

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

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of permit for marine mammals.

SUMMARY: The following permits were issued.

ADDRESSES: 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, 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: On October 30, 2002, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 66166), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Neil Bayley for a permit (PRT-063291) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Northern Beaufort Sea polar bear population, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on February 3, 2003, 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 issued the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On November 27, 2002, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 70962), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Larry Seiler for a permit (PRT-063898) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Southern Beaufort Sea polar bear population, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on January 21, 2003, 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 issued the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On November 27, 2002, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 70962), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by William J. Schagel for a permit (PRT-063596) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the

Southern Beaufort Sea polar bear population, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on February 3, 2003, 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 issued the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

Dated: February 7, 2003.

Michael S. Moore,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****North American Wetlands Conservation Council (Council) Meeting Announcement**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Council will meet to select North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) grant proposals for recommendation to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission (Commission). The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: March 4, 2003, 1 p. m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Department of the Interior, South Penthouse, 18th and C Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20240. The Council Coordinator is located at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP 4501-4075, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David A. Smith, Council Coordinator, (703) 358-1784 or dbhc@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with NAWCA (Pub. L. 101-233, 103 Stat. 1968, December 13, 1989, as amended), the State-private-Federal Council meets to consider wetland acquisition, restoration, enhancement and management projects for recommendation to, and final funding approval by, the Commission. Proposal due dates, application instructions, and eligibility requirements are available through the NAWCA Web site at <http://birdhabitat.fws.gov>. Proposals require a minimum of 50 percent non-Federal matching funds. Eighteen Canadian proposals will be considered at the Council meeting. The tentative date for the Commission meeting is June 18.

Dated: February 20, 2003.

Paul R. Schmidt,

Assistant Director—Migratory Birds and State Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

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Fair Market Value Meeting for the South Crandall Canyon Coal Tract, Emery County, UT

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and call for public comment on the proposed sale and fair market value and maximum economic recovery consideration for coal lease application UTU-78953.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will hold a public meeting on March 17, 2003, for the proposed competitive sale, of the South Crandall Canyon coal Tract. BLM requests public comment on the fair market value and environmental effects of this tract. The BLM and the Manti-La Sal National Forest signed a Decision Notice/Finding of No Significant Impact dated February 13, 2003 that discusses the environmental effects of mining this tract. The Notice of Decision was published in the Emery County Progress and the Sun Advocate on February 18, 2003. The lands included in the delineated Federal coal lease tract ("South Crandall Canyon") are located in Emery County, Utah approximately 5 miles north of Huntington, Utah on public lands located in the Manti-La Sal National Forest and are described as follows:

T. 16 S., R. 7 E., SLM, Emery County, Utah.
Section 4, W2SW4, S2SW4NW4,
Section 5, SE4, S2SE4NE4,
Section 8, E2, NE4NW4, S2NW4,
Section 9, NW4
Approximately 880 acres

Genwal Resources submitted the application for the coal lease. The company plans to mine the coal as an extension from their existing Crandall Canyon mine if the lease is obtained. The South Crandall Canyon coal tract has two potentially minable coal beds, the Blind Canyon and Hiawatha. The minable portions of the coal beds in this area are from 6 to 8 feet in thickness. The tract contains more than 5 million tons of recoverable high-volatile C bituminous coal. The coal quality in the seams on an "as received basis" is as