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: Gloria Erickson, Holdrege, NE, PRT–033948.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Lancaster Sound, polar bear population, Canada for personal use.

Applicant: Robert Miller, North East, PA, PRT–034022.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the McClintock Channel, polar bear population, Canada for personal use.

Applicant: Chicago Zoological Society, Brookfield, IL, PRT–032510.

The applicant requests a permit to import 1.0 live captive born polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) from the Jardin Zoo, Quebec, Canada, for the purpose of public display and conservation education.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division 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 U.S. Fish and Wildlife has information collection approval from OMB through February 28, 2001. OMB Control Number 1018–0093. Federal Agencies may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a current valid OMB control number.

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 the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358–2104); FAX: (703/358–2281).

Dated: September 28, 2000.

Charlie Chandler,

Chief, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Initial Meeting of the Alaska Migratory Bird Co-management Council

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Alaska Migratory Bird Co-management Council has scheduled its first meeting to begin the process of recommending regulations for the spring/summer migratory bird subsistence harvest for the period beginning March 10, 2002. At this meeting the Co-management Council will approve its by-laws, finalize an operations manual for Council members, elect officers, review resource information presented by staff of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and establish regulations frameworks for seven geographic regions.

DATES: The Co-management Council will meet October 30–November 1, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be conducted at the Hawthorn Suites Hotel at 1110 W. 8th Avenue in Anchorage, Alaska.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information call Mimi Hogan at 907/786–3673 or Bob Stevens at 907/786–3499. Individuals with a disability who may need special accommodations in order to participate in the public comment portion of the meeting should call one of the above numbers.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service formed the Alaska Migratory Bird Co-Management Council, which includes Native, State, and Federal representatives as equals, by means of a Notice of Decision published in the **Federal Register**, 65 FR 16405–16409, March 28, 2000. Amended migratory bird treaties with Canada and Mexico required the formation of such a management body. The Co-management Council will make recommendations for, among other things, regulations for spring/summer harvesting of migratory birds in Alaska. In addition to creation of the Co-managment Council, the Notice of Decision identified seven geographic regions. Each region will submit to the Co-management Council requests for specific regulations for its area. The Co-management Council will then develop recommendations for statewide regulations and submit them to the Fish and Wildlife Service for approval.

The initial meeting of the Co-management Council will begin on Monday, October 30 at 1 p.m. Sessions on October 31 and November 1 will begin at 8:00 a.m. The public is invited to attend. The Co-management Council will provide opportunities for public comment on agenda items. Agendas will be available at the door.

Dated: September 20, 2000.

David B. Allen,

Regional Director, Anchorage, Alaska.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM–932–1320–05; NMNM 99144]

Notice of Coal Lease Offering

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of competitive coal lease sale.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that certain coal resources in the tract described below in San Juan County, New Mexico, will be offered for competitive lease by sealed bid in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*).

DATES: The lease sale will be held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 1, 2000. Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 9 a.m., on November 1, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The lease sale will be held in the BLM Conference Room, located at 1474 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 9 a.m. on November 1, 2000, to: Cashier, New Mexico State Office, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, NM 87502–0115.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ida T. Viarreal at (505) 438–7603.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The tract will be leased to the qualified bidder submitting the highest cash offer provided that the high bid meets or exceeds the fair market value of the tract as determined by the Authorized Officer after the sale. Each bid should be clearly identified by tract number or serial number on the outside of the envelope containing the bid. No bid that is less than $100.00 per acre, or fraction thereof, will be considered.

This $100.00 per acre is a regulatory minimum, and is not intended to reflect fair market value of the tract. Sealed bids clearly marked "Sealed Bid for NMNM 99144 Coal Sale—Not to be opened before 10 a.m. Wednesday, November 1, 2000," must be received on or before 9 a.m., Wednesday, November 1, 2000. Bids should be sent by certified

mail, return receipt requested, or should be hand delivered. The cashier will issue a receipt for each hand delivered sealed bid. Bids received after 9 a.m., on November 1, 2000, will not be considered. The fair market value of the tract will be determined by the Authorized Officer after the sale. If identical high sealed bids are received, the tying bidders will be requested to submit follow-up sealed bids until a high bid is received. All tie-breaking sealed bids must be within 15 minutes following the sale official's announcement at the sale that identical sealed bids have been received.

Coal Tract to be Offered: The coal resources to be offered consist of all recoverable reserves in the following described lands located in San Juan County, New Mexico and are described as follows:

T.30 N., R. 14 W., NMPM
Sec. 17, All;
Sec. 18, All;
Sec. 19, All;
Sec. 20, All;
Sec. 29, All;
Sec. 30, All;
Sec. 31, Lots 1–4, N½,N½S½.

Containing 4,483.88 acres, more or less.

The tract that is being offered for lease is comprised of seven sections of Bureau of Land Management Lands. The tract is subject to several prior valid and pre-existing surface and subsurface rights. These include, but are not limited to: (1) rights-of-way issued for large fluid transmission pipelines, electrical power transmission lines, water lines, roads, and other utilities, (2) surface grazing and water rights, (3) subsurface leases for oil and gas, which include all of the coal bed methane gas within the Fruitland coal, and associated oil and gas lease surface rights for storage, gathering lines, access roads, drilling pads, etc., and (4) existing producing and non-producing oil, gas and coal bed methane wells on the aforementioned leases. It shall be the responsibility of the successful coal bidder to determine just how any and all of the pre-existing rights will affect the mining operations. A list of the pre-existing surface and subsurface encumbrances by serial number and type that are currently a matter of public record can be obtained at the BLM New Mexico State Office.

The right to mine and remove coal from the tract is a subordinate right to any and all prior valid and pre-existing rights. If during any of the operations related to the mining of the coal it becomes necessary to infringe upon the prior rights, then any and all actions, and negotiations allowing adjustments, relinquishments, suspensions, etc., and the costs and compensations related thereto, shall be the sole responsibility of the successful coal bidder. Any conflicts between the successful bidder and the holders of oil and gas leases must be cleared by negotiations between the successful bidder and said oil and gas lesses(s). The Bureau of Land Management will not be a party to or have any involvement in any negotiations between any parties in regards to this tract.

Rental and Royalty: The lease issued as a result of this lease offering will require payment of an annual rental of $3.00 per acre or a fraction thereof, and a royalty payable to the United States of 12½ percent of the value of the coal removed by surface methods and 8 percent of the value of the coal removed by underground methods. The value of the coal will be determined in accordance with 30 CFR § 206.250.

Notice of Availability: Bidding instructions for the offered tract is included in the Detailed Statement of Coal Lease Sale. Copies of the Statement and the proposed coal lease are available upon request in person or by mail from the BLM New Mexico State Office at the addresses shown above. The case files are available for inspection during normal business hours only at the Santa Fe, New Mexico location.

Dated: September 27, 2000.

Carsten F. Goff,

Acting State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Realty Action, Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act Classification

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

ACTION: Notice of Realty Action, Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act Classification, UTU–78912.

SUMMARY: The following public land in Garfield County, Utah has been examined and found suitable for classification for conveyance under the provisions of the R&PP Amendment Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100–648): Salt Lake Meridian, Utah, T. 35 South, R. 5 West, Section 5, S½SW¼SE¼, S½SE¼SW¼, and Section 9, N½NW¼NW¼, N½NE¼NW¼ containing 80 Acres. Garfield County intends to use the land for a public shooting range. The land is not needed for a Federal purpose. Conveyance is consistent with current Bureau of Land Management land use planning and would be in the public interest.

DATES: On or before November 20, 2000, interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed classification. In the absence of adverse comments, the classification will become effective December 4, 2000.

ADDRESSES: For further information, contact the Field Manager, Kanab Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 318 North 100 East, Kanab, Utah 84741, 435–644–4600. Comments should be submitted to the same address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The patent, when issued, will be subject to the following terms, conditions and reservations:

1. Provisions of the R&PP Act and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.
2. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals.
3. A right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by authority of the United States (Act of August 30, 1890, 26 Stat. 391; 43 U.S.C. 945).
4. Those rights for power transmission line purposes granted by right-of-way # SL 052370.
5. All other valid existing rights.
6. The (patentee), its successors or assigns, assumes all liability for and shall defend, indemnify, and save harmless the United States and its officers, agents, representatives, and employees (hereinafter referred to in this clause as the United States), from all claims, loss, damage, actions, causes of action, expense, and liability (hereinafter referred to in this clause as claims) resulting from, brought for, or on account of, any personal injury, threat of personal injury, or property damage received or sustained by any person or persons (including the patentee's employees) or property growing out of, occurring, or attributable directly or indirectly, to the disposal of solid waste on, or the release of hazardous substances from the above described public land, regardless of whether such claims shall be attributable to: (1) the concurrent, contributory, or partial fault, failure, or negligence of the United States, or (2) the sole fault, failure, or negligence of the United States.
7. Title shall revert to the United States upon a finding, after notice and opportunity for a hearing, that the patentee has not substantially developed the lands in accordance with the approved plan of development on or