

Individualized responses to comments will not be provided.

The 12 taxa being considered in this recovery plan are: *Adenophorus periens* (pendant kihi fern), *Bonamia menziesii* (no common name (NCN)), *Diellia erecta* (NCN), *Flueggea neowawraea* (mehamehame), *Hibiscus brackenridgei* (ma'o hau hele), *Mariscus pennatifolius* (NCN), *Neraudia sericea* (ma'aloa), *Plantago princeps* (ale), *Sesbania tomentosa* ('ohai), *Solanum incompletum* (thorny popolo), *Spermolepis hawaiiensis* (NCN), and *Vigna o-wahuensis* (Oahu vigna).

These 12 taxa are all Federally listed as endangered and are currently found on one or more of the following Hawaiian Islands: Laysan, Necker, Nihoa, Niihau, Kauai, Oahu, Molokai, Lanai, Kahoolawe, Maui, and Hawaii. They are found in a wide range of vegetation communities (grasslands, shrublands, and forests), elevational zones (coastal to subalpine), and moisture regimes (dry to wet). They have been variously affected or are currently threatened by: habitat degradation and/or predation by pigs, goats, deer, and cattle; invasion and competition from naturalized, introduced vegetation; habitat loss from fires; human impacts from recreational activities; insect infestations; and the potential for extinction from stochastic events because of small population size and/or limited distribution.

The objective of this plan is to provide a framework for the recovery of these 12 taxa so that their protection by the Endangered Species Act (ESA) is no longer necessary. Immediate actions necessary for the prevention of extinction of these taxa include fencing for exclusion of ungulates, alien plant control, protection from fire, population and plant community monitoring and management, ex situ propagation, and augmentation of populations, as appropriate. Long-term activities necessary for the perpetuation of these taxa in their natural habitats additionally include public education, maintenance of fenced areas, long-term monitoring and management of populations and communities, and re-establishment of populations within the historic ranges of some taxa. Further research regarding current range, reproduction and reproductive status, pollinators, life history, limiting factors, habitat requirements, and minimum viable population sizes is needed to facilitate appropriate management decisions regarding the long-term perpetuation of each of these taxa.

Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on the recovery plan described. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered prior to approval of these plans.

Authority: The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: September 23, 1996.

Donald V. Friberg

Acting Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Region.

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Bureau of Land Management

[CA-026-1020-00]

Notice of Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Susanville Resource Advisory Council Susanville California.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management's Susanville Resource Advisory Council will hold a business meeting Friday, October 25, 1996, at the Bureau of Land Management's Alturas Resource Area Office, 708 West 12th Street, Alturas, CA. The meeting begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. Public comments will be taken at 1 p.m. The council will hear an update report on development of standards for healthy rangelands and guidelines for livestock grazing, elect a new chair and vice chair, hear status reports from the BLM's Alturas, Eagle Lake and Surprise Resource Areas, and determine work priorities for the coming year. Summary minutes of the meeting will be maintained in the BLM's Eagle Lake Resource Area Office, 2950 Riverside Drive, Susanville, CA, and will be available for public inspection and reproduction within 30 days following the meeting.

Linda D. Hansen,

Eagle Lake Resource Area Manager,

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Relocation/Change of Address/Office Closure; Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On October 29, 1996, the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM)

Arizona State Office will move to a new location. This notice provides information regarding that move.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 30, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Carol Burger, BLM Arizona State Office (AZ-952), 3707 North 7th Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85014; telephone number (602) 650-0526.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Beginning on October 29, 1996, BLM's Arizona State Office will be moving to a new location. The move will affect the following activities or considerations as follows:

(a) Public Access to Records

During the period of October 21 through November 8, 1996, some of the paper records maintained by the BLM Arizona State Office will be unavailable for public inspection. Our automated records will be unavailable from October 25 thru October 29. The Public Room will be closed on October 28 and October 29 during the actual move.

(b) New Street Address and New Mailing Address

The BLM State Office will be located at 222 North Central, Phoenix, Arizona 85004. Please address all correspondence to the new address beginning on October 30, 1996.

(c) Telephone Numbers

The new telephone number will be (602) 417-9200.

Dated: September 24, 1996.

Margo Fitts,

Acting Deputy State Director, Business and Fiscal Services.

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Minerals Management Service

Alaska OCS Region, Beaufort Sea, Oil and Gas Lease Sale 170; Call for Information and Nominations (Responses Due in 30 Days)

In accordance with the Proposed Final Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program 1997 to 2002, the Minerals Management Service (MMS), Alaska OCS Region, is proceeding with the Call for Information and Nominations (Call) for Beaufort Sea Sale 170.

Purpose of Call

The purpose of the Call is to gather information for the proposed OSC Oil and Gas Lease Sale 170. This proposed sale, located in the Beaufort Sea Planning Area, is tentatively scheduled for early 1998.

Information and nominations on oil and gas leasing, exploration, and development and production within the Beaufort Sea Planning Area are sought from all interested parties. This early planning and consultation step is important for ensuring that all interests and concerns are communicated to the Department of the Interior for future decisions in the leasing process pursuant to the OCS Lands Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331–1356 (1994), and regulations at 30 CFR Part 256. This Call does not indicate a preliminary decision to lease in the area described below. Final delineation of the area for possible leasing will be made at a later date and in compliance with all applicable laws including requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), as amended, and with established departmental procedures.

Description of Area

The area of this Call, located offshore the State of Alaska in the Beaufort Sea Planning Area as identified on the attached map, extends offshore from about 3 miles to approximately 25 miles, in water depths from approximately 25 feet to 120 feet. The area available for nominations and comments consists of 362 whole and partial blocks (about 1.7 million acres). A large-scale map of the Beaufort Sea Planning Area (hereinafter referred to as the Call map) showing boundaries of the area on a block-by-block basis and copies of Official Protraction Diagrams (OPD's) are available from the Records Manager, Alaska OCS Region, Minerals Management Service, 949 East 36th Avenue, Room 308, Anchorage, Alaska, 99508–4302, telephone (907) 271–6621. The OPD's may be purchased for \$2 each.

Instructions on Call

Respondents are requested to nominate blocks within the Call area that they would like considered for inclusion in proposed OCS Lease Sale 170. Nominations must be depicted on the Call map by outlining the area(s) of interest along block lines. Nominators are asked to submit a list of whole and partial blocks nominated (by OPD and block number) to facilitate correct interpretation of their nominations on the Call map. Although the identities of those submitting nominations become a matter of public record, the individual nominations are proprietary information.

Nominators also are requested to rank blocks nominated according to priority of interest (e.g., priority 1 (high), 2 (medium), or 3 (low)). Blocks nominated that do not indicate priorities will be considered priority 3. Nominators are encouraged to be specific in indicating blocks by priority. Blanket priorities on large areas are not useful in the analysis of industry interest. The telephone number and name of a person to contact in the nominator's organization for additional information should be included in the response.

Comments are sought from all interested parties about particular geologic, environmental, biological, archaeological, or social and economic conditions, conflicts, or other information that might bear upon potential leasing and development in the Call area. Comments also are sought on potential conflicts with approved local coastal management plans (CMP's) that may result from the proposed sale and future OCS oil and gas activities. These comments should identify specific CMP policies of concern, the nature of the conflicts foreseen, and steps that MMS could take to avoid or mitigate the potential conflicts. Comments may be expressed in terms of broad areas or restricted to particular blocks of concern. Commenters are requested to list block numbers or outline the subject area on the large-scale Call map.

Nominations and comments must be received no later than 30 days following publication of this document in the Federal Register in envelopes labeled "Nominations for Proposed Beaufort Sea Lease Sale 170," or "Comments on the Call for Information and Nominations for Proposed Beaufort Sea Lease Sale 170," as appropriate. The original Call map with indications of interest and/or comments must be submitted to the Regional Supervisor, Leasing and Environment, Alaska OCS Region, Minerals Management Service, 949 East 36th Avenue, Room 308, Anchorage, Alaska, 99508–4302.

Use of Information From Call

The final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Beaufort Sea Sale 144, MMS 96–0012, May 1996, and the Beaufort Sea Natural Gas and Oil Lease Sale 144 Final Notice of Sale, 61 FR 42682, August 16, 1996, will be used as a foundation for the analysis of potential environmental effects and use conflicts,

and for identifying mitigating measures for the Sale 170 area.

Information submitted in response to this Call will be used for several purposes. First, responses, will be used to help identify the areas for potential oil and gas development. Second, comments on possible environmental effects and potential use conflicts will be used in the analysis of environmental conditions in and near the Call area. A third purpose for this Call is to assist in the scoping of the EIS and the development of alternatives to the proposed action for analysis. Fourth, comments may be used in developing lease terms and conditions to ensure safe offshore oil and gas activities. Fifth, comments may be used to identify out potential conflicts between offshore oil and gas activities and State's CMP.

Existing Information

An extensive environmental, social, and economic studies program has been underway in this area since 1975. The emphasis has been on geologic mapping, environmental characterization of biologically sensitive habitats, endangered whales and marine mammals, physical oceanography, ocean-circulation modeling, and ecological effects of oil and gas activities. A complete listing of available study reports and information for ordering copies may be obtained from the Records Manager, Alaska OCS Region, at the address stated under Description of Area. The reports also may be ordered directly from the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia, 22161, or by telephone at (703) 487–4650.

In addition, a program status report for continuing studies in this area may be obtained from the Chief, Environmental Studies Section, Alaska OCS Region, at the address stated under Instructions on Call or by telephone at (907) 271–6617.

Summary Reports and Indices and technical and geologic reports are available for review at the MMS Alaska OCS Region (see address under Description of Area). Copies of the Alaska OCS Regional Summary Reports also may be obtained from the OCS Information Program, Office of Offshore Information and Publications, Minerals Management Service, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia, 20170.

Tentative Schedule

Approximate dates for actions and decision and consultation points in the planning process for Sale 170, Beaufort Sea, are:

| Milestones | Dates |
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| Comments Due on the Call. | October 1996. |
| Area Identification and Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS. | November 1996. |
| Draft EIS Filed with EPA | May 1997. |
| Hearings on Draft EIS Held. | June 1997. |
| Comments Due on Draft EIS. | July 1997. |
| Consistency Determination. | December 1997. |
| Final EIS Filed with EPA and Proposed Notice of Sale available. | December 1997. |
| Governor's Comments Due on Proposed Notice of Sale. | February 1998. |
| Final Notice of Sale Published. | March 1998. |
| Sale | April 1998. |

Dated: September 24, 1996

Robert E. Brown,
Acting Director, Minerals Management Service.

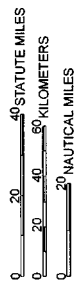
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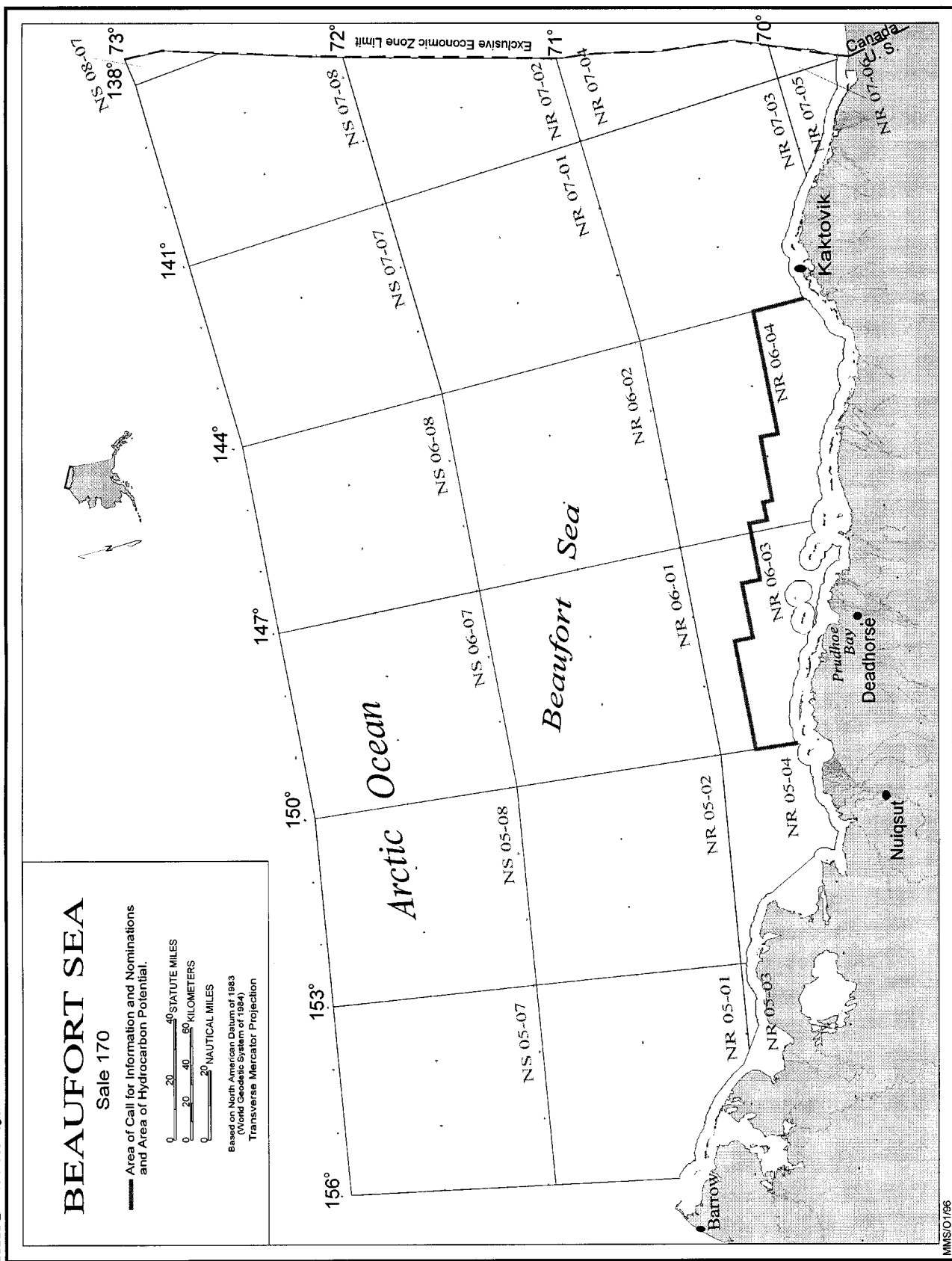
BEAUFORT SEA

Sale 170

Area of Call for Information and Nominations
and Area of Hydrocarbon Potential.



Based on North American Datum of 1983
(World Geodetic System of 1984)
Transverse Mercator Projection



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Source: Base map compiled from Official Portraction Diagrams.