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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 application(s) 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: Walter H. Fox, Charlotte, NC, PRT-075825

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa for the purpose of survival of the species.

Applicant: Camp Cooley Ranch, Franklin TX, PRT-810353

The applicant requests renewal of a permit to authorize interstate and foreign commerce, export and cull of excess male barasingha (*Cervus duvauceli*) from their captive herd for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a five-year period. Permittee must apply for renewal annually.

Endangered Marine Mammals and Marine Mammals

The public is invited to comment on the following application(s) for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered marine mammals and/or marine mammals. The application(s) was/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: Virgil R. Graber, Orrville, OH, PRT-073810

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

Dated: August 15, 2003.

Charles S. Hamilton,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of Threemile Canyon Farms Multi-Species Candidate Conservation Agreement With Assurances, and Related Draft Environmental Assessment, Morrow and Gilliam Counties, Oregon

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Threemile Canyon Farms, LLC (Farm), Portland General Electric (PGE), The Nature Conservancy (TNC), and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) have applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for Enhancement of Survival Permits pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The permit applications include a proposed Multi-Species Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (MSCCAA) between the Farm, PGE, TNC, ODFW, and the Service. The proposed term of the permits and MSCCAA is 25 years.

Under the proposed MSCCAA, the parties would implement habitat management, operational modifications, and conservation measures for four non-listed species over approximately 93,000 acres (Covered Area) in northeast Oregon. The Service has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and associated regulations

(40 CFR 1500-1508) for approval of the MSCCAA and issuance of the permits.

We request comments from the public on the permit applications, proposed MSCCAA and the draft Environmental Assessment, all of which are available for review (see "Document Availability" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section).

DATES: Written comments must be received from interested parties on or before October 14, 2003.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by postal mail/commercial delivery, facsimile, or by e-mail. If you use postal mail/commercial delivery or facsimile, please address your written comments to Kemper McMaster, State Supervisor, Fish and Wildlife Service, 2600 S.E. 98th Ave., Suite 100, Portland, Oregon 97266, facsimile (503) 231-6195. If you use e-mail, address your comments to threemilemsccaa@r1.fws.gov. Include your name and mailing address in your message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rich Szlemp, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Oregon State Office at (503) 231-6179.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Document Availability

You may obtain copies of the documents for review by contacting the above named individual (**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) or by making an appointment to view the documents at the above address (see **ADDRESSES**) during normal business hours. You may also view the documents on the Internet at <http://www.davidevansandassociates.com/projects/threemile.html>.

Background

Under a Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances, participating landowners voluntarily implement conservation activities on their property to benefit nonlisted species that are proposed or candidates for listing under the Act, or other sensitive species. Landowners may be willing to implement measures that enhance populations of sensitive species on their property, but may be reluctant to do so because of potential land-use restrictions that could occur should the species eventually be listed under the Act. As a result of this potential regulatory concern, Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances encourage private and other non-Federal property owners to implement conservation efforts and reduce threats to non-listed species by assuring landowners that they will not be subjected to increased property use restrictions beyond those identified in