

goals express the intentions of the Polar Bear Plan and will be used to guide management, research, monitoring, and communication. They include the goals of the MMPA and the ESA, as they relate to polar bear conservation and recovery. Beyond the statutory mandates, the fundamental goals also reflect the input and aspirations of stakeholders closely connected with polar bears and their habitat, including the State of Alaska, the North Slope Borough, Alaska Native peoples, the Polar Bear Range States, conservation groups, and the oil and gas industry. In most cases, the fundamental goals represent range-wide objectives, but the specific applications under this Polar Bear Plan pertain primarily to the polar bear subpopulations (or stocks) present in Alaska. The goals call for a focus on conservation of polar bears while recognizing values associated with subsistence take, human safety, and economic activity. The draft Polar Bear Plan also contains specific recovery criteria, expressed in demographic and threats-based terms, to determine when the polar bear should be considered for delisting under the ESA, and demographic criteria to guide satisfying the conservation goals of the MMPA.

Conservation and recovery actions are specified in the Polar Bear Plan. The single most important action for the recovery of polar bears is global reduction of atmospheric greenhouse gases, which, if achieved, should result in reduced global climate change, including Arctic warming and sea ice loss. Along with communicating that fact, the Polar Bear Plan identifies a suite of high-profile actions designed to ensure that polar bears remain in sufficient number and diversity so that they are in a position to recover once climate change is addressed. Those actions include the following:

- Limit global atmospheric levels of greenhouse gases to levels appropriate for supporting polar bear recovery and conservation, primarily by reducing greenhouse gas emissions Support international conservation efforts through the Range States relationships
- Manage human-bear conflicts
- Collaboratively manage subsistence harvest
- Protect denning habitat
- Minimize risks of contamination from spills
- Conduct strategic monitoring and research

The full cost of implementing this Polar Bear Plan over the next 5 years is approximately \$12,921,200.

### Request for Public Comments

We request written comments on the draft Polar Bear Plan. All comments received by the date specified in **DATES** will be considered prior to finalization of the Polar Bear Plan. If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments and materials concerning this Plan by one of the methods listed in **ADDRESSES**.

Comments and materials received, as well as supporting documentation used in preparation of the recovery plan, will be available for inspection, during normal business hours at the Service's Anchorage office (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

This draft Polar Bear Plan represents the views and interpretations of the Service regarding the conservation and recovery of the polar bear only. The Service's approach set forth in this draft Polar Bear Plan does not necessarily preclude other approaches in developing ESA recovery plans or MMPA conservation plans. We seek comments from the public regarding viable alternatives for plans involving ice-dependent species and will consider all comments prior to finalizing this plan.

In addition, we specifically seek comments on the following:

- (1) The scope and description of the six fundamental goals.
- (2) The suitability and feasibility of the MMPA demographic criteria related to human-caused removals and to the health of the marine ecosystem of which polar bears are part.
- (3) The suitability and feasibility of the ESA fundamental, demographic, and threats-based recovery criteria.
- (4) The use of ecoregions as recovery units to represent the genetic, behavioral, life-history, and ecological diversity of the species.
- (5) The conservation strategy and specific suite of high-priority conservation and recovery actions.

### Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

### Authority

We developed our draft recovery plan under the authority of ESA section 4(f),

16 U.S.C. 1533(f), as well as section 115(b) of the MMPA, 16 U.S.C. 1383b(b). We publish this notice under ESA section 4(f) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: June 5, 2015.

**Geoffrey L. Haskett,**

*Regional Director, Alaska Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Renewal of Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** 30-day notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has submitted an information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to continue the collection of information from respondents who provide certain information in order to conduct onshore oil and gas geophysical exploration on lands managed by the BLM or the U.S. Forest Service. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) previously approved this information collection activity, and assigned it control number 1004-0162.

**DATES:** The OMB is required to respond to this information collection request within 60 days but may respond after 30 days. For maximum consideration, written comments should be received on or before August 5, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit comments directly to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (OMB #1004-0162), Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, fax 202-395-5806, or by electronic mail at [OIRA\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov).

Please provide a copy of your comments to the BLM. You may do so via mail, fax, or electronic mail.

**Mail:** U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street, NW., Room 2134LM, Attention: Jean Sonneman, Washington, DC 20240.

**Fax:** to Jean Sonneman at 202-245-0050.

**Electronic mail:** [Jean\\_Sonneman@blm.gov](mailto:Jean_Sonneman@blm.gov).

Please indicate "Attn: 1004-0162" regardless of the form of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jennifer Spencer, at 202–912–7146. Persons who use a telecommunication device for the deaf may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339, to leave a message for Ms. Spencer. You may also review the information collection request online at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501–3521) and OMB regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 provide that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond. In order to obtain and renew an OMB control number, Federal agencies are required to seek public comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d) and 1320.12(a)).

As required at 5 CFR 1320.8(d), the BLM published a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** on December 24, 2014 (79 FR 77523), and the comment period ended February 23, 2015. The BLM received one comment in response to the notice, from DJ Environmental, Inc.

The commenter expressed confusion owing to the lack of a specific proposal in the notice, and asked if the notice is a simple matter of continuing a geophysical Notice of Intent as currently written. The BLM responded to the commenter via email, explaining that the notice pertains to a collection of information defined in the PRA, the BLM is planning to seek renewal of control number 1004–0162, and the notice is the first step in the renewal process. The collection of information was not modified in response to this comment.

During the approval period, the BLM consulted with several respondents via email, to solicit comments on the burden hours and cost estimates, availability of data, frequency of collection, and clarity of instructions. Two respondents provided feedback.

One respondent suggested limiting the scope of what is reported on item 5, page 1 of the Notice of Completion form, to places where surface disturbance has not been reclaimed and to show those areas on a U.S. Geological Survey topographic map. At present, that item

reads, “Describe any surface disturbance and how you reclaimed it.” In response to the respondent’s comment, the BLM decided to change this item to “Describe any surface disturbance, its location, and how you reclaimed it.” The BLM needs this description in order to locate all disturbed areas and ensure that reclamation is completed adequately.

Both respondents addressed items on the Notice of Intent form. One respondent requested better guidance on what is needed for “Describe the survey type” and better definition for “Describe the survey method.” The other respondent suggested changing “Describe the survey type” to seismic type, and the “Describe the survey method” to seismic method. This respondent also suggested that item 1 include geographic information system (GIS) shape files, and that item 4 should ask when the starting date will be for the casual use survey, as well as for exploration.

Item 1 of the Notice of Intent form already requires submission of GIS data in a format that is useful for the BLM and will not be modified to include GIS shape files. However, item 1 will be changed to “A separate Plan of Operations is attached addressing items 1–5 below, in order to improve the clarity of the instruction.” The BLM will leave item 4 the same since it is common for the casual use surveys to be started and completed as soon as possible. The BLM’s main concern is when the equipment will be on location. Regarding the survey type and method, the BLM will not make the requested change. Seismic is a type of survey or method, in addition to other types of surveys or methods used, for example, electromagnetic.

The BLM now requests comments on the following subjects:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of the BLM, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the BLM’s estimate of the burden of collecting the information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. How to minimize the information collection burden on those who are to respond, including the use of

appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Please send comments as directed under **ADDRESSES** and **DATES**. Please refer to OMB control number 1004–0162 in your correspondence. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

The following information pertains to this request:

*Title:* Onshore Oil and Gas Geophysical Exploration (43 CFR Part 3150 and 36 CFR Parts 228 and 251).

*Forms:* BLM Form 3150–4/FS Form 2800–16, Notice of Intent and Authorization to Conduct Oil and Gas Geophysical Exploration Operations; and

BLM Form 3150–5/FS Form 2800–16a, Notice of Completion of Oil and Gas Geophysical Exploration Operations.

*OMB Control Number:* 1004–0162.

*Abstract:* Respondents supply information that enables the BLM and the U.S. Forest Service (FS) to ensure that geophysical exploration is conducted in a manner consistent with applicable statutes, regulations, land use plans, and environmental documents.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Description of Respondents:* 100 entities undertaking oil and gas geophysical exploration, *i.e.*, activity relating to the search for evidence of oil and gas on lands managed by the BLM and the FS.

*Estimated Number of Responses Annually:* 100.

*Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping “Hour” Burden Annually:* 65.

*Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping “Non-Hour Cost” Burden Annually:* \$25.

The following table details the individual components and respective hour burdens of this information collection request:

A. Type of response	B. Number of responses	C. Time per response	D. Total hours (Column B × Column C)
Notice of Intent and Request to Conduct Geophysical Exploration Operations/Outside Alaska. 43 CFR 3151.1 BLM Form 3150-4/FS Form 2800-16.	45 (20 to BLM and 25 to FS)	1 hour .....	45
Notice of Intent and Request to Conduct Geophysical Exploration Operations/Alaska 43 CFR 3152.1, 3152.3, 3152.4, and 3152.5 BLM Form 3150-4.	1 .....	1 hour .....	1
Notice of Completion of Geophysical Exploration Operations 43 CFR 3151.2 and 3152.7 BLM Form 3150-5/FS Form 2800-16a.	53 (28 to BLM and 25 to FS)	20 minutes .....	18
Data and Information Obtained in Carrying Out Exploration Plan (Alaska only) 43 CFR 3152.6.	1 .....	1 hour .....	1
Totals .....	100 .....	.....	65

**Jean Sonneman,**  
Information Collection Clearance Officer,  
Bureau of Land Management.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**National Park Service**

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**Notice of July 20, 2015, Meeting for  
Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory  
Commission**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Meeting notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the date of the 299th Meeting of the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission.

**DATES:** The public meeting of the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission will be held on Monday, July 20, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. (EASTERN).

**ADDRESSES:** The Commission members will meet in the conference room at park headquarters, 99 Marconi Site Road, Wellfleet, Massachusetts 02667.

The 299th meeting of the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission will take place on Monday, July 20, 2015, at 1:00 p.m., in the conference room at Headquarters, 99 Marconi Station Road, in Wellfleet, Massachusetts to discuss the following:

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (March 30, 2015)
3. Reports of Officers
4. Reports of Subcommittees Update of Pilgrim Nuclear Plant Emergency Planning Subcommittee State Legislation Proposals Nickerson Fellowship
5. Superintendent's Report

- Shorebird Management Plan
- Hydro-clamming Update
- Nauset Spit Update
- Recreational Fee Increase
- National Park Service Centennial Improved Properties/Town Bylaws
- Herring River Wetland Restoration
- Highlands Center Update
- Ocean Stewardship Topics—Shoreline Change
- Climate Friendly Parks
- 6. Old Business
- Live Lightly Campaign Progress Report
- 7. New Business
- 8. Date and Agenda for Next Meeting
- 9. Public comment
- 10. Adjournment

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Further information concerning the meeting may be obtained from George E. Price, Jr. Superintendent, Cape Cod National Seashore, 99 Marconi Site Road, Wellfleet, MA 02667, or via telephone at (508) 771-2144.

The meeting is open to the public. It is expected that 15 persons will be able to attend in addition to the Commission members. Interested persons may make oral/written presentations to the Commission during the business meeting or file written statements. Such requests should be made to the Park Superintendent prior to the meeting.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commission was reestablished pursuant to Public Law 87-126, as amended by Public Law 105-280. The purpose of the Commission is to consult with the Secretary of the Interior, or her designee, with respect to matters relating to the development of Cape Cod National Seashore, and with respect to carrying out the provisions of sections 4 and 5 of the Act establishing the Seashore.

Before including your address, telephone number, email address, or other personal identifying information

in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: June 29, 2015.

**Alma Ripps,**  
Chief, Office of Policy.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**National Park Service**

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**Notice of Open Public Meetings and  
Teleconferences for the National Park  
Service Alaska Region Subsistence  
Resource Commission Program**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Meeting Notices.

**SUMMARY:** As required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (16 U.S.C. Appendix 1-16), the National Park Service (NPS) is hereby giving notice that the Cape Krusenstern National Monument Subsistence Resource Commission (SRC), the Kobuk Valley National Park SRC, and the Denali National Park SRC will hold public meetings to develop and continue work on NPS subsistence program recommendations, and other related regulatory proposals and resource management issues. The NPS SRC program is authorized by Section 808 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 3118), title VIII.