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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Marine Mammals; Letters of Authorization to Take Pacific Walrus and Polar Bears, Beaufort and Chukchi Seas, Alaska

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has issued letters of authorization for the nonlethal take of polar bears and Pacific walrus

incidental to oil and gas industry exploration, development, and production activities in the Beaufort Sea and the adjacent northern coast of Alaska and incidental to oil and gas industry exploration activities in the Chukchi Sea and the adjacent western coast of Alaska. These letters of authorization stipulate conditions and methods that minimize impacts to polar bears and Pacific walrus from these activities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Craig Perham at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals Management Office, 1011 East Tudor Road, MS 341, Anchorage, AK 99503; (800) 362-5148 or (907) 786-3810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 3, 2011, we published in the **Federal Register** a final rule (76 FR 47010) establishing regulations that allow us to authorize the nonlethal, incidental, unintentional take of small numbers of polar bears and Pacific walrus during year-round oil and gas industry exploration, development, and production activities in the Beaufort Sea

and adjacent northern coast of Alaska. The rule established subpart J in part 18 of title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and is effective through August 3, 2016. The rule prescribed a process under which we issue Letters of Authorization (LOAs) to applicants conducting activities as described under the provisions of the regulations.

Each LOA stipulates conditions or methods that are specific to the activity and location. Holders of LOAs must use methods and conduct activities in a manner that minimizes to the greatest extent practicable adverse impacts on Pacific walrus and polar bears and their habitat, and on the availability of these marine mammals for subsistence purposes. Intentional take and lethal incidental take are prohibited.

In accordance with section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and our regulations at 50 CFR part 18, subpart J, we issued LOAs to each of the following companies in the Beaufort Sea and adjacent northern coast of Alaska:

BEAUFORT SEA LETTERS OF AUTHORIZATION

Company	Activity	Project	Date issued
Alyeska Pipeline Service Company	Production	Trans-Alaska Pipeline Operation & Maintenance	December 1, 2013.
BP Exploration Alaska, Inc.	Development	Liberty Development Project	March 18, 2013.
BP Exploration Alaska, Inc.	Exploration	Foggy Island Geotechnical Survey	July 3, 2013.
CGG Land US, Inc.	Exploration	Winter Seismic Survey	January 2, 2014.
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc.	Development	Alpine Drillsite Expansion	December 5, 2013.
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc.	Exploration	NPR-A Exploration	December 5, 2013.
Eni US Operating Co., Inc.	Production	Nikaichuq Development Project	August 2, 2013.
ExxonMobil Production Company	Development	Point Thomson Project	February 1, 2013.
ExxonMobil Production Company	Development	Point Thomson Project	January 24, 2014.
Great Bear Petroleum, LLC	Exploration	Great Bear Exploration and Evaluation Program	September 30, 2013.
Olgoonik Development, LLC	Development	Camp Lonely Cleanup Project	April 17, 2013.
Olgoonik Fairweather, LLC	Exploration	Beaufort Sea Baseline Environmental Studies	August 1, 2013.
Olgoonik Fairweather, LLC	Exploration	Marine Fish Transboundary Cruise Environmental Studies Program.	August 13, 2013.
Pioneer Natural Resources Alaska, Inc. ..	Development	Nuna Development Program	April 24, 2013.
Repsol E&P USA, Inc.	Exploration	Colville River Delta Winter Drilling	March 6, 2013.
Repsol E&P USA, Inc.	Exploration	Colville River Delta Winter Drilling	December 1, 2013.
SAExploration, Inc., LLC	Exploration	Colville River Delta 3-D Seismic Survey	July 1, 2013.
SAExploration, Inc., LLC	Exploration	North Slope Winter 3-D Seismic Survey	January 1, 2014.
Veritas	Exploration	Winter/Spring Dalton 3-D Seismic Survey	February 1, 2013.

On June 12, 2013, we published in the **Federal Register** a final rule (78 FR 35364) establishing regulations that allow us to authorize the nonlethal, incidental, unintentional take of small numbers of polar bears and Pacific walrus during year-round oil and gas industry exploration activities in the

Chukchi Sea and adjacent western coast of Alaska. The rule established subpart I of 50 CFR part 18 and is effective until June 11, 2018. The process under which we issue LOAs to applicants and the requirements that the holders of LOAs must follow is the same as described

above for LOAs issued under 50 CFR 18, subpart J.

In accordance with section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA and our regulations at 50 CFR 18, subpart I, we issued LOAs to the following companies in the Chukchi Sea:

CHUKCHI SEA LETTERS OF AUTHORIZATION

Company	Activity	Project	Date issued
Olgoonik Fairweather, LLC	Exploration	Chukchi Sea Baseline Environmental Studies Program ..	August 1, 2013.

CHUKCHI SEA LETTERS OF AUTHORIZATION—Continued

Company	Activity	Project	Date issued
Shell Offshore, Inc.	Exploration	Chukchi Sea Open Water Marine Survey Program	June 28, 2013.
TGS	Exploration	2-D Marine Seismic Survey	June 28, 2013.

Dated: March 21, 2014.

Geoffrey L. Haskett,
Regional Director, Alaska Region.

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Alaska Native Claims Selections

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Decision Approving Lands for Conveyance.

SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will issue an appealable decision to Koniag, Inc. The decision will approve conveyance of the surface and subsurface estates in certain lands pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601, *et seq.*). The lands are located east of Ugashik, Alaska, and aggregate 238.04 acres. Notice of the decision will also be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the *Anchorage Daily News*.

DATES: Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the decision may appeal the decision in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4 within the following time limits:

1. Unknown parties, parties unable to be located after reasonable efforts have been expended to locate, parties who fail or refuse to sign their return receipt, and parties who receive a copy of the decision by regular mail which is not certified, return receipt requested, shall have until April 28, 2014 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43

CFR part 4 shall be deemed to have waived their rights. Notices of appeal transmitted by electronic means, such as facsimile or email, will not be accepted as timely filed.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, AK 99513-7504.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The BLM by phone at 907-271-5960 or by email at blm_ak_akso_public_room@blm.gov. Persons who use a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the BLM during normal business hours. In addition, the FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the BLM. The BLM will reply during normal business hours.

Dina L. Torres,

Land Transfer Resolution Specialist, Division of Lands and Cadastral.

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Second Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Gold Rock Mine Project, White Pine County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The BLM's email account that was set up to receive scoping comments on the Gold Rock Mine Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) during the initial scoping period (September 5, 2013, through October 7, 2013) was deleted during the recent Federal Government shutdown. Therefore, this second notice for the Gold Rock Mine Project EIS is being issued to extend the scoping period, invite members of the public to submit comments, and request that anyone who submitted comments by email during

the initial 30-day scoping period resubmit their comments.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, (NEPA) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Egan Field Office, Ely, Nevada, intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and by this notice is announcing a 30-day extension of the public input period to solicit public comments and identify issues. The proposed project is located in White Pine County, about 50 miles west of Ely, in the Upper Railroad Valley.

DATES: This notice extends the public input period for the EIS. Comments may be submitted until April 28, 2014. In order to be included in the Draft EIS, all comments must be received prior to the close of this public comment period. No scoping meetings will be held during this 30-day extension of the public input period. We will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft EIS.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments related to the Gold Rock Mine Project by any of the following methods:

- The BLM's ePlanning Web site: https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa_register.do.
- Fax: 775-289-1910.
- Mail: BLM Ely District, Egan Field Office, HC 33 Box 33500, Ely, NV 89301-9408.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Egan Field Office, 702 N. Industrial Way, Ely, Nevada.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dan Netcher, Project Manager, telephone: 775-289-1872; email: dnetcher@blm.gov. Contact Mr. Netcher if you wish to have your name added to our mailing list. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact Mr. Netcher. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The initial scoping period for the Gold Rock Mine Project EIS was announced in the