

in the protection, conservation, or management of wild fauna and/or flora, as well as their purposes for wishing to participate in the COP as an observer. Such requests should be sent to the Office of Management Authority (OMA; see ADDRESSES, above) or submitted to OMA electronically via E-mail to: Mark_Albert@mail.fws.gov. Upon approval by OMA, an organization will receive instructions for registration with the CITES Secretariat in Switzerland, including relevant travel and hotel information. Any organization requesting approval for observer status at COP10 will be added to the Service's CITES Mailing List if it is not already included, and will receive copies of all future Federal Register notices and other information pertaining to COP10. A list of organizations approved for observer status at COP10 will be available from OMA just prior to the start of COP10.

Future Actions

COP10 is scheduled for June 9–20, 1997, in Harare, Zimbabwe. Any proposals to amend Appendix I or II at COP10 and any proposed resolutions for discussion at COP10 must be submitted by the United States to the CITES Secretariat at least 150 days prior to the meeting (January 10, 1997). Therefore, as part of the consultation process with countries within which the proposed species occur, the Service plans to send any such proposals for species not endemic to the United States to those countries for comment by mid-October 1996 and to the Secretariat by January 10, 1997.

The Service plans to publish a Federal Register notice in February 1997 to announce the Service's decisions on species proposals and proposed resolutions that are submitted by the United States to the CITES Secretariat. Through a series of additional notices in advance of COP10, the Service will inform the public about preliminary and final negotiating positions on resolutions and amendments to the Appendices proposed by other Parties for consideration at COP10. The Service will also publish an announcement of a public meeting to be held in April 1997 to receive public input on its proposed negotiating positions for COP10.

Author: This notice was prepared by Dr. Susan Lieberman, Office of Management Authority, under the authority of the U.S. Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 23

Endangered and threatened species, Exports, Imports, Treaties.

Dated: August 22, 1996.

Jay L. Gerst,

Acting Director.

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Bureau of Land Management

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Cheyenne, Wyoming; Notice of Sodium Lease Offerings by Sealed Bid

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior, Wyoming.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that certain sodium resources in the lands hereinafter described, located in Sweetwater County, Wyoming, will be offered for competitive lease by sealed bid in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*) as amended.

DATES: The lease sale will be held at 2:00 p.m., on Thursday, September 26, 1996. Sealed bids must be submitted before 1:00 p.m., on Thursday, September 26, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The lease sale will be held in the first floor conference room (Room 107) of the Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Cashier, Wyoming State Office, at the address given above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mavis Love, Land Law Examiner, at 307–775–6258.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These offerings are being made as a result of expressions of interest filed in the Wyoming State Office. The tracts will be leased to the qualified bidder of the highest cash amount provided that the high bid meets the fair market value determinations of the tracts. The minimum bid is \$200.00 per acre. No bid less than \$200.00 per acre will be considered. The minimum bid is not intended to represent fair market value. The fair market value will be determined by the Authorized Officer after the sale.

The resource to be offered consists of all the sodium in the following described lands located in Sweetwater County, Wyoming. Minalable reserves are defined as beds that are maximum of 2000 feet deep, are a minimum of 8 feet thick, and have a minimum quality greater than 85 percent trona and less than 2 percent halite.

Tract A (WYW139796)

T. 17 N., R. 109 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming

Sec. 20: All;

Sec. 28: All.

Containing 1,280 acres.

Tract A contains an estimated 37.1 million tons in Bed 14, 25.3 million tons in Bed 12, 8.4 million tons in Bed 2, and 1.6 million tons in Bed 1 for a rounded total of 72.5 million tons of minable trona in the tract.

Tract B (WYW139797)

T. 17 N., R. 109 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming

Sec. 22: All;

Sec. 26: All.

Containing 1,280 acres.

Tract B contains as estimated 25.4 million tons in Bed 17, 12.9 million tons in Bed 14, .6 million tons in Bed 12, 6.2 million tons in Bed 9, and 12.9 million tons in Bed 2 for a rounded total of 67.0 million tons of minable trona in the tract.

Tract C (WYW139798)

T. 17 N., R. 109 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming

Sec. 14: All;

Sec. 24: Lots 1 thru 16.

Containing 1,193.60 acres.

Tract C contains as estimated 35.8 million tons in Bed 17, 4.3 million tons in Bed 14, 3.4 million tons in Bed 12, 7.0 million tons in Bed 9, and 5.4 million tons in Bed 2 for a rounded total of 55.9 million tons of minable trona in the tract.

Tract D (WYW139799)

T. 17 N., R. 108 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming

Sec. 6: Lots 8 thru 14, S2NE, SENW, E2SW, SE;

Sec. 8: All;

Sec. 18: Lots 5 thru 8, E2W2, E2;

T. 17 N., R. 109 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
Sec. 12: Lots 1, 4 thru 6, 8 thru 10, SW, SWSE.

Containing 2,312.01 acres.

Tract D contains as estimated 50.0 million tons in Bed 17, 17.1 million tons in Bed 14, and 11.5 million tons in Bed 5 for a rounded total of 78.6 million tons of minable trona in the tract.

Tract E (WYW139800)

T. 17 N., R. 108 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming

Sec. 30: Lots 5 thru 8, E2W2, E2.

Containing 638.80 acres.

Tract E contains an estimated 20.8 million tons in Bed 17, .9 million tons in Bed 9, 16.4 million tons in Bed 5, and 13.8 million tons in Bed 3 for a rounded total of 51.9 million tons of minable trona in the tract.

Tract F (WYW139801)

T. 17 N., R. 108 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming

Sec. 20: All;

Sec. 28: All;

Sec. 34: All.

Containing 1,920 acres.

Tract F contains an estimated 45.8 million tons in Bed 17, .5 million tons

in Bed 14, 2.9 million tons in Bed 2, and 9.4 million tons in Bed 1 for a rounded total of 58.7 million tons of minable trona in the tract.

Tract G (WYW139802)

T. 15 N., R. 108 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
Sec. 6: Lots 1 thru 7, S2NE, SENW, E2SW, SE;

Sec. 8: All.

Containing 1,269.52 acres.

Tract G contains an estimated 1.4 million tons in Bed 17, 4.9 million tons in Bed 9, 31.3 million tons in Bed 4, and 51.7 million tons in Bed 2 for a rounded total of 89.2 million tons of minable trona in the tract.

Tract H (WYW128038)

T. 17 N., R. 110 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming

Sec. 10: All;

Sec. 12: All.

Containing 1,280 acres.

Tract H contains an estimated 2.6 million tons in Bed 17, .6 million tons in Bed 14, and 30.8 million tons in Bed 12 for a rounded total of 34.0 million tons of minable trona in the tract. The lands included in Tract H were previously offered as Parcel 3 at the sodium sale held May 1, 1996; however, the one bid received for the parcel did not meet fair market value as determined by the Authorized Officer.

The leases issued as a result of this offering will provide for payment of annual rentals for each acre, or fraction thereof, as follows: 25 cents for the first calendar year or fraction thereof; 50 cents for the second, third, fourth and fifth calendar years, respectively; and, one dollar for the sixth and each and very calendar year thereafter during the continuance of the leases. The rental paid for any year shall be credited against the first royalties as they accrue under the lease during the year for which the rental was paid. The production royalty rate shall be 8 percent of the quantity or gross value of the output of sodium compounds and related products at the point of shipment to market.

The Bureau of Land Management reserves the right to withdraw any or all of the parcels at any time prior to the sale.

Bidding instructions for the offered tracts are included in the Detailed Statement of Lease Sale. Copies of the statement and of the proposed sodium leases are available at the Wyoming State Office. Case file documents are also available at that office for public inspection.

Dennis R. Stenger,

Acting Deputy State Director, Minerals and Lands.

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Minerals Management Service

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the proposed final 5-Year Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leading Program for 1997-2002.

The MMS has issued a Proposed Final OCS Oil and Gas Program for 1997-2002. This is the last of three program proposals required to be prepared before approval of a new 5-year OCS program in accordance with section 18 of the OCS Lands Act, as amended. In addition to the requirements of section 18, the President's and Secretary's policy objectives of consensus-based decisionmaking, science-based decisionmaking, and the use of natural gas as an environmentally preferred fuel have been considered in developing the Proposed Final Program.

Sixty days after issuance of the Proposed Final Program, the new program may be approved to succeed the current one, which covers the period July 1992 through June 1997. The 5-year OCS program provides a means for the Federal Government, affected States and localities, industry, and other interested parties to plan, consult, and coordinate on OCS activities.

A final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared in accordance with section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act is being issued along with the Proposed Final Program.

Proposed Final Program and final EIS information and documents can be obtained from the following: Regional Director, MS-5000, Gulf of Mexico Region, Minerals Management Service, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, telephone (504) 736-2947 or 1-800-200-GULF; Regional Director, MS-7000, Pacific Region, Minerals Management Service, 770 Paseo Camarillo, Camarillo, California 93010, telephone (805) 389-7533; and Regional Director, MS-8000, Alaska Region, Minerals Management Service, University Plaza Building, Suite 300, 949 East 36th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99508, telephone (907) 271-6070.

Proposed Final Program information and documents also can be obtained from: Chief, Branch of Program Development and Planning, MS-4430, Minerals Management Service, Room 2328, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia 22070-4817, telephone (703) 787-1215.

Final EIS information and documents also can be obtained from: Chief, Environmental Projects Coordination Branch, MS-4320, Minerals

Management Service, 831 Elden Street, Herndon Virginia 22070-4817, telephone (703) 787-1674.

For information on the development of the Proposed Final Program for 1997-2002, telephone Carol Hartgen or Tim Redding, Branch of Program Development and Planning, at (703) 787-1215.

Dated: August 22, 1996.

Cynthia Quarterman,

Director, Minerals Management Service.

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National Park Service

Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission; Establishment

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Establishment.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) is giving notice of its intent to establish the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (PL 92-463, 86 Stat. 770, 5 U.S.C. Appx., section 10).

The Commission was originally established by Section 8 of PL 87-126, August 7, 1961. It was reestablished by PL 99-349, Amendment 24, July 2, 1986, and extended to May 31, 1996, by PL 99-420, September 25, 1986. Because the need for the Commission is expected to continue indefinitely, the National Park Service is administratively re-establishing the Commission in the same form as it has existed under its expired statutory authority. In this way the Commission may continue its work without interruption.

The purpose of the Commission is to consult with the Secretary of the Interior, or the Secretary's designee, with respect to matters relating to the development of the Cape Cod National Seashore, and with respect to carrying out the provisions of sections 4 and 5 of the Act establishing the Seashore.

Composition: The Commission is to consist of 10 members as follows:

(1) Six members appointed from recommendations made by each of the boards of selectmen of the towns of Truro, Wellfleet, Eastham, Orleans, Chatham, and Provincetown, Commonwealth of Massachusetts;

(2) One member to be appointed from recommendations of the county commissioners of Barnstable County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts;

(3) Two members to be appointed from recommendations of the Governor