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MMS Issues ITM Proceedings

Proceedings from the 8th Information Transfer Meeting are available from the Minerals Management Service. The ITM was held in Anchorage in April 2001.

The 61-page report includes 33 abstracts describing ongoing environmental studies in physical oceanography, meteorology, fate and effects, biology, protected species, socioeconomics, and other topics. The *Proceedings* contain introductory remarks, meeting agenda, attendees and edited summaries of discussions. Information transfer meetings give MMS the opportunity to share study information and results gathered by MMS and others conducting studies in the area.

The report, OCS Study MMS 2001-049, is available from the MMS, Alaska OCS Region, 949 East 36th Avenue, Room 308, Anchorage, Alaska 99508-4363, or on the MMS Alaska Region website at www.mms.gov/alaska. Telephone requests may be placed at 1-800-764-2629, (907) 271-6438, or via e-mail at akwebmaster@mms.gov or from the Alaska Resources Library and Information Services at ww.arlis.org.

MMS is the federal agency in the U.S. Department of the Interior that manages the nation's oil, natural gas and other mineral resources on the outer continental shelf in federal offshore waters. The agency also collects, accounts for and disburses mineral revenues from federal and Indian leases. These revenues totaled nearly \$8 billion last year and more than \$110 billion since the agency was created in 1982. Annually, nearly \$1 billion from those revenues go into the Land and Water Conservation Fund for the acquisition and development of state and federal park and recreation lands.

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