

Letters of Authorization for 2008

Company	Activity	Project	Date issued
Savant Alaska, LLC	Exploration	Kupcake #1	Dec 4, 2007
Pioneer Natural Resources Alaska, Inc	Development	Oooguruk Project	Dec 4, 2007.
Anadarko Petroleum Co	Exploration	Jacob's Ladder	Dec 3, 2007
Anadarko Petroleum Co	Exploration	Gubik, Chandler	Dec 3, 2007.
Brooks Range Petroleum Corp	Exploration	Tofkat	Dec 3, 2007
Brooks Range Petroleum Corp	Exploration	Gwydyr Bay	Dec 3, 2007.
Veritas DGC Land Inc	Exploration	2008 winter seismic	Jan 8, 2008.
Eni U.S. Operating Co, Inc	Development	Nikaitchuq	Feb 22, 2008.
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc	Exploration	Char #1	Feb 12, 2008.
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc	Exploration	Spark Down Dip 9	Feb 12, 2008.
Shell Offshore, Inc	Exploration	Aerial Reconnaissance Program.	Jan 28, 2008.
BP Exploration Alaska, Inc	Exploration	Liberty Seismic Program	March 6, 2008.
BP Exploration Alaska, Inc	Remediation	Challenge Island #1	April 11, 2008.
PGS Onshore, Inc	Exploration	OBC Seismic	July 10, 2008.
Shell Offshore, Inc	Exploration	Open water seismic	July 10, 2008.
ExxonMobil Production Co	Development	Point Thomson	Aug 19, 2008.

Dated: September 17, 2008.

Thomas O. Melius,

Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Letters of Authorization To Take Marine Mammals

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (MMPA) as amended, notice is hereby given that Letters of Authorization to take Pacific walruses and polar bears incidental to oil and gas industry exploration activities in the Chukchi Sea and adjacent western coast of Alaska have been issued.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Craig Perham at the Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals Management Office, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, (800) 362-5148 or (907) 786-3810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Letter of Authorization has been issued to the following companies in accordance with Fish and Wildlife Service Federal Rules and Regulations (see "Marine Mammals; Incidental Take During Specified Activities" at 73 FR 33212; June 11, 2008) under section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA and the Fish and Wildlife Service implementing regulations at 50 CFR 18.27(f)(3):

Letters of Authorization for 2008

Company	Activity	Location	Date issued
Shell Offshore, Inc	Exploration	Open water seismic	July 7, 2008.
ASRC Energy Services	Exploration	Marine Survey Program	July 15, 2008.
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc	Exploration	Marine Survey Program	July 22, 2008.

Dated: September 17, 2008.

Thomas O. Melius,

Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Sporting Conservation Council

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of teleconference.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public teleconference of the Sporting Conservation Council (Council).

DATES: We will hold the teleconference on Tuesday, October 28, 2008, 1-2:30 p.m. (Eastern time). If you wish to listen to the teleconference proceedings, submit written material for the Council to consider, or give a 2-minute presentation during the teleconference, notify Phyllis Seitts by Monday, October 20, 2008. If you wish to submit a written statement for Council consideration during the teleconference, it must be received no later than October 23, 2008. See instructions under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phyllis T. Seitts, 9828 North 31st Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85051-2517; 602-906-5603 (phone); or *Twinkle_Thompson-Seitts@blm.gov* (e-mail).

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 convene to receive updates on the revised draft North American Model Technical White Paper, on the Preface and Conclusion of the collection of the Technical White Papers, and on the synthesis of breakout session comments from the White House Conference on North American Wildlife Policy held in Reno, Nevada, on October 1–3, 2008.

Procedures for Public Input

Format Requirement for Oral and Written Comments

Whether you wish to comment orally or in written form, you must provide written copies of your comments. All written statements must be supplied to the Council's Designated Federal Officer in both of the following formats:

- One hard copy with original signature, and
- One electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or WordPerfect).

Giving a 2-Minute Oral Presentation

Individuals or groups may request to give an oral presentation during the Council teleconference. Oral presentations will be limited to 2 minutes per speaker, with no more than half an hour total for all speakers. Interested parties must contact Phyllis Seitts, Council Designated Federal Officer, in writing (preferably via e-mail; see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**), by Monday, October 20, 2008, to be placed on the public speaker list for this teleconference. In addition, if you are selected to make a 2-minute presentation, you must provide hard and electronic copies of your presentation to the Council Designated Federal Officer by Thursday, October 23, 2008. Additional live questions from the public will not be considered during the teleconference.

Submitting Written Information for the Council To Consider

Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements or those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda are invited to submit written statements to

the Council. Interested members of the public may submit relevant written information for the Council to consider during the public teleconference. We must receive all written statements by Thursday, October 23, 2008, so that we can make the information available to the Council for their consideration prior to the teleconference.

Dated: October 8, 2008.

Phyllis T. Seitts,

Designated Federal Officer, Sporting Conservation Council.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by November 14, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358-2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Endangered Species

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (address above).

Applicant: National Institutes of Health, National Cancer Institute, Frederick, MD, PRT-185986

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples as well as salvaged specimens from wild, captive-held, and/or captive-born Andean condors (*Vultur gryphus*) collected worldwide, for the purpose of scientific research. No animals would be intentionally killed for the purpose of collecting specimens. Any invasively collected samples would only be collected by trained personnel. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Applicant: Jeffrey D. Willis, Riverview, FL, PRT-193938

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Edward L. Mabry, Aiken, SC, PRT-194016

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Gregory S. Williamson, Cresson, TX, PRT-195419

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Thomas E. Freestone, Safford, AZ, PRT-194655

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Arno W. Weiss, Jr., St. Charles, MI, PRT-191093

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*) culled from a captive herd in the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.