

Taking, in part, is defined as harm or harassment of federally listed species, including under certain circumstances, the destruction of habitat. Under limited circumstances, the Service may issue section 10(a)(1)(B) permits to take listed species if such taking is incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for listed species are found at Title 50 Code of Federal Regulations 17.22 and 17.32.

SDG&E has applied for a 25-year permit, with options for renewal, to authorize incidental take associated with the installation, maintenance and operation of its facilities which are or will be necessary to provide natural gas, electricity and other services to its customers. These actions include the installation of overhead and underground facilities, substations, and regulator stations, including other ground disturbance such as building and maintaining access roads, geotechnical testing, emergency repairs, and clearing for fire control. SDG&E operations and facilities cross city and county jurisdictional boundaries in San Diego, Riverside, and Orange Counties, California. The HCP/NCCP details specific project actions that may lead to incidental take of species and specific actions that will mitigate those takings. These impacts and mitigation measures are further addressed in the HCP/NCCP, IA, and EA.

The alternatives under consideration include: (1) The proposed action, (2) no action, and (3) compliance with local jurisdiction's subarea plans. Only the proposed action conserves both listed and unlisted species, restricts the use and development of certain SDG&E fee-owned rights-of-way for wildlife and preservation, and addresses all SDG&E activities over the entire service area.

All agencies and individuals are urged to provide comments and suggestions regarding the EA, IA, and the consistency of the SDG&E HCP/NCCP with regional conservation planning efforts. All comments received by the closing date will be considered in finalizing NEPA compliance and permit issuance or denial.

Dated: October 30, 1995.

Thomas Dwyer,

Deputy Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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Letters of Authorization To Take Marine Mammals

AGENCY: Notice of issuance of Letters of Authorization to take marine mammals

incidental to oil and gas industry activities.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 101(a)(5) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service implementing regulations [50 CFR 18.27(f)(3)], notice is hereby given that a Letter of Authorization to take polar bears and Pacific walrus incidental to oil and gas industry exploration activities has been issued to the following company:

Company	Activity	Date issued
BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc.	Exploration ...	Sept. 20, 1995.

BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc., is authorized to take polar bears and Pacific walrus incidental to appraisal operations in the Badami Development Unit on the North Slope of Alaska. This authorization expires on July 31, 1996, and a monitoring report is due by November 1, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David McGillivray or Mr. John W. Bridges at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals Management Office, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, (800) 362-5148 or (907) 786-3810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This letter of Authorization was issued in accordance with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Federal Rules and Regulations "Marine Mammals; Incidental Take During Specified Activities" (58 FR 60402; November 16, 1993, amended 60 FR 42805; August 17, 1995).

Dated: October 25, 1995.

David B. Allen,

Regional Director.

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Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Risk Assessment and Management Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Risk Assessment and Management Committee, a Committee of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force. The Committee meeting will focus on the following: the development of the pathway evaluation process for nonindigenous species introduction; finalize the Risk Assessment Process for presentation to the Aquatic Nuisance

Species Task Force; and, prepare the black carp risk assessment process for outside review.

DATES: The Risk Assessment and Management Committee will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13, 1995, and from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Thursday, December 14, 1995.

ADDRESSES: The Risk Assessment and Management Committee meeting will be held at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Building, Room 800, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Orr, Risk Assessment and Management Committee Chairman, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, 4700 River Road, Unit 117, Riverdale, MD 20737, (301) 734-8939.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces a meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Risk Identification and Assessment Committee established under the authority of the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-646, 104 Stat. 4761, 16 U.S.C. 4701 *et seq.*, November 29, 1990). Minutes of the meetings will be maintained by the Coordinator, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Room 840, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and the Risk Assessment and Management Committee Chairman, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, 4700 River Road, Unit 117, Riverdale, MD 20737 and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday within 30 days following the meeting.

Dated: October 30, 1995.

Gary Edwards,

Assistant Director—Fisheries, Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force.

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Minerals Management Service

Information Collection Solicitation for Comments

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of information collection solicitation.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Minerals Management Service is soliciting comments on an information collection,

Net Profit Share Payments for Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leases, 30 CFR 220 (OMB Approval Number 1010-0073).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 5, 1996.

SEND COMMENTS TO: David S. Guzy, Chief, Rules and Procedures Staff, Minerals Management Service, Mail Stop 3101, Building 85, Denver Federal Center, P.O. Box 25165, Denver, Colorado 80225; fax number is (303) 231-3194.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis C. Jones, Minerals Management Service, Mail Stop 3101, Building 85, Denver Federal Center, P.O. Box 25165, Denver, Colorado 80225; telephone number is (303) 231-3046.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 each agency shall provide notice and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning collection of information in order to solicit comment to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

To encourage exploration and development of oil and gas leases on submerged lands of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), regulations were promulgated at 30 CFR 260.110(4) implementing a net profit share bidding system. The net profit share lease (NPSL) bidding system was established to properly balance a fair market return to the Federal Government for the lease of its lands, with a fair profit to companies risking their investment capital. The system provides an incentive for early and expeditious exploration and development, and provides for a sharing of the risks by the lessee and the Government. The bidding system incorporates a fixed capital recovery system as the means through which the lessee recovers costs of exploration and development from production revenues, along with a reasonable return on investment.

Lessees are required (30 CFR 220.010) to maintain an NPSL capital account

and to provide annual or monthly reports using data taken from the capital account (30 CFR 220.031). This collection of information is necessary in order to determine when royalty payments are due and to determine the proper amount of payment. No unique information is required by MMS. Only a minimal recordkeeping burden is imposed annually by this collection of information. MMS uses the data submitted in the annual and monthly reports to verify costs claimed, revenues earned, and profit share (royalty) payments due. No royalties are paid until lessees recover their exploration and development expenses.

When companies enter into NPSL agreements, they agree to submit the reports required by 30 CFR 220.031. Information required to complete these reports comes from records maintained by the companies for their own use. There are no reporting forms required, but the lessees must submit updates containing specific information. Before production begins, reports are required on an annual basis. These reports must document costs incurred, credits received, and the balance in the NPSL capital account. Once production begins, monthly reports are required that include the amount and disposition of oil and gas saved, removed, or sold; the amount of production revenue; the amount and description of costs and credits to the NPSL capital account; the balance in the capital account; the net profit share base and net profit share payment due the Government; and the lessee's monthly profit share.

MMS estimates that approximately 16 hours are required per report to extract the data required by 30 CFR 220.031 from company records. One additional hour for recordkeeping is required as companies set up files for each lease. A \$25 hourly rate estimate is used in the calculation of the annual cost to industry.

Dated: October 31, 1995.

Donald T. Sant,

Deputy Associate Director for Valuation and Operations.

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INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

[Ex Parte No. 388 (Sub-No. 29)]

Intrastate Rail Rate Authority—South Carolina

AGENCY: Interstate Commerce Commission.

ACTION: Notice of recertification.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 11501(b), the Commission recertifies the State of South Carolina to regulate intrastate rail rates, classifications, rules, and practices for a 5-year period.

DATES: Recertification will become effective on December 6, 1995 and will expire on December 5, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elaine Sehart-Green, (202) 927-5269 or Beryl Gordon, (202) 927-5610. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.]

Decided: October 30, 1995.

By the Commission, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Owen, and Commissioner Simmons.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 95-099]

National Environmental Policy Act; Shuttle Laser Altimeter

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and NASA policy and procedures (14 CFR Part 1216 Subpart 3), NASA has made a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) with respect to the proposed Shuttle Laser Altimeter (SLA) to be constructed at the Goddard Space Flight Center, in Greenbelt, Maryland. SLA involves the precise global measurement of the topography of the distance from the Earth's surface with respect to the Space Shuttle.

DATES: Comments in response to this notice must be provided in writing to NASA on or before December 6, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Dr. Jack L. Bufton, Associate Chief for Sensor Physics, Laboratory for Terrestrial Physics, Code 920, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD 20771. The Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared for the proposed SLA which supports this FONSI may be reviewed at: