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“Hunting provides the principal incentive and revenue for conservation. Hence it is a force for conservation.”

(Don Causey Note: The Hunting Report is pleased to have formed a strategic alliance with famed wildlife and hunting attorney, John J. Jackson, III, whose many successes in the international legal arena include blocking an effort to list the African elephant as endangered on the US Endangered Species List. The purpose of the alliance is to provide fee-based legal services for individual hunters as well as class-action-type services for groups of hunters. More broadly, the alliance will also seek to open up new hunting opportunities worldwide and ward off attacks on currently available opportunities. See below for details on how to inquire about those services. An immediate benefit of the alliance to paid subscribers is this column by John J. Jackson, III on matters of interest to hunters. The column is an added bonus, printed on additional pages budgeted for that purpose, so it does not diminish the hunting coverage you have grown to expect from The Hunting Report. On the contrary, Jackson's column adds depth and a new dimension to our coverage of world hunting. It makes your subscription to The Hunting Report more valuable than ever. Enjoy!)

Markhor Trophies May Be Importable Soon

Pakistan has proposed a CITES resolution to establish quotas for export/import of markhor hunting trophies. If approved at the 10th Conference of the Parties in the Zimbabwe capital city of Harare in June 1997, markhor trophies should be importable into the US for the first time since the species was listed on Appendix I of

CITES in 1992. Resolutions are effective 90 days after passage. Pakistan was incorrectly advised in 1992 that the Appendix I listing of its markhor would not prevent the US import of its hunting trophies and therefore consented to the listing despite advice by Safari Club International and the NRA at the time that it would stop imports. No

markhor have been imported since its listing. Pakistan has developed an exemplary sport-hunting-dependent conservation program for its markhor that will be destroyed if the trophy quota is not passed or if the USFWS does not honor the quota once established by the CITES parties by granting trophy import permits.

More on Those New Polar Bear Regulations

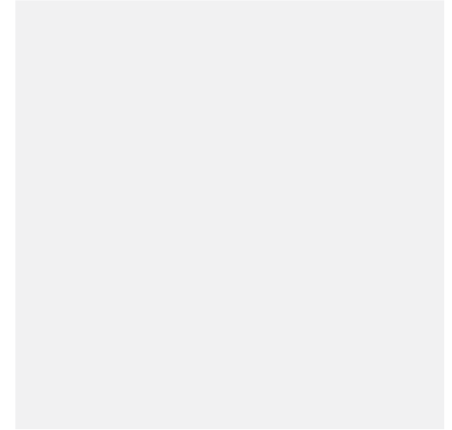
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Polar bear import permits cannot be obtained before a hunt. You have to wait until after you have taken a bear to successfully apply for its import. You need to have done certain things that occur on the hunt to be able to complete the application. For those going, it is very important to know some of the new application requirements before you go if you are ever to import your bear after you take it. You will have to destroy the “gallbladder and its contents” because you will have to truthfully certify that you destroyed it under penalty of law in your import application. It is no longer just desirable to shoot a large male trophy. It is advisable not to shoot any female or small male bear (six feet) because of the additional import application issues that it would raise. Females that were with cubs or cubs are not importable under any circumstance. You can't import polar bear jewelry or clothing either, so don't have any part of your bear made into jewelry or clothing before importing it. (It also can't be made into jewelry or clothing after import.) You can't import the various bear parts in separate shipments. It must all come in at one time and only once. If your skull or claws are not with your cape or vice versa, you will never get them in. You will have to specify

the geographic location where you harvested your bear as well as the nearest settlement (probably where you departed from), so make note of this during your hunt. Perhaps you can have your guide mark it on a map for you after you have taken your bear. Keep all of your documents from the hunt. Every item will be of use in making your application and most are now required to be kept forever. Congress has al-



ready started expressing its great displeasure at the US Fish and Wildlife Service's disappointing polar bear ruling. A resolution (H.J. 59) has been introduced in the House explicitly stating that the rule does not fulfill Congressional intent and that it should be nullified. An Oversight Hearing is already scheduled in the House for later this month (April 23 at this time) to find out why the unsatisfactory rule took three years, why all bears already



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harvested were not grandfathered as intended, why the management of the bear was not evaluated holistically (sport hunting benefits were admittedly not considered), why the Resolute, Perry Channel and Western Baffin populations were lumped together with the Baffin population by the USFWS contrary to their treatment by the NWT management authorities that really manage them, etc. True to form, SCI is doing an outstanding job and treating the matter with the utmost priority. Like Congress, they want to know what took so long. Why is the USFWS so quick to stop foreign nation programs but so slow to support them? Too bad the USFWS is more intimidated by animal extremists than by the US Congress.

A Salute To Congressman Don Young

There is too much undeserved criticism of Congressman Don Young (Republican from Alaska). He is undoubtedly the most effective champion of American sportsmen's interests since

Teddy Roosevelt. It is Young who is leading the reform of national wildlife refuge law to protect hunters and fishermen against the full-fledged attack on refuge hunting that the Antis have waged for more

than 10 years (Refuge Improvement Act, H.R. 511). The Antis have vowed to stop all hunting and trapping on all refuges. It is a miracle that Young is in office at this point in history to stop them. It is Young

who is holding the Oversight Hearing this month on the polar bear rule. It is Young who has championed the sportsmen’s Endangered Species Act reform language. It is Young who is leading the effort to make baiting laws concerning waterfowl more in line with America’s concept of justice (Migratory Bird Treaty Reform Act, H.R. 741). It is Young (along with Congressmen

Peterson and Norwood) who introduced the House Joint Resolution “to disapprove” of the rule affecting the polar bear trophy imports (H.J. 59). Drop him a letter and personal check to let him know you are a sportsman who cares and appreciates what he is doing to protect sportsmen and our conservation heritage at this critical point in time. He is for real and we really need to

support him. Write: Congressman Don Young, Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2331, Independence Ave. & S. Capitol St. S.W., Washington, DC 20515.

“Dear Congressman Young:

I am a sport hunter. I know and appreciate what you are doing for the American hunter and conservation. Enclosed is a well-deserved contribution.

Sincerely,”

Mountain Lions Conflict With Desert Sheep

When California mountain lions are not eating women, children and pets, they are eating endangered desert bighorn sheep. A recent study documents that they kill desert sheep at a very high rate and are the single greatest

threat to the sheep. A recent study is cited in the National Wildlife Federation February/March issue of *National Wildlife*. Seventy percent of the 45 radio-collared bighorn that have died and been tracked down over the past three years were killed by mountain li-

ons! All of the effort that has been going for years into saving those desert bighorn sheep has merely been providing lion food to the excessive lion population. The lions have also now been documented to kill prime breeding ewes, not just old animals and young lambs.

Unhunted Bears Are More Cannibalistic

After a six-year study of black bear populations in northern Ontario, a significant difference has been documented in the rates of cannibalism between hunted and unhunted bears. (*International Bear News*, Feb. 1997, Vol. 6, No. 1, p. 12) Cannibalism has been observed five to 10 times more frequently in the

adjacent non-hunted population than in hunted areas. The increased cannibalism involves cubs, juvenile and adult female victims, not just cubs. The perpetrators seem to be the large males that are usually the target of sport hunters in hunting areas. These studies of adjacent populations of bear document that trophy hunting of bears actually

increases the stability of the bear population and its numbers. It conforms with recent studies of the unhunted Denali brown bear population in Alaska where the surviving cub population has been found to be substantially less than in the hunted areas. Help save sows, juvenile and cubs - go shoot a trophy bear this spring.

Briefly Noted

Cheetah Imports, Pachyderm Bowhunts, And More....

Cheetah Permits

The USFWS is expected to decide on the issuance of trophy import permits of cheetah from Namibia on or before April 14, 1997. The Louisiana chapter of Safari Club International has helped finance the establishment

of one of the most elaborate cat management strategies ever devised in the world. Much of the conservation world is waiting to see if the USFWS will honor the CITES quota and issue the first permits ever issued for the import of trophies taken from a species in the wild listed as endangered

under the US Endangered Species Act. All past trophy imports of species listed as endangered under the ESA have been for captive-bred animals rather than wild ones.

Pachyderm Bowhunts

The South African moratorium on

bowhunting of rhino, elephant and hippopotamus is being lifted by the officials of Nature Conservation. It will be allowed under special permit. New minimums for kinetic energy and arrow weight will be put in place. The moratorium was put in place in late 1995 at the request of the South African Professional Hunters Association after reports of a few woundings. Since then, a special committee was formed and determined that if adequate equipment is used with proper shot placement, the pachyderms can humanely be harvested with a bow.

Domestic Violence Law

The Domestic Violence Law that makes it illegal for anyone who has ever been convicted of any misdemeanor or higher offense such as simple assault (threat of bodily harm) or disturbing the peace involving a family member is in the news again. Law enforcement agencies are trying to reform the Act passed last session to exclude themselves, law enforcement personnel. Up to 60,000 law enforcement personnel are alleged to be affected by the law! One can only imagine how many ordinary citizens have lost their right to bear arms, hunt with a firearm, or be in the same vehicle or household with a firearm (constructive possession). An unforetold penalty is being imposed on all of them after the fact.

Teaming With Wildlife

The proposed Teaming With Wildlife bill that would authorize the collection of a special excise tax on the sale of outdoor equipment is expected to generate \$390 million dollars per year in non-game funds. It is to be used “primarily” for non-game purposes. That is more than twice the funds

currently being generated by the Pittman-Robertson (P-R) program, which authorizes the collection of a special excise tax on the sale of firearms and ammunition. The highest annual revenue ever generated by the P-R program was approximately \$225 million just after the Brady Bill was passed. It is back down to approximately \$175 million per year.

Don't Poach Pandas

TRAFFIC, USA reports that China has imposed death sentences on two men caught by border police in possession of giant panda (two pelts). An accomplice was given a life sentence and five others are to be imprisoned be-



tween eight and 15 years.

Federal's Tungsten Shotgun Shells

The USFWS has proposed in the Federal Register the temporary approval of Federal's Tungsten-iron shot for the 1997-98 migratory bird season (62 FR 4877). In the same Federal Register (page 4874), the Service also permanently approved (Final Rule) the use of Bismuth-Tin Shot. The Service states that it supports the development of alternates to steel shot because of the belief that compliance with the regulations against lead shot will escalate with the approval and availability of nontoxic shot types. The

comment period on the rule will have passed by the time you read this. The shot is really only 40 percent Tungsten and 60 percent iron that have been bonded together and then coated with a rust inhibitor. Perhaps it should be called iron shot. The new shell will be faster than lead and Bismuth, have a higher pellet count than lead, have higher foot pounds of energy downrange than every alternative including lead, is harder than any other alternative, and almost as dense as lead (94 percent) which makes it denser than steel and Bismuth. Except for price, it may prove to really be better than lead.

Boone and Crockett Club

The Boone and Crockett Club is not just an organization that keeps a record of trophy heads taken in North America. It continues to be known as a leading conservation group, as witness the fact that President Teddy Roosevelt was one of its founding members. In that same vein, Dr. Jack Ward Thomas has become the new Boone and Crockett Professor of Wildlife Conservation at the University of Montana. He just finished serving four years as Chief of the US Forest Service. Teddy, also a forester and avid hunter like Jack Ward Thomas, would be proud. - *John. J. Jackson, III.*

(*Editor Note:* For more information on Conservation Force and/or the services available through Jackson's alliance with *The Hunting Report*, write: Conservation Force (One Lakeway Center, Suite 1045, Metairie, LA 70002. Tel. 504-837-1233. Fax 504-837-1145); or *The Hunting Report*, 9300 S. Dadeland Blvd., Suite 605, Miami, FL 33156-2721. Tel. 305-670-1361. Fax 305-670-1376. E-mail: mail@HuntingReport.com)

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MEMO

To: Jim Young, Print N Mail
From: Elaina Panozzo, Hunting Report and Angling Report
Re: Special Supplement
Date March 25, 1997

Jim,

Here's the file for the "Special Supplement," which goes into the Big Game newsletter for April 1997. You should be receiving the photo of John Jackson tomorrow via UPS. As soon as you get it and can show us via fax what it will look like, please send us blue lines.

Print run is 4,150 (3,861 circulation plus 289 overs). Call if questions!

Elaina