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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Secretary of the Interior established the Council in February 2006 (71 FR 11220, March 6, 2006). The Council's mission is to provide advice and guidance to the Federal Government through the Department of the Interior on how to increase public awareness of: (1) The importance of wildlife resources, (2) the social and economic benefits of recreational hunting, and (3) wildlife conservation efforts that benefit recreational hunting and wildlife resources.

The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture signed an amended charter for the Council in June 2006 and July 2006, respectively. The revised charter states that the Council will provide advice and guidance to the Federal Government through the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture.

The Council will hold a meeting on the dates shown in the **DATES** section at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section. The meeting will include a session for the public to comment.

Dated: April 25, 2007.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Notice of Availability of the Proposed Final 5-Year Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2007-2012 and Final Environmental Impact Statement

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed final program and final environmental impact statement (EIS)

**SUMMARY:** The MMS has issued a proposed final program for 2007-2012. This is the third and final proposal for a new OCS oil and gas leasing program, following the February 2006 draft proposed program and August 2006 proposed program. A final EIS prepared in accordance with section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act has been issued along with the proposed final program. The proposed final program schedules 21 sales in 8 OCS planning areas—8 sales in 4 Alaska planning areas, 12 sales in 3 Gulf of Mexico planning areas, and 1 sale in the

Mid-Atlantic planning area. This includes 1 sale in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico as mandated by the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-432, December 20, 2006). The proposed final program has been submitted to the President and Congress as required by section 18 of the OCS Lands Act. In accordance with section 18, the Secretary of the Interior may approve the new leasing program after a period of 60 days.

**DATES:** The new program is scheduled to go into effect on July 1, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Proposed final program and final EIS documents and information can be obtained from the MMS internet webpage at [www.mms.gov](http://www.mms.gov). The documents also can be obtained from the following MMS offices: Gulf of Mexico Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, telephone (504) 736-2519 or 1-800-200-GULF; Alaska Region, 3801 Centerpoint Drive, Suite 500, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, telephone (907) 334-5200 or 1-800-764-2627; and MMS, Pacific OCS Region, 770 Paseo Camarillo, Camarillo, California 93010-6064, telephone (805) 389-7533, (805) 389-7863 or 1-800-672-2627, in addition to the informational addresses below. The list of libraries where the Final EIS has been sent can also be found on the MMS 5-year program Web site at <http://www.mms.gov/5-year/>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Questions concerning preparation of the proposed final program should be directed to: Renee Orr, Chief, Leasing Division, MS-4010, Minerals Management Service, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817, telephone (703) 787-1215. Copies of the program document and related information also can be obtained from the Leasing Division.

Questions concerning the Final EIS should be directed to: James F. Bennett, Chief, Environmental Assessment Branch, MS-4042, Minerals Management Service, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817, telephone (703) 787-1660. Copies of the EIS and related information also can be obtained from the Environmental Assessment Branch.

Dated: April 11, 2007.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Scientific Committee (SC); Announcement of Plenary Session

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The OCS Scientific Committee will meet at the Hilton New Orleans/St. Charles Avenue in New Orleans, Louisiana.

**DATES:** Tuesday, May 22, 2007, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, May 23, 2007, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Thursday, May 24, 2007, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**ADDRESS:** Hilton New Orleans/St. Charles Avenue, 333 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130, telephone (504) 524-8890.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A copy of the agenda may be requested from MMS by calling Ms. Carolyn Beamer at (703) 787-1211. Other inquiries concerning the OCS SC meeting should be addressed to Dr. James Kendall, Executive Secretary to the OCS SC, Minerals Management Service, 381 Elden Street, Mail Stop 4043, Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817 or by calling (703) 787-1656.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The OCS SC will provide advice on the feasibility, appropriateness, and scientific value of the OCS Environmental Studies Program to the Secretary of the Interior through the Director of the MMS. The SC will review the relevance of the research and data being produced to meet MMS scientific information needs for decisionmaking and may recommend changes in scope, direction, and emphasis.

The Committee will meet in plenary session on Tuesday, May 22. The Deputy Associate Director will address the Committee on the general status of the MMS and its activities. There will be an update on OCS activities in the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region and briefings on MMS' Alternate Energy Program and the Louisiana State University Coastal Marine Institute program.

On Wednesday, May 23, the Committee will meet in discipline breakout sessions (i.e., biology/ecology, physical sciences, and social sciences) to review the specific research plans of the MMS regional offices for Fiscal Years 2007 and 2008.

On Thursday, May 24, the Committee will meet in plenary session for reports

of the individual discipline breakout sessions of the previous day and to continue with Committee business.

The meetings are open to the public. Approximately 30 visitors can be accommodated on a first-come-first-served basis at the plenary session.

**Authority:** Federal Advisory Committee Act, P.L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix I, and the Office of Management and Budget's Circular A-63, Revised.

Dated: April 26, 2007.

**Chris C. Oynes,**

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. TA-2104-025]

### U.S.-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement: Potential Economy-Wide and Selected Sectoral Effects

**AGENCY:** International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Institution of investigation and scheduling of public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** Following receipt of a request from the United States Trade Representative (USTR) on March 30, 2007, the Commission instituted investigation No. TA-2104-025, U.S.-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement: Potential Economy-wide and Selected Sectoral Effects, under § 2104(f) of the Trade Act of 2002 (19 U.S.C. 3804(f)), for the purpose of assessing the likely impact of the U.S.-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement (TPA) on the U.S. economy as a whole and on specific industry sectors and the interests of U.S. consumers.

**DATES:** March 30, 2007: Receipt of request.

May 7, 2007: Deadline for receipt of requests to appear at hearing.

May 10, 2007: Deadline for filing pre-hearing briefs and statements.

May 16, 2007, 9:30 a.m.: Public hearing.

May 23, 2007: Deadline for filing post-hearing briefs and statements and all other written submissions.

September 12, 2007: Anticipated date for transmitting report to USTR and the Congress.

**ADDRESSES:** All Commission offices, including the Commission's hearing rooms, are located in the United States International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC. All written submissions, including requests to

appear at the hearing, statements, and briefs, should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <http://edis.usitc.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Project Leader Jennifer Baumert, Office of Industries (202-205-3450; [jennifer.baumert@usitc.gov](mailto:jennifer.baumert@usitc.gov)) or Deputy Project Leader Alan Treat, Office of Industries (202-205-3426; [alan.treat@usitc.gov](mailto:alan.treat@usitc.gov)). For information on legal aspects, contact William Gearhart of the Office of the General Counsel (202-205-3091; [william.gearhart@usitc.gov](mailto:william.gearhart@usitc.gov)). The media should contact Margaret O'Laughlin, Office of External Relations at 202-205-1819 or [margaret.olaughlin@usitc.gov](mailto:margaret.olaughlin@usitc.gov). Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>). Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Secretary at 202-205-2000.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As requested by the USTR, the Commission will prepare a report as specified in § 2104(f)(2)-(3) of the Trade Act of 2002 assessing the likely impact of the U.S.-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement on the U.S. economy as a whole and on specific industry sectors, including the impact the agreement will have on the gross domestic product, exports and imports; aggregate employment and employment opportunities; the production, employment, and competitive position of industries likely to be significantly affected by the agreement; and the interests of U.S. consumers.

In preparing its assessment, the Commission will review available economic assessments regarding the agreement, including literature concerning any substantially equivalent proposed agreement, and will provide in its assessment a description of the analyses used and conclusions drawn in such literature, and a discussion of areas of consensus and divergence between the various analyses and conclusions, including those of the Commission regarding the agreement.

Section 2104(f)(2) requires that the Commission submit its report to the President and the Congress not later than 90 days after the President enters into the agreement, which he can do 90

days after he notifies the Congress of his intent to do so. On March 30, 2007, the President notified the Congress of his intent to enter into a TPA with Panama. The USTR requested that the Commission provide its report as soon as possible.

**Public Hearing:** A public hearing in connection with the investigation will be held beginning at 9:30 a.m. on May 16, 2007, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC. All persons will have the right to appear, by counsel or in person, to present information and to be heard. Requests to appear at the public hearing should be filed with the Secretary no later than 5:15 p.m., May 7, 2007. Any pre-hearing briefs and statements should be filed no later than 5:15 p.m., May 10, 2007, and any post-hearing briefs and statements should be filed no later than 5:15 p.m., May 23, 2007; all such briefs and statements must be submitted in accordance with the requirements below under "written submissions." In the event that, as of the close of business on May 7, 2007, no witnesses are scheduled to appear at the hearing, the hearing will be canceled. Any person interested in attending the hearing as an observer or nonparticipant may call the Secretary to the Commission (202-205-2000) after May 7, 2007, for information concerning whether the hearing will be held.

**Written Submissions:** In lieu of or in addition to participating in the hearing, interested parties are invited to submit written statements concerning the matters to be addressed by the Commission in its report on this investigation. Submissions should be addressed to the Secretary. To be assured of consideration by the Commission, written statements related to the Commission's report should be submitted to the Commission at the earliest practical date and should be received no later than 5:15 p.m., May 23, 2007.

All written submissions must conform with the provisions of § 201.8 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.8). Section 201.8 of the rules requires that a signed original (or copy designated as an original) and fourteen (14) copies of each document be filed. In the event that confidential treatment of the document is requested, at least four (4) additional copies must be filed, in which the confidential business information must be deleted (see the following paragraph for further information regarding confidential business information). The Commission's rules do not authorize filing submissions with the Secretary by