

appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

Applicant: University of Massachusetts, Lowell, MA, PRT-156390.

The applicant requests a permit to take wild and captive manatees (*Trichechus manatus latirostris*) in Florida using a DIDSON sonar device for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Applicant: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals Management, Anchorage, AK, PRT-041309.

The applicant requests an amendment of their permit to collect carcasses of Northern sea otters (*Enhydra lutris kenyoni*) in Alaska for the purpose of scientific research to identify patterns of mortality and issues of population health. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Division of Management Authority is forwarding copies of the above applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

Dated: July 20, 2007.

Lisa J. Lierheimer,

Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-921-07-1320-EL-P; NDM 96918]

Notice of Invitation—Coal Exploration License Application NDM 96918

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Members of the public are hereby invited to participate with Dakota Westmoreland Corporation in a program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in lands located in Mercer County, North Dakota, encompassing 640.00 acres.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen Van Matre, Mining Engineer, or Connie Schaff, Land Law Examiner, Branch of Solid Minerals (MT-921), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Montana State Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101-4669,

telephone (406) 896-5082 or (406) 896-5060, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lands to be explored for coal deposits are described as follows:

T.143N., R.88W., 5th P.M.

14: S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$

20: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

22: S $\frac{1}{2}$

Any party electing to participate in this exploration program shall notify, in writing, both the State Director, BLM, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101-4669, and Dakota Westmoreland Corporation, P.O. Box 39, Beulah, North Dakota 58523. Such written notice must refer to serial number NDM 96918 and be received no later than 30 calendar days after publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register** or 10 calendar days after the last publication of this Notice in the Bismarck Tribune newspaper, whichever is later. This Notice will be published once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in the *Bismarck Tribune*, Bismarck, North Dakota.

The proposed exploration program is fully described, and will be conducted pursuant to an exploration plan to be approved by the Bureau of Land Management. The exploration plan, as submitted by Dakota Westmoreland Corporation, is available for public inspection at the BLM, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana, during regular business hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Monday through Friday.

Dated: August 15, 2007.

Edward L. Hughes,

Acting Chief, Branch of Solid Minerals.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-957-00-6334-BJ: GP07-0176]

Filing of Plats of Survey: Oregon/ Washington; In Reply Refer to: 1550 (130)P

AGENCY: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The plat of survey of the following described lands is scheduled to be officially filed in the Bureau of Land Management Oregon/Washington State Office, Portland, Oregon, 30 days from the date of this publication.

Willamette Meridian

Washington

T. 11 N., R. 19 E., accepted July 12, 2007.

A copy of the plat may be obtained from the Land Office at the Oregon/ Washington State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 333 SW. 1st Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204, upon required payment. A person or party who wishes to protest against a survey must file a notice that they wish to protest (at the above address) with the Oregon/ Washington State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Portland, Oregon.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chief, Branch of Geographic Sciences, Bureau of Land Management, (333 SW., 1st Avenue) P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208.

Dated: August 10, 2007.

Fred O'Ferrall,

Branch of Lands and Minerals Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Environmental Documents Prepared for Proposed Oil and Gas Operations on the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of the availability of environmental documents prepared for OCS Mineral Proposals on the Gulf of Mexico OCS.

SUMMARY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), in accordance with Federal Regulations that implement the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), announces the availability of NEPA-related Site-Specific Environmental Assessments (SEA) and Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI), prepared by MMS for the following oil and gas activities proposed on the Gulf of Mexico OCS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Public Information Unit, Information Services Section at the number below. Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Attention: Public Information Office (MS 5034), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Room 114, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, or by calling 1-800-200-GULF.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: MMS prepares SEAs and FONSI for proposals that relate to exploration for and the development/production of oil and gas resources on the Gulf of Mexico OCS. These SEAs examine the potential environmental effects of activities described in the proposals and present MMS conclusions regarding the

significance of those effects. Environmental Assessments are used as a basis for determining whether or not approval of the proposals constitutes major Federal actions that significantly affect the quality of the human environment in the sense of NEPA Section 102(2)(C). A FONSI is prepared

in those instances where MMS finds that approval will not result in significant effects on the quality of the human environment. The FONSI briefly presents the basis for that finding and includes a summary or copy of the SEA. This notice constitutes the public notice of availability of environmental

documents required under the NEPA Regulations.

This listing includes all proposals for which the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region prepared a FONSI in the period subsequent to publication of the preceding notice.

Activity/Operator	Location	Date
Energy Resource Technology, Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 06-010A.	East Cameron, Block 231, Lease OCS-G 02038, located 13 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	4/2/2007
Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 07-017 ...	Viosca Knoll, Block 114, Lease OCS-G 16536, located 30 miles from the nearest Mississippi shoreline.	4/3/2007
Walter Oil & Gas Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 07-019.	Eugene Island, Block 99, Lease OCS-G 21637, located 20 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	4/4/2007
Newfield Exploration Company, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 07-040.	South Timbalier, Block 107, Lease OCS-G 15319, located 25 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	4/4/2007
Chevron U.S.A., Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 07-038 ..	Viosca Knoll, Block 114, Lease OCS-G 16536, located 30 miles from nearest Mississippi shoreline.	4/4/2007
Merit Energy Company, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 06-129	East Cameron, Block 254, Lease OCS-G 02039, located 74 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	4/12/2007
Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 07-039 ...	Eugene Island, Block 231, Lease OCS-G 00980, located 39 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	4/13/2007
SPN Resources, LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 07-044	Vermilion, Block 60, Lease OCS-G 02870, located 14 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	4/13/2007
SPN Resources, LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 07-043	West Cameron, Block 305, Lease OCS-G 25893, located 34 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	4/13/2007
Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 07-047.	Eugene Island, Block 208, Lease OCS-G 00577, located 48 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	4/16/2007
TGS-NOPEC Geophysical Company, Geological & Geophysical Exploration of Mineral Resources, SEA L07-05.	Located in the eastern Gulf of Mexico, south of Pensacola, Florida.	4/18/2007
Chevron U.S.A., Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 06-030 ..	Vermilion, Block 245, Lease OCS-G 01146, located 64 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	4/18/2007
Hydro Gulf of Mexico, LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 07-050.	West Cameron (South Addition), Block 459, Lease OCS-G 21056, located 79 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	4/18/2007
SPN Resources, LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 07-041, 07-042, 07-045.	West Cameron, Block 280, Lease OCS-G 00911, located 64 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	4/20/2007
Chevron U.S.A. Inc, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 07-053	Eugene Island, Block 214, Lease OCS-G 00977, located 48 miles to nearest Louisiana shoreline.	5/1/2007
Merit Energy Company, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 07-051	East Cameron, Block 142, Lease OCS-G 16239, located 37 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	5/2/2007
PGS Multi Klient Invest AS, Geological & Geophysical Exploration of Mineral Resources, SEA L07-13.	Located in the central Gulf of Mexico, south of Fourchon, Louisiana.	5/2/2007
Multi Klient Invest AS, Geological & Geophysical Prospecting for Mineral Resources, SEA L07-14.	Located in the central Gulf of Mexico south of Fourchon, Louisiana.	5/9/2007
Western GECO, Geological & Geophysical Prospecting for Mineral Resources, SEA L07-12.	Located in the central Gulf of Mexico south of Fourchon, Louisiana.	5/9/2007
Chevron U.S.A., Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 07-048 ..	South Timbalier, Block 176A, Lease OCS-G 01259, located 35 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	5/9/2007
Mariner Energy, Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 07-058 ...	High Island, Block A-551, Lease OCS-G 03757, located 92 miles from the nearest Texas shoreline.	5/15/2007
Energy Resource Technology, Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 07-054.	South Timbalier, Block 086, Lease OCS-G 00605, located 19 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	5/15/2007
SPN Resources, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 07-057	West Cameron, Block 306, Lease OCS-G 23621, located 30 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	5/17/2007
BP Exploration & Production, Inc., Geological & Geophysical Prospecting for Mineral Resources, SEA L07-19.	Located in the western Gulf of Mexico south of Intracoastal City, Louisiana.	5/21/2007
Arena Offshore, LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 07-046 ..	High Island, Block A-528, Lease OCS-G 13803, located 93 miles from the nearest Texas shoreline.	5/22/2007
Energy Resource Technology, Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 07-001.	Vermilion, Block 328, Lease OCS-G 11896, located 93 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	5/22/2007
Apache Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA 06-147, 06-148A	Grand Isle, Block 20, Lease OCS-G 03596, located 9 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	5/24/2007
Energy Resource Technology, Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 06-127A, 07-008A.	East Cameron, Block 222, Lease OCS-G 02037, located 38 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	6/1/2007
Gulf of Mexico Oil & Gas Properties, LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 06-138.	Ship Shoal, Block 148, Lease OCS-G 11983, located 24 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	6/1/2007
Chevron, U.S.A., Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 07-059A	Mobile, Block 916, Lease OCS-G 05753, located 7 miles from the nearest Alabama shoreline.	6/13/2007
Newfield Exploration Company, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 07-033A, 07-035A.	West Cameron, Block 146, Lease OCS-G 01996, located 21 and 25 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline, respectively.	6/21/2007

Activity/Operator	Location	Date
TDC Energy, LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 07-063	High Island, Block 233, Lease OCS-G 22241, located 31 miles from the nearest Texas shoreline.	6/26/2007
Hunt Petroleum (AEC), Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 07-066.	Ship Shoal, Block 184, Lease OCS-G 22711, located 24 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	6/26/2007
TDC Energy, LLC, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 07-062	Vermilion, Block 221, Lease OCS-G 04424, located 60 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	6/26/2007
Chevron, U.S.A., Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 07-038A	Viosca Knoll, Block 114, Lease OCS-G 16536, located 30 miles from the nearest Mississippi shoreline.	6/26/2007
Chevron, U.S.A., Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 07-017A	Viosca Knoll, Block 161, Lease OCS-G 06876, located 43 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	6/26/2007
ATP Oil & Gas Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 07-065.	West Cameron (South Addition), Block 492, Lease OCS-G 16195, located 41 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	6/26/2007
Newfield Exploration Company, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 07-034A.	Ship Shoal, Block 57, Lease OCS-G 22696, located 15 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	6/27/2007
Maritech Resources, Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 07-064.	Chandeleur, Block 25, Lease OCS-G 04494, located 35 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	6/28/2007
ATP Oil and Gas Corporation, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 07-060.	Vermilion, Block 318, Lease OCS-G 04427, located 86 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	6/28/2007

Persons interested in reviewing environmental documents for the proposals listed above or obtaining information about SEAs and FONSI's prepared for activities on the Gulf of Mexico OCS are encouraged to contact MMS at the address or telephone listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Dated: July 11, 2007.

Kevin Karl,

Acting Regional Director, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), Alaska OCS Region, Beaufort Sea and Chukchi Sea, Proposed Oil and Gas Lease Sales for Years 2007 to 2012

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Call for information and nominations and Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: This Call for Information and Nominations (hereinafter referred to as "Call") is the initial step in a multiple-sale process that incorporates planning and analysis for lease sales in the Beaufort Sea and Chukchi Sea planning areas included in the proposed final OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program 2007-2012 (see 72 **Federal Register** (FR) 24326, May 2, 2007). Four lease sales are addressed in this Call; two in the Beaufort Sea (sales 209 and 217) and two in the Chukchi Sea (sales 212 and 221). (Sale 193 in the Chukchi Sea is a carryover from the Program for 2002-

2007 and is not addressed by this Call.) Simultaneously with this Call, MMS is giving notice of its intent to prepare a multiple-sale EIS for the four sales.

DATES: Nominations and comments must be received no later than 45 days following publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Submittals should be labeled "Nominations for Proposed Lease Sales in the Beaufort Sea and Chukchi Sea, 2007-2012" or "Comments on Call for Information and Nominations for Proposed Lease Sales in the Beaufort Sea and Chukchi Sea, 2007-2012, as appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please contact Fred King at (907) 334-5271 in MMS's Alaska OCS Region, 3801 Centerpoint Drive, Ste 500, Anchorage, AK 99503-5823 regarding questions on the Call/NOI.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The multiple-sale review process is based on more than 30 years of leasing in the Beaufort Sea and more than 20 years in the Chukchi Sea. In 2001, MMS initiated the multiple-sale review process by issuing a multiple-sale Call for three sales in the Beaufort Sea (sales 186, 195 and 202), held under the OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program, 2002-2007. The MMS is now issuing a multiple-sale Call for the Beaufort Sea and Chukchi Sea sales in the proposed final program for 2007-2012.

The final multiple-sale EIS will serve as the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) Consistency Determination (CD) analysis for Beaufort Sea Sale 209 and Chukchi Sea Sale 212. MMS will prepare additional NEPA, CZMA, and Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA) documents, as appropriate.

Call for Information and Nominations

1. Authority

This Call is published pursuant to the OCS Lands Act as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331-1356, (1994)) and the regulations issued thereunder (30 CFR 256); and in accordance with the proposed final OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program, 2007-2012.

2. Purpose of Call

The purpose of the Call is to gather information for the following tentatively scheduled OCS Oil and Gas Lease Sales in the Beaufort Sea and Chukchi Sea:

Lease sale, OCS planning area	Sale year
Sale 209, Beaufort Sea	2009
Sale 212, Chukchi Sea	2010
Sale 217, Beaufort Sea	2011
Sale 221, Chukchi Sea	2012

Sale 193 in the Chukchi Sea is not part of this Call. Sale 193 was initiated in 2005 (70 FR 6903) as part of the OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program, 2002-2007, and was carried over to the Program for 2007-2012 to allow adequate time to complete necessary pre-lease steps and environmental assessment and documentation. Sale 193 is scheduled for February 2008. Information and nominations on oil and gas leasing, exploration, and development and production within the Beaufort Sea and Chukchi Sea 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 U.S. Department of the Interior for its consideration in future decisions in the leasing process pursuant to the OCS Lands Act and regulations at 30 CFR 256. Responses are requested for the four sales listed in the Call proposed in