indian manatee (*Trichechus manatus*), up to 70.

*Summary of Activity to be Authorized:* The applicant requests a

permit to perform in-water observations of manatees to determine gender for life history studies.

*Source of Marine Mammals:* Sarasota Bay, Florida.

*Period of Activity:* Up to 5 years from issuance date of permit, 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.

*Applicant:* John Abercrombie, Las Vegas, NV, PRT–839323.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Southern Beaufort Sea polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

*Applicant:* Wallace Gott, Upland, CA, PRT–839315.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted prior to April 30, 1994, from the Northern Beaufort Sea polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

*Applicant:* Jesse Kirk, Irving, TX, PRT–838024.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Northern Beaufort Sea polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

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 700, 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 a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

Documents and other information submitted with the 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 above address within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: February 13, 1998.

**Mary Ellen Amtower,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

### Notice of Receipt of Application for Endangered Species Permit

The following applicants have applied for permits 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–839030

*Applicant:* Bobby C. Reed, Inland Fisheries Division, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture and retain for captive propagation and release of progeny) the pallid sturgeon, Scaphirhynchus albus, throughout the species range in Louisiana, for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

PRT–839029

*Applicant:* Anthony J. Savereno, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina.

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, band, and harass during surveys and installation of cavity restrictors) the red-cockaded woodpecker, Picoides borealis, throughout the species range in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Louisiana, for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

Written data or comments on these applications should be submitted to: Regional Permit Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345. All data and comments must be received by March 23, 1998.

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: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345 (Attn: David Dell, Permit Biologist). Telephone: 404/679–7313; Fax: 404/679–7081.

Dated: February 12, 1998.

**Sam D. Hamilton,**

*Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

### Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals

On November 28, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 229, Page 63374, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Texas A&M University, Marine Mammals Research Program, Galveston, TX for amendment and renewal of their permit (PRT–766146) to take captive manatees (*Trichechus manatus*) for the scientific research.

Notice is hereby given that on January 26,1998, 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: February 13, 1998.

**Mary Ellen Amtower,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

**[NV–030–1990–00]**

### Availability for the Olinghouse Mine Project Final Environmental Impact Statement

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability for the Olinghouse Mine Project Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), Washoe County, Nevada.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act, 40 CFR 1500–1508 and 43 CFR 3809, notice is given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared, with the assistance of a third-party consultant, a FEIS for Alta Gold Company's proposed Olinghouse Mine, located approximately 33 miles east of Reno, Nevada. Copies of the document are available for public review.