

# ***Wildlife Service Considers Waiver Of Moratorium***

**(EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to the lateness of this release in coming to the editorial offices of Tundra Times, phone calls to the Administrative Judge in Washington, D.C. must be made today, Feb. 26, 1975.)**

Officials of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Washington, D.C. are considering a waiver of the moratorium on the taking of Pacific Walrus and the implementation of regulations returning control of this species to the State of Alaska.

Under the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, the taking of walrus and other marine mammals has been prohibited. An environmental assessment of this action has been completed by the Fish and Wildlife Service and Director Lynn A. Greenwalt filed

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the Federal Register. Copies of documents concerning this action can be obtained by writing to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Those wishing to make their views known and participate in the proceeding should file a notice of intent to participate and, if desired, request a hearing.

The Notice of Intent to Participate should be sent to Joseph B. Kennedy, Esq., Office

of Hearings and Appeals, U.S. Department of Interior, 4015 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Va. 22203.

The request must be sent by certified mail before Feb. 26, 1975. It is requested the notice be in legal format with the docket number Wash. 75-1 appearing on the notice.

On March 3 a prehearing conference will be held at the above address to determine if a public hearing on the action is necessary. If requested by the Administrative Judge, a hearing will be held in Anchorage sometime between March 19-21 at a time and place to be announced.

Questions regarding this action should be directed to the Marine Mammal Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Copies of the regulations and the Environmental Assessment are available for review by the public at the Alaska Area Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 813 "D" St., Anchorage, Alaska.

## NOTICE:

Due to the nearness of the Feb. 26 deadline, a phone call to the Administrative Judge in Washington, D.C. (703-557-9200) stating intent to file a notice will be sufficient. The call must be followed by the actual Notice of Intent to Participate, sent by certified mail, as outlined in the release.