

communities. Inedible parts of the whale provide Native artisans with materials for cultural handicrafts, and the hunting itself perpetuates Native traditions by transmitting traditional skills and knowledge to younger generations (NOAA 2007). However, due to dramatic declines in the Cook Inlet beluga whale population, on May 21, 1999, a temporary moratorium on beluga whale harvest was established (Pub. L. 106–31, section 3022, 113 Statute (Stat.) 57,100) from 1999 until October 1, 2000. This moratorium was extended indefinitely on December 21, 2000 (Pub. L. 106–553, section 1(a)(2), 114 Stat. 2762). NMFS has entered into a co-management agreement for beluga whale subsistence harvest. Pursuant to that agreement, no hunt has been conducted since 2005 and on October 15, 2008, NMFS published a final rule establishing long-term limits on the maximum number of Cook Inlet beluga whales that may be taken by Alaska Natives for subsistence and handicraft purposes (73 FR 60976). These rules effectively state that no harvest will be conducted until 2012, at which time the possibility of a harvest will be re-evaluated based on beluga whale population trends.

With respect to the proposed action, Apache met with the Cook Inlet Marine Mammal Council (CIMMC)—a group of Native Alaskans with traditional subsistence hunting rights—on March 29, 2011, to discuss the proposed activities and discuss any subsistence concerns. In addition, Apache met with the Tyonek Native Corporation on November 9, 2010 and the Salamatof Native Corporation on November 22, 2010. During these meetings, no concerns were raised regarding potential conflict with subsistence harvest of marine mammals. Apache has identified the following features that are intended to reduce impacts to subsistence users:

- In-water seismic activities will follow mitigation procedures to minimize effects on the behavior of marine mammals and, therefore, opportunities for harvest by Alaska Native communities;
- Regional subsistence representatives may support recording marine mammal observations along with marine mammal biologists during the monitoring programs and will be provided with annual reports; and
- The size of the affected area, mitigation measures, and input from the CIMMC should result in the proposed action having no effect on the availability of marine mammals for subsistence uses.

NMFS anticipates that any harassment to marine mammals,

including Cook Inlet beluga whales, would be short-term, site specific, and limited to inconsequential changes in behavior and mild stress responses. NMFS does not anticipate that the authorized taking of affected species or stocks will result in changes in reproduction, survival, or longevity rates, impact population levels, or result in changes in distribution. Therefore, NMFS has preliminarily determined that the proposed regulations will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of marine mammal stocks for subsistence uses.

Endangered Species Act (ESA)

There are two marine mammal species listed as endangered under the ESA with confirmed or possible occurrence in the proposed project area: the Cook Inlet beluga whale and Steller sea lion. NMFS' Permits, Conservation and Education Division has initiated consultation with NMFS' Protected Resources Division under section 7 of the ESA on the issuance of an IHA to Apache under section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA for this activity. Consultation will be concluded prior to a determination on the issuance of an IHA.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

NMFS is currently preparing an Environmental Assessment, pursuant to NEPA, to determine whether or not this proposed activity may have a significant effect on the human environment. This analysis will be completed prior to the issuance or denial of the IHA.

Proposed Authorization

As a result of these preliminary determinations, NMFS proposes to authorize the take of marine mammals incidental to Apache's seismic survey in Cook Inlet, Alaska, provided the previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated.

Dated: September 15, 2011.

James H. Lecky,

*Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability of Government-Owned Invention; Available for Licensing

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The following invention is assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Navy and is made available for licensing by the Department of the Navy. U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 13/137521: Bulk HME Precursor Detection Kit.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the Patent Application cited should be directed to the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Code CAB, 3824 Strauss Avenue, Indian Head, MD 20640–5152.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. J. Scott Deiter, Head, Technology Transfer Office, Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head Division, Code CAB, 3824 Strauss Avenue, Indian Head, MD 20640–5152, telephone 301–744–6111.

Dated: September 13, 2011.

J. M. Beal,

*Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate
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Liaison Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Grant Partially Exclusive License; American Innovations, Inc.

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of its intent to grant American Innovations, Inc. a revocable, nonassignable, partially exclusive license, with exclusive fields of use in entry control points, route clearance, patrolling, site exploitation, cache finds, area surveillance, joint security stations/ combat outposts, raids, SPECOPS, K–9 support, training, in the United States to practice the Government-owned invention, U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 13/137521, filed August 24, 2011, entitled “Bulk Homemade Explosives (HME) Precursor Detection Kit.”

DATES: Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license must file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any, not later than October 6, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Written objections are to be filed with the Indian Head Division, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Code OC4, Bldg. D–31, 3824 Strauss Avenue, Indian Head, MD 20640–5152.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. J. Scott Deiter, Head, Technology

Transfer Office, Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head Division, Code CAB, 3824 Strauss Avenue, Indian Head, MD 20640-5152, telephone 301-744-6111.

Dated: September 13, 2011.

J. M. Beal,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanics

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Education, White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics.

ACTION: Notice of an Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and agenda of the second meeting of the President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanics, which is subject to Congressional approval and passage of the fiscal year 2012 budget. The notice also describes the functions of the Commission. Notice of the meeting is required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and intended to notify the public of its opportunity to attend.

DATES: Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011, and Friday, Oct. 7, 2011.

Time: 1-5 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 6, and 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, Oct. 7.

ADDRESSES: The Commission will meet at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building (EEOB), in Washington, District of Columbia. Room 430 A-C, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC 20202, 202-401-1411.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Glorimar Maldonado, Chief of Staff, White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics, 400 Maryland Ave., SW., Room 4W110, Washington, DC 20202; *telephone:* 202-401-1411 or 202-401-0078.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanics (the Commission) is established by Executive Order 13555 (Oct. 19, 2010). The Commission is governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), (Pub. L. 92-463; as amended, 5 U.S.C.A., Appendix 2) which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees. The purpose of the Commission is to advise the President and the Secretary of Education (Secretary) on all matters pertaining to

the education attainment of the Hispanic community.

The Commission shall advise the President and the Secretary in the following areas: (i) Developing, implementing, and coordinating educational programs and initiatives at the Department and other agencies to improve educational opportunities and outcomes for Hispanics of all ages; (ii) increasing the participation of the Hispanic community and Hispanic-Serving Institutions in the Department's programs and in education programs at other agencies; (iii) engaging the philanthropic, business, nonprofit, and education communities in a national dialogue regarding the mission and objectives of this order; (iv) establishing partnerships with public, private, philanthropic, and nonprofit stakeholders to meet the mission and policy objectives of this order.

Agenda

The Commission will continue its discussion from the first meeting, including possible strategies to improve education outcomes for Hispanics.

Individuals who will need accommodations in order to attend the meeting (e.g., interpreting services, assistive listening devices, or material in alternative format) should notify Glorimar Maldonado, Chief of Staff, White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics at 202-401-1411 or 202-401-0078, no later than Monday, Oct. 3, 2011. We will attempt to meet requests for such accommodations after this date, but cannot guarantee their availability. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Individuals who wish to attend the Commission meetings must RSVP by noon EDT, Friday, Sept. 30, to the White House Initiative staff at 202-453-6347. Due to space limitations, RSVPs are required by the due date. Members of the public must RSVP by the due date.

An opportunity for public comment is available throughout the day on Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011, from 1-5 p.m., and Friday, Oct. 7, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Individuals who wish to provide comments will be allowed three minutes to speak. Those members of the public interested in submitting written comments may do so by submitting them to the attention of Glorimar Maldonado, White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave., SW., Room 4W110, Washington, DC 20202, by Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011. The meeting proceedings will be webcast at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/live>.

Records are kept of all Commission proceedings and are available for public inspection at the office of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave., SW., Room 4W108, Washington, DC 20202, Monday through Friday (excluding federal holidays) during the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Martha Kanter,

Under Secretary, Department of Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket No. 11-98-LNG]

Dominion Cove Point LNG, LP; Application for Blanket Authorization to Export Previously Imported Liquefied Natural Gas

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice of receipt of an application (Application), filed on August 8, 2011, by Dominion Cove Point LNG, LP (DCP), requesting blanket authorization to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) that previously had been imported into the United States from foreign sources in an amount up to the equivalent of 150 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas. The LNG would be exported from the Cove Point LNG Terminal (Cove Point Terminal), owned by DCP, in Calvert County, Maryland, to any country with the capacity to import LNG via ocean-going carrier and with which trade is not prohibited by U.S. law or policy. DCP seeks authorization to act as an agent for others who own title to the LNG who will export the LNG over a two-year period commencing on December 1, 2011. The application was filed under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA). Protests, motions to intervene, notices of intervention, and written comments are invited.