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3. A new § 18.30 is added to subpart D of part 18 to read as follows:

§ 18.30 Polar bear sport-hunted trophy import permits.

(a) Application procedure.

Applications for permits to import polar bear trophies shall be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 420C, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Each application must be submitted on an official application (Form 3-200) provided by the Service and must include as an attachment, all of the following additional information:

- (1) A statement of the purpose of the taking and proposed use upon import;
- (2) Name and address of the person from whom the polar bear trophy is to be exported;
- (3) Name and address of the person in the United States to whom the polar bear trophy is to be imported;
- (4) If the person who took the polar bear in Canada died prior to submittal of the import permit application, documentation that the importer is the heir of that person's estate;
- (5) Proof that the polar bear was legally harvested in Canada by the applicant (or by a decedent from whom the applicant inherited the trophy), including the tag number and date, location, and manner of taking; and
- (6) A description of the polar bear parts to be imported, including the number of specimens or parts and the age, size, and sex of the polar bear.

(b) Definitions. (1) The definitions in 50 CFR 10.12, 18.3, and 23.3 apply to this paragraph.

(2) *Sport-hunted trophy* means the hide, hair, skull, teeth, and claws of the specimen, which can be used by a taxidermist to create a mount of the animal for display or tanned for use as a rug, taken by the applicant during a sport hunt for personal, noncommercial

use. It does not include any internal organ of the animal, including the gall bladder.

(c) Review by Marine Mammal Commission. Upon receipt of an application the Director shall forward it to the Marine Mammal Commission as described in § 18.31(b).

(d) Procedures for issuance of permits and modification, suspension or revocation thereof. Permits applied for under this section shall be issued, suspended, modified or revoked pursuant to regulations contained in § 18.33.

(e) Issuance criteria. In determining whether to issue an import permit for a sport-hunted trophy, the Director shall consider, in addition to the general criteria in Part 13 of this subchapter, the following factors:

- (1) The specimen has not been imported into the United States;
- (2) The specimen to be imported meets the definition of a sport-hunted trophy in paragraph (b) of this section;
- (3) The polar bear was legally harvested in Canada by the applicant (or by a decedent from whom the applicant inherited the trophy);
- (4) Canada has a monitored and enforced sport-hunting program consistent with the purposes of the 1973 International Agreement on the Conservation of Polar Bears;
- (5) Canada has a sport-hunting program based on scientifically sound quotas ensuring the maintenance of the affected population stock at a sustainable level; and
- (6) The export and subsequent import:

- (i) Are consistent with the provisions of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora and other international agreements and conventions; and
- (ii) Are not likely to contribute to illegal trade in bear parts.

(f) Additional permit conditions. Permits to import a sport-hunted trophy are subject to the conditions outlined in § 18.31(d).

(g) Duration of permits. The duration of permits issued under this section shall be designated on the face of the permit, but in no case will the permit be valid for more than one year from the date of issuance.

(h) Fees. (1) The applicant must pay the required standard permit processing fee at the time of application as given in 50 CFR 13.11(4).

(2) The Service will promptly notify an applicant of its decision on the import permit application. If the decision is to approve the application, the applicant must remit the issuance fee of \$1,000 before receiving an import permit. The issuance fee will be used in

developing and implementing cooperative research and management programs for the conservation of polar bears in Alaska and Russia pursuant to section 113(d) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

(i) Scientific review. (1) The Director shall undertake a scientific review of the impact of permits issued under this section on the polar bear population stocks in Canada by April 30, 1996.

(i) The review shall provide an opportunity for public comment, and shall include a response to such public comment in the final report.

(ii) The Director shall not issue permits under this section after September 30, 1996, if it is determined that the issuance of permits under this section is having a significant adverse impact on the polar bear population stocks in Canada.

(2) After the initial review, the Director may review whether the issuance of permits under this section is having a significant adverse impact on the polar bear population stocks in Canada annually in light of the best scientific information available. The review must be completed no later than January 31 in any year a review is undertaken.

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Changes in List of Species in Appendices to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed Rule.

SUMMARY: The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) regulates international trade in certain animals and plants. Species for which such trade is controlled are listed in Appendices I, II, and III to CITES.

This document announces decisions by the Conference of the Parties to CITES on amendments to Appendices I and II, and repeats a previous opportunity (59 FR 55617) to comment on whether the United States should enter reservations on any of the amendments. The effect of a reservation would be to exempt this country from