

took place from 1995 to 2000 as well as a summary of the results of the 2000 hunting season. Information from the most recent breeding season and wintering populations surveys is also included in the new Environmental Assessment. Three alternatives were considered to address the future of operational and experimental swan hunting seasons in Utah, Nevada and Montana. The issuance of a new Environmental Assessment was prompted by controversy over current management and the need to incorporate experience from the 2000 hunting season and the results of recent population surveys. There were also many requests from individuals, States, and various conservation organizations for a thorough examination of alternatives for swan hunting in the Pacific Flyway in light of continuing concerns for the Rocky Mountain Population of trumpeter swans. The Environmental Assessment focuses on the issue of whether or not to establish an operational approach for swan hunting. Related efforts to address population status and distributional concerns regarding the Rocky Mountain Population of trumpeter swans are also discussed. Three alternatives, including the proposed action, were considered.

Dated: June 14, 2001.

Kevin R. Adams,

Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

National Wildlife Refuge System: Mission Goals and Purposes: Policy: Reopening of Comment Period: Draft Policy on National Wildlife Refuge System: Mission, Goals, and Purposes (Notice); Draft Appropriate Refuge Uses Policy Pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (Notice); Draft Wildlife-Dependent Recreational Uses Policy Pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (Notice); and Draft Wilderness Stewardship Policy Pursuant to the Wilderness Act of 1964 (Notice)

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; further reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: We are reopening the comment period on the **Federal Register** notice dated January 16, 2001, that

invites the public to comment on the following draft policies: National Wildlife Refuge System: Mission, Goals, and Purposes; Appropriate Refuge Uses Policy Pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997; Wildlife-Dependent Recreational Uses Policy Pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997; and Wilderness Stewardship Policy Pursuant to the Wilderness Act of 1964.

DATES: The comment period will reopen on June 18 and close midnight, June 30, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in the following ways: in writing to Acting Chief, Division of Conservation Planning and Policy, National Wildlife Refuge System, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 670, Arlington, Virginia 22203; by FAX to (703) 358-2248; or by e-mail to one of the following addresses:

Mission And Goals Policy

Comments@fws.gov;

Appropriate

Uses

Policy_Comments@fws.gov;

Wildlife_Dependent

Recreational_Uses

Policy_Comments@fws.gov; or

Wilderness_Policy_Comments@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barry Stieglitz, Acting Chief, Division of Conservation Planning and Policy, National Wildlife Refuge System (703) 358-1744.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a **Federal Register** notice dated January 16, 2001 (66 FR 3668) we published draft policies for: National Wildlife Refuge System: Mission, Goals, and Purposes (Notice); Appropriate Refuge Uses Policy Pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (Notice); Wildlife-Dependent Recreational Uses Policy Pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (Notice); and Wilderness Stewardship Policy Pursuant to the Wilderness Act of 1964 (Notice). These policies, affecting management and use of the National Wildlife Refuge System, represent the culmination of our initial policy development in response to the landmark National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997.

In a subsequent **Federal Register** notice dated March 15, 2001 (66 FR 15136) we extended the comment period until April 19, 2001, to ensure that the public had an adequate opportunity to review and comment on our draft policies.

To allow for continued discussion with the States on these policies, we

reopened the comment period for an additional 30 days in a **Federal Register** notice dated May 15, 2001 (66 FR 26879). As a correction to the May 15, 2001, notice, comments received between April 19, 2001, and May 15, 2001, will be considered and do not need to be resubmitted.

To allow for further discussion with the States on these policies, we are extending the comment period until June 30, 2001.

Dated: June 8, 2001.

Marshall P. Jones, Jr.,

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Locations and Dates of Public Hearings for Delineation Drilling Activities in Federal Waters Offshore Santa Barbara County, CA

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the draft EIS and announcement of locations and dates of public hearings.

SUMMARY: The MMS announces the availability of the draft EIS on Delineation Drilling Activities in Federal Waters Offshore Santa Barbara County, California. This draft EIS evaluates the potential environmental impacts associated with drilling 4 or 5 separate Federal Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas delineation wells on existing OCS leases located offshore southern California. Delineation is a type of exploration drilling activity that involves drilling a well to gather additional information about the nature and extent of the hydrocarbon reservoirs in areas where a discovery has already been made.

DATES: Comments on the draft EIS will be accepted until August 13, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions concerning the draft EIS should be directed to Mr. Maurice Hill, Minerals Management Service, Office of Environmental Evaluation, Pacific OCS Region, 770 Paseo Camarillo, Camarillo, California 93010-6064. He may be reached by telephone at (805) 389-7815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this document is to provide information for Federal, State, and local agencies, and the public to evaluate the effects of the proposed delineation

projects and the cumulative effects of past, present, and reasonably foreseeable actions. The proposed action discussed in this draft EIS is the sequential drilling of 4 or 5 delineation wells on four separate OCS units using a semi-submersible drilling vessel, commonly referred to as a mobile offshore drilling unit. A unit is a number of leases grouped together to prevent waste, conserve natural resources, and protect Federal royalty interests. Each of the four subject units has been previously explored under Exploration Plans (EP) approved by the MMS and found consistent with the California Coastal Management Plan by the California Coastal Commission. Operators are expected to submit to the MMS revisions to 4 to 5 existing EP's in September 2001. The operators of these units, Nuevo Energy Company, Aera Energy LLC, and Samedan Oil Corporation, propose to drill delineation wells to complete their data on reservoir configuration and characteristics. It would take 68 to 92 days to drill and test each well. The first well would commence drilling in May 2002 and the last well in May 2003. The data received from these wells would assist the operators in determining how to develop and produce the oil and gas reserves underlying these and possibly adjacent units.

The Notice of Intent to prepare this EIS (**Federal Register**, Vol. 65, No. 226, pages 70361–70362, November 22, 2000) referred to “exploratory drilling activities.” We have renamed the document to more specifically reflect the fact that “delineation drilling activities” are the focus of the draft EIS. As discussed above, and defined in the Notice of Intent, delineation is a type of exploration drilling activity that involves drilling a well to gather additional information about the nature and extent of the hydrocarbon reservoirs in areas where a discovery has already been made.

EIS Availability: The draft EIS is available on our web site at www.mms.gov/omm/pacific. In addition, you may obtain single copies of the draft EIS by writing the Minerals Management Service, Pacific OCS Region, Attention: Delineation Drilling Activities Draft EIS, 770 Paseo Camarillo, Camarillo, California 93010–6064, or by calling Janice Hall at 1–800–672–2627. Please indicate whether you would like to receive a paper copy of the draft EIS or a CD–ROM. To avoid excess printing and mailing costs, we will not accept e-mail requests for hard copies or CD–ROM's.

The draft EIS will also be available at the following California libraries:

Camarillo Public Library, 3100 Ponderosa Drive, Camarillo;
Cambria Library, 900 Main Street, Cambria;
Carpinteria Public Library, 5141 Carpinteria Avenue, Carpinteria;
Goleta Public Library, 500 N. Fairview, Goleta;
Davidson Library, University of California at Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara;
Robert F. Kennedy Library, Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo;
Santa Barbara Central Public Library, 40 E. Anapamu, Santa Barbara;
Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, Library, 2559 Puesta Del Sol Road, Santa Barbara;
U.S. National Park Service Library, Channel Islands National Park, 1901 Spinnaker Drive, Ventura;
Ventura College Library, 4667 Telephone Road, Ventura.

Public Hearings: The MMS will hold two public hearings to receive comments on the draft EIS. The hearings present one of the opportunities to provide us with information that will help in the evaluation of the potential effects of the proposed action. The second is direct mail or email comments on the document.

Hearings will be held in Santa Barbara and Santa Maria on the following dates and times: July 10, 2001, 1–5 p.m. and 6–9 p.m., Fess Parker Doubletree Hotel, 633 East Cabrillo Boulevard, Santa Barbara; and July 12, 2001, 1–5 p.m. and 6–9 p.m., Ethel Pope Auditorium, 901 S. Broadway Street Santa Maria.

If you wish to testify at a hearing, you may register at the hearing site from noon to 8:30 p.m. Speakers will be limited to 3 minutes and will speak in the order of their registration. Elected officials will be given preference.

Written statements submitted at a hearing will be considered part of the hearing record. If you are unable to attend the hearing, or prefer to provide written comments separately, you may submit your comments until Monday, August 13, 2001, the closing date for public comments. Send written comments to the Minerals Management Service, Pacific OCS Region, Attention: Delineation Drilling Activities Draft EIS, 770 Paseo Camarillo, Camarillo, California 93010–6064. Written comments may be provided by e-mail to DelineationDrilling@mms.gov. Please provide your name and address when commenting by mail or e-mail.

Dated: June 18, 2001.

Carolita U. Kallaur,
Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Intent to Repatriate Cultural Items in the Possession of the Williamson Museum, Northwestern State University of Louisiana, Natchitoches, LA, and in the Control of the Louisiana Division of Archaeology, Baton Rouge, LA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

Notice is hereby given under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 43 CFR 10.10 (a)(3), of the intent to repatriate cultural items in the possession of the Williamson Museum, Northwestern State University of Louisiana, Natchitoches, LA, and in the control of the Louisiana Division of Archaeology, Baton Rouge, LA, that meet the definition of “unassociated funerary objects” under Section 2 of the Act.

This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA, 43 CFR 10.2 (c). The determinations within this notice are the sole responsibility of the museum, institution, or Federal agency that has control of these cultural items. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations within this notice.

The one object from the Mill Creek site, Bienville Parish, LA, is a Maddox Engraved vessel.

This object was removed in 1960s, during archeological excavations conducted by Dr. Clarence H. Webb, who donated it to the Louisiana Division of Archaeology. In 1971, the object was transferred to the Williamson Museum.

Museum records indicate that this vessel was removed from a grave; no remains from the grave are held in the museum. Maddox Engraved pottery is dated to Caddo III–IV (A.D. 1200–1500) periods.

The two objects from the Allen Plantation site, Natchitoches Parish, LA, are one Hickory Engraved bottle and one bowl.

These objects were removed in 1935–41, during archeological excavations conducted by Dr. Clarence H. Webb, who donated them to the Louisiana Division of Archaeology. In 1979, the objects were transferred to the Williamson Museum.

Museum records and consultation with the Caddo Tribe identified these vessels as unassociated funerary objects. The objects were salvaged from a grave in a road cut; no remains from the grave