

alternative was developed to reduce potential impacts to an ecologically important area for Pacific walrus and gray whales. Chukchi Sea Alternative 6 (Deepwater Deferral) is the Proposed Action excluding an area comprising approximately 1,020 whole or partial blocks in areas off the continental shelf. This alternative defers areas that are generally in waters deeper than 100 meters (328 feet).

DEIS Availability: To obtain a copy of the DEIS, you may contact the Minerals Management Service, Alaska OCS Region, 3801 Centerpoint Drive, Suite 500, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-5820, telephone (907) 334-5200. You may also view the DEIS on the MMS Web site at <http://www.mms.gov/alaska> or at the following locations:

Alaska Pacific University, Academic, Academic Support Center Library, 4101 University Drive, Anchorage, Alaska 99508.

Alaska Resources Library and Information Service (ARLIS), 3211 Providence Drive, Suite 111, Anchorage, Alaska 99508.

Alaska State Library, Government Publications, State Office Building, 333 Willoughby, Juneau, Alaska 99801.

City of Point Hope, P.O. Box 169, Point Hope, Alaska 99766.

City of Wainwright, P.O. Box 9, Wainwright, Alaska 99782.

Fairbanks North Star Borough, Noel Wien Library, 1215 Cowles Street, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.

Point Lay Tribal Council, P.O. Box 59031, Point Lay, Alaska 99759.

Tuzzy Consortium Library, P.O. Box 749, Barrow, Alaska 99723.

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 Library, 1200 6th Avenue, OMP-104, Seattle, Washington 98101.

University of Alaska Anchorage, Consortium Library, 3211 Providence Drive, Anchorage, Alaska 99508.

University of Alaska Fairbanks, Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, Government Documents, 310 Tanana Drive, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709.

University of Alaska Fairbanks, Geophysical Institute, Government Documents, Fairbanks, Alaska 99775.

Z. J. Loussac Library, 3600 Denali Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99503.

Written Comments: Interested parties may submit their written comment on this DEIS until March 16, 2009, to the Regional Director, Alaska OCS Region, Minerals Management Service, 3801 Centerpoint Drive, Suite 500, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-5820, or online at <http://occonnect.mms.gov>. Our practice is to make comments,

including names and addresses of respondents available for public review. Individual commenters may ask that we withhold their name, home address, or both from the public record, and we will honor such a request to the extent allowable by law. If you submit comments and wish us to withhold such information, you must state so prominently at the beginning of your submission. We will not consider anonymous comments, and we will make available for inspection in their entirety all comments submitted by organizations or businesses or by individuals identifying themselves as representatives of organizations or businesses.

Public Hearings: Public hearings will be held to receive comments on the DEIS. The hearings will provide the MMS with additional information that will help in evaluating potential effects of the leasing program in the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas. The public hearing in Anchorage is scheduled as follows:

Anchorage, Alaska

January 15, 2009, 7 p.m., Centerpoint Building, 3801 Centerpoint Drive, 1st Floor Conference Room, Contact: Mr. Albert Barros, (907) 334-5209.

Public hearings will be scheduled in the following communities between January 16 and March 15, 2009. The dates, time, and locations for these hearings will be announced to the public on the MMS Web site, through the media, and by letters to the communities.

Kaktovik, Alaska; Wainwright, Alaska; Point Lay, Alaska; Point Hope, Alaska; Barrow, Alaska; and Nuiqsut, Alaska.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Minerals Management Service, Alaska OCS Region, 3801 Centerpoint Drive, Suite 500, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-5820, Ms. Deborah Cranswick, telephone (907) 334-5267.

Dated: November 21, 2008.

Chris C. Oynes,

Associate Director for Offshore Energy and Minerals Management.

[FR Doc. E8-30246 Filed 12-18-08; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4310-MR-P

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

[Docket No. MMS-2008-MRM-0027]

Notice of Establishment of the Indian Oil Valuation Negotiated Rulemaking Committee

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Establishment of Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: As required by section 9 (a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), the Department of the Interior (Department) is giving notice of the establishment of the Indian Oil Valuation Negotiated Rulemaking Committee (Committee) to develop specific recommendations regarding Indian oil valuation. The Department has determined that the establishment of this Committee is in the public interest and will assist the Minerals Management Service (MMS) in performing its duties under the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 (FOGRMA) (30 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*). Copies of the Committee's charter will be filed with the appropriate committees of Congress and the Library of Congress in accordance with section 9 (c) of FACA.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by the following methods:

- Electronically go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the "Comment or Submission" column, enter "MMS-2008-MRM-0027" to view supporting and related materials for this notice. Click on "Send a comment or submission" link to submit public comments. Information on using Regulations.gov, including instructions for accessing documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket after the close of the comment period, is available through the site's "User Tips" link. All comments submitted will be posted to the docket.

- Mail comments to Hyla Hurst, Regulatory Specialist, Minerals Management Service, Minerals Revenue Management, P.O. Box 25165, MS 302B2, Denver, Colorado 80225.

- Hand-carry comments or use an overnight courier service. Our courier address is Building 85, Room A-614, Denver Federal Center, West 6th Ave. and Kipling St., Denver, Colorado 80225.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Donald T. Sant, Senior Policy Advisor, Minerals Management Service, Minerals Revenue Management, P.O. Box 25165, MS 300B2, Denver, Colorado 80225-

0165, telephone number (303) 231-3899, fax number (303) 231-3409.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On April 28, 2008, the Department published a notice of intent to establish an Indian Oil Valuation Negotiated Rulemaking Committee (73 FR 22970). In that notice, the Department requested interested parties to nominate representatives for membership on the Committee. The Department received 1 comment opposing the establishment of a negotiated rulemaking committee and 10 responses nominating individuals to serve on the Committee. The Department believes that using a negotiated rulemaking committee to make specific recommendations regarding valuation of oil from Indian leases would help the agency in developing a rulemaking. Therefore, the Department is establishing the Indian Oil Valuation Negotiated Rulemaking Committee.

II. Statutory Provisions

The Negotiated Rulemaking Act of 1996 (NRA) (5 U.S.C. 561 *et seq.*); the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2, section 1 *et seq.*); the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 (FOGRMA) (30 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*); the Indian Mineral Development Act of 1982 (25 U.S.C. 2101-2108; and 25 U.S.C. 2 and 9); 30 CFR part 206; 25 CFR part 225; and Indian oil and gas lease and agreement terms.

III. The Committee and Its Process

In a negotiated rulemaking, a proposed rule is developed by a committee composed of representatives of government and the interests that will be significantly affected by the rule. Decisions are made by "consensus."

"[C]onsensus" means unanimous concurrence among the interests represented on a negotiated rulemaking committee established under this subchapter, unless such committee (A) agrees to define such term to mean a general but not unanimous concurrence; or (B) agrees upon another specified definition.

5 U.S.C. 562(2) (A) and (B).

The negotiated rulemaking process is initiated by the Agency's identification of interests potentially affected by the rulemaking under consideration. Those interests were identified by the comments received regarding the **Federal Register** notice published on April 28, 2008.

IV. Membership of the Committee

The MMS believes that the interests significantly affected by this rule will be

represented by the representatives listed below:

A representative of the Shoshone and Arapaho Tribes of the Wind River Reservation;

A representative of the Ute Indian Tribe;

A representative of the allottees at Fort Berthold, North Dakota;

A representative of the allottees of Oklahoma Indian Land/Mineral Owners of Associated Nations;

A representative of the Blackfeet Nation;

A representative of the Council of Petroleum Accountants Societies (COPAS) Revenue Committee;

A representative of the Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States;

A representative of Peak Energy Resources;

A representative of Resolute Natural Resources;

A representative of Chesapeake Energy;

Two representatives of the Minerals Management Service; and

A representative of the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs.

If anyone believes their interests will not be adequately represented by these organizations, they must demonstrate and document that assertion through an application submitted no later than 10 calendar days following publication of this notice. You may fax your documentation to (303) 231-3409.

The first meeting date will be published in a **Federal Register** notice. Future meetings will be determined at this first meeting and notice of the dates published in the **Federal Register**.

Certification

I hereby certify that the Indian Oil Valuation Negotiated Rulemaking Committee is in the public interest.

Dated: December 10, 2008.

Foster L. Wade,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management.

[FR Doc. E8-30139 Filed 12-18-08; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4310-MR-P

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

National Park Service

Draft Legislative Environmental Impact Statement on the Harvest of Glaucous-Winged Gull Eggs by the Huna Tlingit in Glacier Bay National Park

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of the Draft Legislative Environmental Impact Statement on the Harvest of Glaucous-

Winged Gull Eggs by the Huna Tlingit in Glacier Bay National Park.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service announces the availability of a Draft Legislative Environmental Impact Statement (LEIS) for the Harvest of Glaucous-Winged Gull Eggs by the Huna Tlingit in Glacier Bay National Park. The document describes and analyzes the environmental impacts of a preferred alternative and one additional action alternative for managing a limited harvest of glaucous-winged gull eggs. A no action alternative is also evaluated. This notice announces the public comment period, the locations of public hearings, and solicits comments on the draft LEIS.

DATES: Comments on the draft LEIS must be received no later than March 6, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the draft LEIS should be submitted to Mary Beth Moss, Project Manager, Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, PO Box 140, Gustavus, AK 99829.

Submit comments electronically through the NPS Planning, Environment and Public comment system (PEPC) at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>. The draft LEIS may be viewed and retrieved at this Web site as well. Hard copies of the draft LEIS are available by request from the aforementioned address. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the locations of public hearings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary Beth Moss, Project Manager, Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, Telephone: 907 317-1270.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the draft LEIS is to analyze the effects of the limited collection of glaucous-winged gull eggs within Glacier Bay National Park by Hoonah Indian Association (HIA); the federally recognized government of the Huna Tlingit) tribal members if legislation authorizing collection were enacted. Glacier Bay is the traditional homeland of the Huna Tlingit. The Huna Tlingit harvested eggs at gull rookeries in Glacier Bay, including the large nesting site on South Marble Island, prior to the park being established in 1925. Egg collection was curtailed in the 1960s. The Migratory Bird Treaty Act prohibited the harvest of gull eggs, and by statute and NPS regulations, harvest is precluded within park boundaries.

In the late 1990s, at the behest of tribal leaders, the NPS agreed to explore ways to authorize this important cultural tradition. Section 4 of the Glacier Bay National Park Resource Management Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-455) requires the Secretary of Interior, in