

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

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, *subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act*, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice at the above address.

Dated: May 10, 1996.

Mary Ellen P. Amtower,

*Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.*

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### Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals

On March 6, 1996, a notice was published in the Federal Register, vol. 61, no. 45, page 8969, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by the Zoological Society of San Diego for a permit (PRT-811418) to import two orphaned polar bear cubs from Canada.

Notice is hereby given that on May 6, 1996, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

Documents and other information submitted for these applications are available for review by any party who submits a written request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 430, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone (703) 358-2104 or Fax (703) 358-2281.

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Mary Ellen P. Amtower,

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### Minerals Management Service

#### Outer Continental Shelf, Alaska Region, Beaufort Sea Lease Sale 144

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the final environmental impact statement.

The Minerals Management Service (MMS) has prepared a final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) relating to the proposed 1996 Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas lease sale of available unleased blocks in the

Beaufort Sea. The proposed Beaufort Sea Sale 144 will offer for lease approximately 9.8 million acres. Single copies of the final EIS can be obtained from the Regional Director, Minerals Management Service, Alaska Region, 949 East 36th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-4302, Attention: Public Information. Copies can be requested by telephone, (907) 271-6070.

Copies of the final EIS will also be available for inspection in the following public libraries:

Alaska Resource Library, U.S.

Department of the Interior, Anchorage, AK

Alaska State Library, Juneau, AK

Army Corps of Engineers Library, U.S.

Department of Defense, Anchorage, AK

Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, 310 Tanana Drive, Fairbanks, AK

Fairbanks North Star Borough Public

Library (Noel Wien Library), 1215

Cowles Street, Fairbanks, AK

George Francis Memorial Library,

Kotzebue, AK

Kaveolook School Library, Kaktovik, AK

Kegoayah Kozga Public Library, Nome, AK

Nellie Weyiouanna Ilisaavik Library,

Shishmaref, AK

North Slope Borough School District

Library/Media Center, Barrow, AK

Northern Alaska Environmental Center

Library, 218 Driveway, Fairbanks, AK

Nuiqsut Library, Nuiqsut, AK

Tikigaaq Library, Point Hope, AK

University of Alaska, Anchorage

Consortium Library, 3211 Providence Dr., Anchorage, AK

University of Alaska, Fairbanks Institute of Arctic Biology, 311 Irving Bldg., Fairbanks, AK

University of Alaska-Juneau Library, 11120 Glacier Highway, Juneau, AK.

Dated: April 19, 1996.

Thomas Gernhofer,

*Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management.*

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#### Outer Continental Shelf, Gulf of Mexico Region, Proposed Central and Western Gulf Sales 166 and 168

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Intent to Hold Public Hearings Regarding Proposed Central and Western Gulf of Mexico Sales 166 and 168.

The Minerals Management Service has prepared a draft EIS relating to

proposed 1997 Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas lease sales in the Central and Western Gulf of Mexico. The proposed Central Gulf Sale 166 will offer for lease approximately 30.3 million unleased acres, and the proposed Western Gulf Sale 168 will offer approximately 28.2 million unleased acres. The EIS analyzes a range of potential resources and projected activities for each proposed lease sale. In an effort to make this EIS more focused and readable, the scenario has been simplified, redundancies have been eliminated, and the format has been streamlined. This allows decisionmakers and readers to focus on the information specific to each proposed action.

Single copies of the draft EIS can be obtained from the Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Attention: Public Information Unit (MS-5034), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Room 114, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394 or call (800) 200-GULF.

Copies of the draft EIS will also be available for review by the public in the following libraries:

#### Texas

Alma M. Carpenter Public Library, 330

South Ann, Sourlake;

Aransas Pass Public Library, 110 North Lamont Street, Aransas Pass;

Austin Public Library, 402 West Ninth Street, Austin;

Bay City Public Library, 1900 Fifth Street, Bay City;

Brazoria County Library, 410 Brazoport Boulevard, Freeport;

Calhoun County Library, 301 South Ann, Port Lavaca;

Chambers County Library System, 202 Cummings Street, Anahuac;

Comfort Public Library, Seventh & High Streets, Comfort;

Corpus Christi Central Library, 805 Comanche Street, Corpus Christi;

Dallas Public Library, 1513 Young Street, Dallas;

Houston Public Library, 500 McKinney Street, Houston;

Jackson County Library, 411 North Wells Street, Edna;

Lamar University, Gray Library, Virginia Avenue, Beaumont;

LaRatama Library, 505 Mesquite Street, Corpus Christi;

Liberty Municipal Library, 1710 Sam Houston Avenue, Liberty;

Orange Public Library, 220 North Fifth Street, Orange;

Port Arthur Public Library, 3601

Cultural Center Drive, Port Arthur;

Port Isabel Public Library, 213 Yturria Street, Port Isabel;

Reber Memorial Library 193 North Fourth, Raymondville;