

reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses at current rates for Government employees. The Board will meet no less than two times annually. The Director, Bureau of Land Management may call additional meetings in connection with special needs for advice.

Dated: August 1, 2007.

**Bud Cribley,**

*Deputy Assistant Director, Renewable Resources and Planning.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### **Announcement That BLM-Alaska Has Discontinued Its Planning Efforts for the South Portion of the National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska Integrated Activity Plan and Environmental Impact Statement**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to discontinue planning efforts for the South NPR-A.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Alaska State Office, is discontinuing preparation of the Integrated Activity Plan (IAP) for the South portion of the National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska (NPR-A) and its accompanying Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

**DATES:** Planning activities will officially cease with publication of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Bob Schneider (907-474-2216), Lon Kelly (907-474-2368) or Mike Kleven (907-474-2317) by phone or by mail at 1150 University Avenue, Fairbanks Alaska, 99708-3844.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The planning area for the South NPR-A Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement includes approximately 9.2 million acres within the southwestern portion of the National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska. The planning effort was initiated with a Notice of Intent to Plan published June

15, 2005. Although the formal scoping period ended in August 2005 and a scoping report was finalized in November of 2005, further development of the plan was suspended to allow the North Slope Borough (a cooperating agency) to develop a “community-based” management alternative. As part of its effort, the Borough conducted several public meetings and submitted a Community Based Planning Report to the BLM in January 2007. Evident from the Borough’s report and the BLM’s own scoping efforts is the high level of concern on the part of North Slope residents regarding the potential impacts of oil and gas activity on subsistence resources, especially the Western Arctic Caribou Herd, whose primary calving area is within the South NPR-A planning area. The Bureau’s resource assessments indicate that the South NPR-A planning area contains limited oil reserves—approximately 2.1 percent of the undiscovered oil in the NPR-A. Although the area contains an estimated 27 percent of the NPR-A’s undiscovered gas reserves, there is no transportation system to move the gas to market.

The BLM places great emphasis on public participation during land use planning and has listened carefully to the concerns of the people of Alaska’s North Slope. In consideration of these concerns and the practicality of energy development, the BLM is discontinuing the South NPR-A planning effort at this time.

**Sharon K. Wilson,**

*Acting State Director.*

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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:** Correction of the Call for Information and Nominations and

Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

**SUMMARY:** On August 23, 2007, pursuant to 30 CFR 256 and 40 CFR 1501.7 as a matter of information to the public, the MMS published in the **Federal Register** a Call for Information and Nomination and Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS for the Beaufort Sea and Chukchi Sea OCS planning areas. The Call is the initial step of a multiple sale process that incorporates planning and analysis for the Alaska lease sales included in the proposed final OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program 2007–2012. We inadvertently omitted a page-size map of the Beaufort Sea Planning Area which should have accompanied a page-size map of the Chukchi Sea Planning Area and instead included two duplicate page-size maps of the Chukchi Sea Planning Area. The correct Beaufort Sea Planning Area map accompanies this notice.

**DATES:** Nominations and Information must be received no later than October 9, 2007. This correction is effective as of the date of publication of this notice.

**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.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Need for Correction**

As published in the **Federal Register** on August 23, 2007 (72 FR 48295), the Call contains an error that is in need of correction.

##### **Correction of Publication**

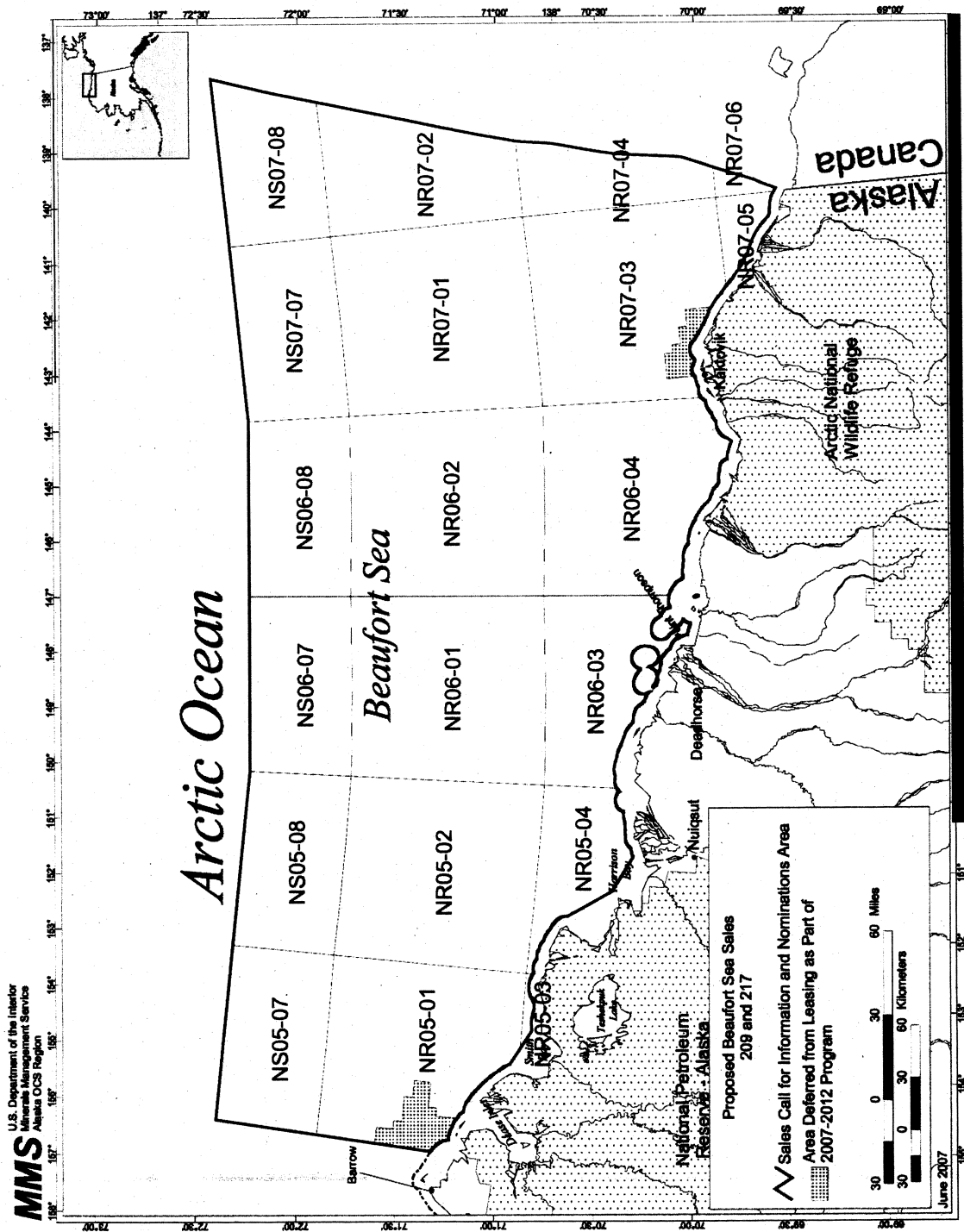
Accordingly, the publication on August 23, 2007 (72 FR 48295) is corrected as follows: On page 48300, the accompanying map titled, “Proposed Beaufort Sea Sales 209 and 217” replaces the duplicate map titled “Proposed Chukchi Sea Sales 212 and 221.”

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*Director, Minerals Management Service.*

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