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## Additional Follow-up to Thursday Permitting IWG call

1 message

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Mon, Nov 25, 2013 at 1:04 PM

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Otto Envy, BOEM &lt;otto.envy@boem.gov&gt;

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**Fwd: Shell exploration -- NEPA analysis**

1 message

**Toussaint, Lisa** <lisa.toussaint@boem.gov>

Tue, Nov 26, 2013 at 4:40 PM

To: BOEM Otto Envy &lt;otto.envy@boem.gov&gt;

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From: **Toussaint, Lisa** <lisa.toussaint@boem.gov>

Date: Mon, Nov 25, 2013 at 2:46 PM

Subject: Re: Shell exploration -- NEPA analysis

To: "Kohout, Jenifer" &lt;jenifer\_kohout@fws.gov&gt;

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Hi Jenifer. We're working on some letters right now inviting certain agencies to participate (others can join in, too, but we probably won't send letters to all of them; FWS will get one.)

As for the 30 day time frame, it's always been that way by statute. Nothing to do with the AK standards, which are still in draft yet (not yet proposed.)

Hope all is well;

Lisa

On Mon, Nov 25, 2013 at 2:38 PM, Kohout, Jenifer <jenifer\_kohout@fws.gov> wrote:

Hi Lisa,

Hope all is well in your neck of the woods.

I just read Randy's email. Will BOEM be sending an official invite to cooperate or is this it?

The email peaked my curiosity about the 30 day timeline for BOEM. Is this part of the new Arctic standards or has it always been that tight?

Hope all is well with you.

--Jenifer

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## Shell's EP - Alaska IWG call today

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Thu, Nov 7, 2013 at 10:42 AM

To: James Kendall <James.Kendall@boem.gov>, Emily Lindow <emily.lindow@boem.gov>, Jordan Finegan <jordan.finegan@boem.gov>, Sharon Warren <sharon.warren@boem.gov>, David Johnston <david.johnston@boem.gov>, Michael Routhier <Michael.Routhier@boem.gov>

Hello BOEM folks,

Would any of you be available to give a quick update on the late-breaking news on today's call? Tommy seemed very keen on making sure that the Alaska IWG was serving as a conduit for all updates re Shell.

Thanks in advance,  
Adrianna

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## Shell update for the Alaska IWG?

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To: James Kendall <James.Kendall@boem.gov>  
Cc: Randal Bowman <randal\_bowman@ios.doi.gov>

Wed, Nov 13, 2013 at 1:41 PM

Hi Jim,

Should we start to leave Shell's application (and then future activities) as a standing item on the Alaska IWG agenda? Or is it too soon? We do this for Greater Mooses Tooth and simply skip it when the rep tells us that there is nothing to report.

Thanks, Adrianna

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## Today's Alaska IWG staff teleconference 11/14/13

1 message

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Thu, Nov 14, 2013 at 5:40 AM

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Good morning,

Please see below for today's agenda. Attached is the latest version of our project tracking spreadsheet. Please review and send any updates to Randy Bowman, cc'd.

I've listed one of our topics as our second discussion to review part of the Alaska IWG: our mandate to coordinate permits and energy development and our current method of project tracking. I'd like to have an exchange of

opinions re our approach to the mandate, the excel spreadsheet, etc. Please call-in prepared to speak up. Below are some anonymous views that have been previously expressed and might provide some food for thought.

At the link is information regarding NSF's first round of research grants for their Arctic Science, Engineering, and Education for Sustainability program. Some of the projects are very related to IAM:

<http://phys.org/wire-news/145295946/nsf-with-interagency-and-international-partners-makes-first-round.html>

Here are a couple of news items, one related to potential port locations in Arctic Alaska and the other for safe cruise tourism in the Arctic region:

<http://www.alaskadispatch.com/article/20131112/norwegian-company-looks-alaska-arctic-shipping-stopover-port>

<http://arcticjournal.com/business/new-alliance-improve-safety-arctic-cruise-tourism>

Best, Adrianna

### Alaska Interagency Working Group Staff Meeting Agenda

Thursday, November 14, 2013, 4:00 p.m. EDT

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- CP Greater Mooses Tooth – update (BLM)
- Shell EP application – update (Jim Kendall, BOEM)
- Additional Items/Announcements
- Alaska IWG Internal Review-Permit coordination and project tracking – discussion (all)

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## **Permit coordination and project tracking, preliminary thoughts:**

### Project Coordination:

- \* We should do more to truly “streamline the permitting process.”
- \* We should analyze the problem that we are supposed to address – Where is the list of permits that are not well streamlined? What type of permits are we supposed to target?
- Can the Infrastructure Permitting interagency group include an energy project in Alaska?
- Focus beyond the Arctic OCS and do a better job of coordinating permits throughout Alaska.
- Be more proactive for coordination by setting timelines and holding ourselves accountable.
- Assign one point-person per interagency permit process that will report-out information, progress and timelines to the larger group.
- Projects do not need to be discussed during any of the meetings unless there is a need to understand agency requirements/timelines, streamline a process and ensure that agency concerns are aired/addressed.
- \*Create a “roadmap” for the public that clearly states the permitting process for each agency, the intersection of the interagency process for permitting. Post this on our website with links to the agencies.

### Project Tracking:

- \* Show external parties publicly available information for each project by putting including this on our website.
- Consider transitioning from our Excel spreadsheet to an online tool for our project tracking to make it easier for updating. Options for websites: (1) Dashboard by OMB (managed by DOT), (2) Project tracker by Office of the Fed Coordinator (managed by private contractor), (3) NSSI current model

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**Alaska IWG Project Tracking\_Master Spreadsheet\_10\_31\_13.xlsx**

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Sponsor	Permit Location	Issuing Agency	Specific permit	Description	Approval Date
ConocoPhillips Alaska Inc.	CD-5	USACE	Permit/EIS: POA-2005-1576_Colville River	Discharge 595,700 cubic yards of gravel into 58.5 acres of waters of the U.S. including wetlands to construct the CD-5 pad; access road and associated infrastructure	12/9/2011
Shell	Beaufort	BOEM	Exploration Plan	Describes all exploration activities for a specific lease, including timing, location, and analysis of potential impacts	Conditional Approval (8/4/11)
	Chukchi	BOEM	Exploration Plan	Describes all exploration activities for a specific lease, including timing, location, and analysis of potential impacts	Conditional Approval (12/16/11)
Statoil	Chukchi	NOAA	Incidental Harassment Authorization	Shallow Hazards Survey	7/28/11

Reviews/Updates Timeline	Final Permit Link	Application Link	Additional Info		
<p>The time limit for completing the work authorized ends on December 31, 2018. In March 2013, a lawsuit was filed by Trustees for Alaska for seven residents of Nuiqsut over subsistence and adequacy of the EIS. The Center for Biological Diversity has given a 60-day notice to sue for alleged ESA and NEPA non-compliance.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.pod.usace.army.mil/Portals/6/docs/regulatory/appeals/POA-2005-1576_Colville%20River_PERMIT.pdf">http://www.pod.usace.army.mil/Portals/6/docs/regulatory/appeals/POA-2005-1576_Colville%20River_PERMIT.pdf</a></p>				
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<p>Authorization valid from 8/30/11 through 11/30/11</p>	<p><a href="http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/pdfs/permits/statoil_issued2011.pdf">http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/pdfs/permits/statoil_issued2011.pdf</a></p>	<p><a href="http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/pdfs/permits/statoil_issued2011.pdf">http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/pdfs/permits/statoil_issued2011.pdf</a></p>			

Sponsor	Permit Location	Issuing Agency	Specific permit	Description	Approval Date	Reviews/Updates Timeline
<b>Alyeska Pipeline Service Co - Valdez Marine Terminal</b>	Prince William Sound	<b>EPA</b>	NPDES permit	The permit authorizes discharges of treated ballast water and sanitary/domestic waste.	<b>Issued 10/30/2012</b>	Permit effective 12/1/2012; expire 11/30/2017.
<b>AK Gasline Development</b>	Alaska North Slope to Cook Inlet	<b>USACE</b>	Permit/EIS	In-state natural gas pipeline (ASAP - AK Stand Alone Natural Gas Pipeline)	<b>FEIS published 10/26/2012</b>	
<b>Apache</b>	Cook Inlet	<b>NOAA</b>	Incidental Harrassment Authorization (IHA)	Issuance of an incidental harassment authorization to the Apache Alaska Corporation to harass small numbers of marine mammals incidental to a marine geophysical (seismic) survey conducted by Apache in Cook Inlet, Alaska between April 2012 and April 2013.	<b>4/30/2102 - NOAA. May 2012 and 10/9/2012 - USACE</b>	Authorization was valid from April 30, 2012 through April 30, 2013 - NOAA. USACE permits expire two years after NWP verification.
<b>BLM</b>	NPR-A	<b>BLM</b>	Oil + Gas Lease Sale	Sale within the Northeast (NE) and the Northwest (NW) NPR-A planning areas competitive oil and gas lease by sealed bid to the highest qualified bidder	<b>11/7/2012</b>	
<b>BP</b>	Beaufort	<b>NOAA</b>	Incidental Harrassment Authorization (IHA)	Issuance of an incidental harassment authorization to take, by Level B harassment only, small numbers of marine mammals incidental to conducting an open-water ocean bottom cable seismic survey in the Simpson Lagoon of the Beaufort Sea.	<b>6/29/2012</b>	The authorization was valid from July 1, 2012 through October 15, 2012.
<b>ConocoPhillips</b>	NPR-A, Beluga River Unit	<b>BLM</b>	Application for Permit to Drill	Drilling permits in NPR-A	<b>12/27/2012</b>	BLM Approved Cassin #1 Well APD
<b>ConocoPhillips</b>	NPR-A	<b>BLM</b>	Summer Studies	ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. (CPAI) requested authorization to conduct environmental studies, pre-development scouting, exploration well preparation and inspection, and other activities in the National Petroleum Reserve Alaska (NPR-A). The company proposed to conduct a variety of studies including but not limited to geological, biological, hydrological, archaeological, cultural, and or lake studies. Additional studies concerning placement of oil wells and potential access routes are possible. The studies commenced in May 2012 and concluded in October.	<b>5/17/2012</b>	The authorization was valid from July 1, 2012 through October 31, 2012.
<b>Eni Petroleum - Spy Island Drillsite</b>	Beaufort Sea	<b>EPA</b>	NPDES permit	The permit authorizes emergency discharges from the Spy Island Drillsite (North Slope's Nikaitchuq field) when the deep-waste Underground Injection Control (UIC) well is offline.	<b>Issued 10/26/2012</b>	Permit effective on 1/1/2013; expire 12/31/2018.
<b>ExxonMobil</b>	Point Thomson	<b>USACE</b>	Permit/EIS	Discharge gravel into 267.1 acres of waters of the U.S. including wetlands and structures in navigable waters	<b>10/26/2012</b>	The time limit for completing the work authorized ends on October 31, 2017

Exploration in the Arctic	Beaufort and Chukchi Seas	EPA	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permits	The general permits authorize 13 types of discharges from exploratory drilling. All operators must submit Notices of Intent (NOI) 120 days prior to initiation of discharges; operators that received permit coverage under the previous general permit must submit new NOIs that comply with the requirements of the new permits.	Issued 10/29/2012	Permits effective on November 28, 2012 and expire on November 27, 2017.
ION	Beaufort and Chukchi	BOEM	Geological & Geophysical permit	Authorization to conduct marine seismic exploration in Beaufort and Chukchi seas.	Issued 10/12/2012	
		NOAA	Incidental Harassment Authorization for Seismic Surveys	Request by ION Geophysical for an Incidental Harassment Authorization to allow the incidental take of marine mammals during a marine seismic survey in the Arctic Ocean, October–December 2012		The authorization was valid from October 17, 2012 through December 15, 2012
Beaufort		BSEE	Oil Spill Response Plan (OSRP) Approval	Detail of equipment, logistics, and overall 30-day plan for worst-case scenario oil spill response	3/28/2012	Unannounced equipment inspection conducted Sep 24 - 28, 2012. Unannounced tabletop drill conducted Sep 5, 2012.
		BSEE	Application for Permit to Drill	Limited permits (allowing drilling of top section of well only) approved for Sivulliq N and Torpedo H sites.	9/20/2012 (Sivulliq); 10/18/2012 (Torpedo)	Partial permitted work completed at Sivulliq N.
		EPA	Air permit - Discoverer ship	Authorize air pollution emissions from Shell's oil and gas exploration drilling with the Discoverer drillship and a support fleet of icebreakers, oil-spill-response vessels, and supply ships in the Beaufort Sea and Chukchi Sea.	1/27/2012	In Dec 2011, Congress moved air permitting in the arctic from EPA to BOEM, except for pending permits, which include EPA's permits issued to Shell for the Discoverer and Kulluk.
		EPA	Air permit - Kulluk ship	Allows air pollutant emissions from Shell's exploration drilling with the Kulluk drill rig and a support fleet of icebreakers, oil spill response vessels, and supply ships for up to 120 days each year	4/12/2012; modified 9/28/2012	
		NOAA	Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA)	Issuance of incidental harassment authorizations to Shell Offshore Inc. to take, by Level B harassment only, small numbers of marine mammals incidental to conducting an offshore exploratory drilling program in the Beaufort and Chukchi seas during the 2012 open water season	5/2/2012	The authorization was valid from July 1, 2012 through October 31, 2012.
		FWS	LOA (Letter of Authorization) 12-13 - exploration drilling incidental take	Incidental or intentional take of polar bears, pacific walruses, seals, and other marine mammals under the Marine Mammal Protection Act.	6/1/2012	Permits expire around 6 months from date of issuance; these expire November 30, 2012, and must be re-applied for then.

Shell		FWS	LOA 12-14 - onshore baseline studies incidental take	Incidental or intentional take of polar bears, pacific walruses, seals, and other marine mammals under the Marine Mammal Protection Act.	6/1/2012	
		FWS	LOA 12-INT-11 - intentional take	Incidental or intentional take of polar bears, pacific walruses, seals, and other marine mammals under the Marine Mammal Protection Act.	6/1/2012	
	Chukchi	BSEE	Oil Spill Response Plan (OSRP) Approval	Detail of equipment, logistics, and overall 30-day plan for worst-case scenario oil spill response	2/17/2012	Unannounced equipment inspection conducted Sep 24 - 28, 2012
		BSEE	Application for Permit to Drill	Limited permits (allowing drilling of top section of well only) approved for Burger A, Burger J, and Burger V sites.	8/30/2012 (A); 9/27/2012 (J); 10/18/2012 (V)	Permitted work completed at Burger A.\
		EPA	Air permit - Discoverer ship	Authorize air pollution emissions from Shell's oil and gas exploration drilling with the Discoverer drillship and a support fleet of icebreakers, oil-spill-response vessels, and supply ships in the Beaufort Sea and Chukchi Sea.	1/27/2012; Compliance Order issued 9/7/2012	
		EPA	Air Permit Modification - Discoverer	Shell intends to submit a permit modification application in mid-November.		Schedule for permit modification is under development.
		NOAA	Incidental Harrassment Authorization (IHA)	Issuance of incidental harassment authorizations to Shell Offshore Inc. to take, by Level B harassment only, small numbers of marine mammals incidental to conducting an offshore exploratory drilling program in the Beaufort and Chukchi seas during the 2012 open water season	5/2/2012	The authorization was valid from July 1, 2012 through October 31, 2012.
		FWS	LOA 12-CS-02 exploration drilling incidental take	Incidental or intentional take of polar bears, pacific walruses, seals, and other marine mammals under the Marine Mammal Protection Act.	6/1/2012	
		FWS	LOA 12-CS-03 onshore baseline studies incidental take	Incidental or intentional take of polar bears, pacific walruses, seals, and other marine mammals under the Marine Mammal Protection Act.	6/1/2012	
		FWS	LOA 12-INT-12 intentional take	Incidental or intentional take of polar bears, pacific walruses, seals, and other marine mammals under the Marine Mammal Protection Act.	6/1/2012	

<p><b>Shell</b></p>	<p>NPR-A</p>	<p><b>BLM</b></p>	<p>Summer Studies</p>	<p>Shell applied for a permit to conduct a 2012 Coastal Marine and Onshore Environmental Baseline Study Program.  The study program includes surveys and assessments to gather baseline data at selected study locales just offshore of, and on the Chukchi Sea coastline, adjacent onshore lands. The general objective of the 2012 study program is to gather additional data to further develop understanding of the physical, biological, and social environment in areas where potential onshore infrastructure may be necessary for future development of oil and gas resources at Shell's Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) prospects in the Chukchi Sea.</p>	<p><b>6/6/2012</b></p>	<p>The authorization was valid from June 6, 2012 through October 4, 2012.</p>
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Sponsor	Permit Location	Issuing Agency	Specific permit	Description	Approval Date	Reviews/Updates Timeline
BP Exploration (Alaska), Inc.	Beaufort Sea	BOEM	Ancillary Activity (Suspension of Production)	BOEM will conduct regulatory review and issue a Record of Decision (ROD) for DPP. Suspension of Production (SOP) is effective through December 31, 2014. Upon receipt of complete, timely and actionable Liberty Unit DPP, BOEM will conduct regulatory review and prepare appropriate NEPA documentation. BSEE will extend the SOP as necessary to accommodate BOEM's review.	<b>Ancillary Activity completion date: May 15, 2013</b>	BP has until December 2014 to submit a new development and production plan to achieve Liberty Unit production prior to December 31, 2020.  BPXA needs to submit DPP before December 31, 2014, when SOP is set to expire.
		BSEE	Ancillary Activity (Suspension of Production)	Determined reasonable time period to develop a DPP is two years from the date of the end of the current Suspension of Production (December 21, 2014). Any further SOP approvals are contingent on the submission of a complete, timely and actionable proposed DPP prior to that date. BSEE requires BP to provide progress reviews on a quarterly basis during SOP summarizing status of work efforts leading to submission of Liberty DPP. If BPXA fails to submit progress report or DPP prior to December 31, 2014, the SOP will expire on that date.	<b>Ancillary Activity completion date: May 15, 2013</b>	BP has until December 2014 to submit a new development and production plan to achieve Liberty Unit production prior to December 31, 2020.  BPXA needs to submit DPP before December 31, 2014, when SOP is set to expire
Conoco Phillips	NPR-A	BLM	Application Permit to Drill	Drilling permits in NPR-A	<b>1/7/2013</b>	BLM approved Cassin #6 Well APD
Conoco Phillips	NPR-A	BLM	Summer Studies	ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. (CPAI) requested authorization to conduct environmental studies, pre-development scouting, exploration well preparation and inspection, and other activities in the National Petroleum Reserve Alaska (NPR-A). The company propose to conduct a variety of studies including but not limited to geological, biological, hydrological, archaeological, cultural, and or lake studies. Additional studies concerning placement of oil wells and potential access routes are possible. The studies commenced in May and continue through freeze up in the fall of 2013.	<b>5/17/2013</b>	2013 Studies will conclude by October 15, 2013
Linc Energy	NPR-A	BLM	Application Permit to Drill	Drilling permits in NPR-A	<b>1/18/2013</b>	BLM approved DSP 1 APD
Geotechnical Surveying in the Arctic	Beaufort and Chukchi Seas	EPA	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit	The general permit will authorize discharges from geotechnical surveying activities in the Beaufort and Chukchi OCS. This is a new permit.	<b>Targeted issuance: Spring 2014</b>	Public review of the draft permit planned for Fall 2013.

<p><b>BP Exploration (Alaska), Inc</b></p>	<p>Beaufort Sea</p>	<p><b>BOEM</b></p>	<p>Ancillary Activity</p>	<p>Ancillary activities (geophysical surveys) to characterize seafloor and shallow sediments on two BP OCS leases during open water season of 2013.</p> <p>BP ancillary activities include 10 % survey work on federal leases, and 90% state waters survey work. Shallow geotechnical study - BPXA Inc. conducted ancillary activities in support of the Liberty Development. The activities included a 2013 Geophysical Investigation to obtain information to support identification of possible future pad island locations and for evaluating proposed pipeline routing</p>	<p><b>Project status: completed on July 29, 2013</b></p>	<p>BOEM issued letter of review for BP's ancillary activities on July 19, 2013, which was distributed to State &amp; Federal agencies, and other stakeholders. BPXA began ancillary activity on July 22, 2013. BOEM received and monitored daily reports. BP's contractor, Coastal Frontiers, submitted its final survey daily report on July 30, 2013. Golder Geophysics (BP's other contractor) demobilized on July 26, 2013.</p>
<p><b>Shell Gulf of Mexico Inc.</b></p>	<p>Chukchi Sea</p>	<p><b>BOEM</b></p>	<p>Ancillary Activity</p>	<p>2013 Chukchi Sea Open Water Ancillary Geotechnical Survey study. Shell's Program is a continuation of the survey program Shell initiated in 2008 to generate data necessary to evaluate the physical environment in the vicinity of Shell's on-going Chukchi Sea exploration program for the possible future location of facilities to support continued exploration and possible development activities. Ancillary activities include geological and geophysical exploration, high-resolution geophysical, geotechnical, archaeological, biological, etc. studies conducted on an OCS lease.</p>	<p><b>Project status: completed on October 3, 2013</b></p>	<p>BOEM issued a letter of review for the ancillary activities on July 17, 2013. <i>Nordica</i> arrived in Dutch Harbor on September 15, 2013, and the <i>Fennica</i> arrived on October 3, 2013; both vessels returned after completing survey operations in the Chukchi Sea.</p>
		<p><b>NOAA</b></p>	<p>Incidental Harassment Authorization</p>	<p>Shell submitted a Marine Mammal Protection Act incidental harassment authorization for an open water marine survey.</p>	<p><b>IHA issued on July 15, 2013</b></p>	
<p><b>Apache</b></p>	<p>Cook Inlet</p>	<p><b>NOAA</b></p>	<p>Incidental Harassment Authorization</p>	<p>Apache proposed to conduct 3D seismic survey in 2013. Apache submitted a Marine Mammal Protection Act Incidental Harassment Authorization application.</p>	<p><b>IHA issued on 2/15/2013</b></p>	

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Coal Mining	Usibelli	Coal Mining - Wishbone Hill Mine
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Coal Mining	PacRim Coal LLC	Chuitna Coal mine proposal to mine a 5,000-acre lease tract with coal reserves of 300M tons. A 25-year life of mine is estimated at a production rate of 12 million tons per year.
Exploratory Drilling	ConocoPhillips	ConocoPhillips proposes to drill 1 or 2 exploration wells on the OCS in the Chukchi Sea (Devils Paw prospect) during the 2015 open water season. The drilling would be conducted using a jack-up rig and a variety of vessels to support the drill rig operations. The purpose of the explorataion drilling of the wells is to test whether oil deposits are present in a commercially viable quantity and quality.

<b>Exploratory Drilling</b>	<b>Kenai Drilling LLC</b>	Coast Guard Sector Anchorage conducted an inspections of the Mobile Offshore Driling Unit ENDEAVOR SPIRIT OF INDEPEDENCE
<b>Exploratory Drilling</b>	<b>Linc Energy</b>	Linc Energy Operations, Inc. (Linc) has applied for permits and/or posted notices to access and drill on valid oil and gas leases during a one-year winter delineation program in the Northeast (NE) National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A).
<b>Exploratory Drilling</b>	<b>Spartan Offshore</b>	Coast Guard Sector Anchorage conducted an inspections of the Mobile Offshore Driling Unit SPARTAN 151
<b>Gas Pipeline</b>	<b>The Alaska Pipeline Project (a venture of TransCanada and ExxonMobil)</b>	Construction and operation of a gas treatment plant on the North Slope and a large-diameter pipeline to transport the gas to market.
<b>Hydropower</b>	<b>Alaska Energy Authority</b>	The Susitna-Watana Hydropower Project would include construction of a dam, reservoir and related facilities on the Susitna River, 184 river miles from Cook Inlet. Transmission lines connecting into the existing Railbelt transmission system and an access road would also be constructed.

<b>Marine Surveys</b>	<b>Shell</b>	<p>Shell continues their marine environmental baseline survey program to gather data associated with the marine mammal monitoring and mitigation plan for Shell's 2013 open water marine surveys activities in the Chukchi Sea.</p> <p>Also, as part of the OCS oil &amp; gas industry operated monitoring of marine mammals since 2006; the monitoring program has been conducted by various operators, including ConocoPhillips (2006 &amp; 2009), Shell, and Olgoonik/Fairweather (2010 – 2012).</p> <p>Each year the monitoring programs have been carefully coordinated by the operator with the USFWS and NMFS with the inclusion of and adherence to mitigation measures including vessel routing, vessel speed, requirements for observers, requirements for reporting and is formalized through a Section 7 Consultation and LOA/IHA.</p>
<b>Oil and Gas Operations</b>	<b>BP - Northstar Unit</b>	<p>BP produces oil from an offshore development in the Northstar Unit.</p> <p>The current well count is 21 producers (6 federal), 6 gas injectors (1 federal) and 2 waste disposal wells. As of December 31, 2012, production for year 2012 averaged 8.3 thousand barrels per day with cumulative production of 3.0 million barrels of oil in year 2012.</p>
<b>Pipeline Construction</b>	<b>NordAq Energy</b>	<p>Construct a 2.75 mile long road and natural gas pipeline through 3.6 acres of wetlands and a 6.3 acre upland pad to drill for and produce natural gas.</p>
<b>Production Drilling</b>	<b>ConcocoPhillips</b>	<p>CPAI proposes to develop petroleum resources in the NPR-A. CPAI submitted an application for issuance of a right-of-way grant and related authorizations to construct, operate and maintain a drill site, access road, pipelines and ancillary facilities.</p>

<b>Rig Maintenance</b>	<b>Buccaneer Alaska</b>	
<b>Seismic Survey</b>	<b>Apache</b>	Apache proposes to conduct a 3D seismic survey in 2014 for oil and gas exploration.
<b>Seismic Survey</b>	<b>TGS</b>	Proposed 2D marine streamer seismic survey activities during the 2013 open water period in Alaskan and international waters of the Chukchi Sea.
<b>Seismic Survey</b>	<b>Furie</b>	Furie seeks to conduct a seismic survey of the sea floor to gather data on the presence of oil and gas in Cook Inlet.
<b>Seismic Survey</b>	<b>SAExploration, Inc.</b>	SAE proposes to conduct 3D notal or ocean-bottom cable seismic surveys in state and federal waters in the Beaufort Sea during the 2013 open water season.

<b>Drilling Program</b>	Buccaneer Alaska Operations LLC	Buccaneer Alaska Operations submitted an application for an incidental harassment authorization to take marine mammal species by harassment due to sound produced by drilling operations in Upper Cook Inlet, Alaska, from April through October 2014.
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Location	Agencies	Agency role/involvement
<b>Matanuska Valley near Palmer and Sutton</b>	<b>DOI</b>	Dept. of Interior, Office of Surface Mining
<b>Near Healy</b>	<b>USACE</b>	404 Permit
<b>Beluga coal fields, Western Cook Inlet</b>	<b>USACE</b>	Lead in preparation of an EIS involving numerous Federal agencies (EPA, FWS, etc) & Tribes (e.g., Native Village of Tyonek)
<b>Chukchi Sea</b>	<b>BOEM</b>	<p>Exploration Plan--Describes all exploration activities for a specific lease, including timing, location, and analysis of potential impacts.</p> <p>BOEM has not "deemed the EP submitted"; not reviewed nor approved.</p>
	<b>BSEE</b>	<p>BSEE AKR - Approves a Application for Permit to Drill (APD). Inspects and monitor field drilling operations.</p> <p>BSEE SR - Oil Spill Response Plan--Detail of equipment, logistics, and overall 30-day plan for worst-case scenario oil spill</p>
	<b>FWS</b>	FWS BiOp (ESA) and Letter of Authorization (MMPA) required for permit.

<b>Cook Inlet</b>	<b>USCG</b>	Certificate of Compliance
<b>NPR-A</b>	<b>BLM</b>	Application for Permit to Drill--Drilling Permits in NPR-A
<b>Cook Inlet</b>	<b>USCG</b>	Certificate of Compliance
Revised project may run from the <b>North Slope to Southcentral Alaska</b> . (Original proposal would have run to the Canadian border.)	<b>FERC</b>	Prepare EIS and issue certificate of public convenience and necessity.
	<b>FWS</b>	Review/comment on project Resource Reports consistent with Fish & Wildlife Coordination Act.
<b>Susitna River</b>	<b>FERC</b>	Jurisdiction over project (Federal Power Act).
	<b>NOAA</b>	Participation in the study plan process (part of the Integrated License Process)
	<b>FWS</b>	Review/comment on project study plans consistent with Fish & Wildlife Coordination Act and Federal Power Act.

<b>Chukchi Seas</b>	<b>FWS</b>	Letter of Authorization
	<b>NOAA</b>	MMPA Regulations and Associated LOA-- Request for Letter of Authorization covering the taking of marine mammals incidental to conducting operations at the Northstar facility.
	<b>FWS</b>	Letter of Authorization
<b>Beaufort Sea</b>	<b>FWS</b>	Letter of Authorization
	<b>USFWS</b>	Section 404 CWA and Title XI ANILCA-- Shadura Natural Gas Development
	<b>USACE</b>	USACE is a commenting agency for the EIS.
<b>Near Nikiski, Alaska W/in the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge</b>	<b>USACE</b>	USACE is a commenting agency for the EIS.
<b>Greater Mooses Tooth Unit in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska (NPR-A)</b>	<b>BLM</b>	Right-of-way authorization; Approval of Application for Permit to Drill

<b>Kachemak Bay</b>	<b>USACE</b>	Section 10 RHA; Unauthorized Activity. Jack-Up Rig lowered legs into Kachemak Bay without a DA permit while performing maintenance on the rig.
<b>Cook Inlet</b>	<b>USACE</b>	Sec 10 RHA and Sec 404 CWA--Request by Apache Alaska Corp. for laying on-bottom cables on the floor of Cook Inlet to record seismic data and the temporary discharge of fill material associated with the drilling of shot holes between the HTL and MLLW mark of Cook Inlet. The project area in Cook Inlet is 2,000 square miles in size.
	<b>NOAA</b>	Apache submitted a Marine Mammal Protection Act Incidental Harassment Authorization application for 2014 work
	<b>FWS</b>	Request by Apache Alaska Corp. for an Incidental Harassment Authorization to allow the incidental take of sea otters during a seismic survey in Cook Inlet.
<b>Chukchi Sea</b>	<b>BOEM</b>	G&G geophysical permit - TGS is planning a 2D seismic survey in the summer of 2013.
	<b>NOAA</b>	TGS submitted a Marine Mammal Protection Act Incidental Harassment Authorization application
<b>Cook Inlet</b>	<b>NOAA</b>	Furie submitted a Marine Mammal Protection Act Incidental Harassment Authorization
<b>Beaufort Sea</b>	<b>BOEM</b>	G&G geophysical permit
	<b>FWS</b>	Letter of Authorization

<b>Cook Inlet</b>	<b>NOAA</b>	Incidental Harassment Authorization
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Current Status and Next Steps	Documents/More Info
<p>Project is for surface coal mining of the Matanuska Coal Field. The DNR coal mine permit renewal is currently being challenged in court. The permit renewal was also questioned by the Dept. of Interior's Office of Surface Mining.</p>	<p>Also needs permits from ADNR and ADEC. Waste Management permit from ADEC up for renewal.</p>
<p>Corp of Engineers issued Nationwide Permit 21 for project in 2012. Still needs wastewater permits from ADEC and Fish Passage permits from ADF&amp;G.</p>	
<p>DEIS under development. Application received June 2013.</p>	
<p>COP advised BOEM on May 10, 2013, it was placing its EP on hold due to permitting and regulatory uncertainty. Plan on conducting operations in 2014.</p> <p>Filed 3/1/12: Awaiting response from ConocoPhillips to BOEM's request for additional information. Planned drilling in 2015. Plan on conducting operations in 2014.</p> <p>On June 17, 2013, COP representatives met with BOEM/BSEE to discuss Alaska OCS Standards. COP expressed interest in seeking possible suspension of operations for its Chukchi Sea leases. As of October 2013, ConocoPhillips has put their EP on an indefinite hold</p>	<p><a href="http://www.boem.gov/About-BOEM/BOEM-Regions/Alaska-Region/Leasing-and-Plans/Plans/2014-ConocoPhillips-Chukchi-EP/Index.aspx">http://www.boem.gov/About-BOEM/BOEM-Regions/Alaska-Region/Leasing-and-Plans/Plans/2014-ConocoPhillips-Chukchi-EP/Index.aspx</a></p>
<p>Review on-going; TBD</p>	
<p>If consultation is needed (as determined by BOEM/BSEE), a BiOp will be issued within 180 days of receipt of an adequate Biological Assessment; LOA will be issued within 90 of completed project plan.</p>	

<p>Inspection Complete and Certificate of Compliance was issued on 3/24/13, valid for 1 year.</p>	
<p>EA (DOI-BLM-AK010-2013-0002-EA) signed on 1/18/2013, authorizing seven wells near Umiat. A plan of operations for fall-winter 2013-14 is expected by mid-September.</p>	
<p>Inspection Complete and Certificate of Compliance was issued on 3/26/13, valid for 1 year.</p>	
<p>NOI Issued 8/11. EIS on hold, awaiting information from companies whether they will pursue original project or revised LNG export project. Companies submitted Draft Resource Reports 1 through 11 in January 2012, which detail and discuss the original project's potential impact on soils, vegetation, streams, lakes, wetlands, water quality, wildlife, fish and other resources. State of Alaska approved project sponsors' request to defer filing FERC application until October 2014, at the earliest. The new deadline applies only for a pipeline to serve North American markets. There is no similar state deadline for an LNG export project at this time.</p>	<p><a href="http://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/File_list.asp?document_id=13987572">http://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/File_list.asp?document_id=13987572</a></p>
<p>Will meet deadlines established by FERC.</p>	
<p>February 1, 2013: FERC issues Study Plan Determination for 44 of 58 studies. April 1, 2013: FERC issues Study Plan Determination for remaining 14 studies.</p>	<p>Applicant website: <a href="http://www.susitna-watanahydro.org/">http://www.susitna-watanahydro.org/</a>. See FERC e-library (P-14241) for more information</p>

<p>Initial request received 22 Jan 2013; decision within 90 of completed project plan.</p>	
<p>Decision expected in the coming weeks.</p>	<p>Application:  <a href="http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/pdfs/permits/apache_ak_iha_application2012.pdf">http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/pdfs/permits/apache_ak_iha_application2012.pdf</a></p>
<p>Application anticipated.</p>	
<p>USFWS is finalizing an EIS examining alternative right-of-ways to access inholdings that will be used to explore and produce natural gas from the subsurface estate within Kenai National Wildlife Refuge. The public comment period on the Draft EIS closed on February 19, 2013. Completion of the Final EIS is anticipated by 29 Mar 2013.</p>	<p><a href="http://alaska.fws.gov/nwr/planning/nepa.htm">http://alaska.fws.gov/nwr/planning/nepa.htm</a></p>
<p>The USACE Draft ROD is under internal review.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.poa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/PublicNotices/tabid/3350/Article/7871/poa-2009-1228-swanson-river.aspx">http://www.poa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/PublicNotices/tabid/3350/Article/7871/poa-2009-1228-swanson-river.aspx</a></p>
<p>Applications have been accepted. Notice of Intent to Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement to the Alpine Satellite Development Plan EIS to publish in the Federal Register.</p>	<p>Documents are available at BLM's Public Rooms in the Anchorage Federal Building and Fairbanks District Office</p>

<p>DA permits needed for past &amp; future placement of jack-up rigs in Port Graham, Seward and Homer (2 issued and 2 pending). The Native Village of Port Graham has raised concerns with the jack-up rig overwintering in the waters of Port Graham.</p>	
<p>Three Pre-Construction Notifications (PCN) were submitted on October 2012, November 2012 and January 2013. All verifications issued. One PCN was submitted June 2013. 106 consultation was completed July 2013. Working to complete verification.</p>	<p>USACE and NOAA-PR1 are jointly consulted under the ESA for the Cook Inlet Beluga whale, including listed Critical Habitat, and the Steller Sea Lion.</p>
<p>IHA application in review.</p>	
<p>Application expected.</p>	
<p>No G&amp;G application has been submitted, but an IHA application was filed. BOEM received the draft Plan of Cooperation in January, 2013.</p>	
<p>Final IHA issued on August 14, 2013.</p>	
<p>IHA application in review.</p>	
<p>Work on the seismic survey has been cancelled; suspended until 2014</p>	
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Action/Lead/Issuing Agency	Location
BLM	Bering Sea Western Interior (BSWI)
	Central Yukon (CY)
	Eastern Interior (EI)
	National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A)
BOEM	Beaufort and Chukchi
BOEM	Chukchi
BOEM	Cook Inlet

<b>EPA</b>	Cook Inlet federal waters
<b>FWS</b>	Chukchi
<b>NOAA</b>	Beaufort and Chukchi

Consulting/Cooperating Agency	Permit/Document
	BSWI Resource Management Plan (RMP)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
	CY Resource Management Plan (RMP)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
	EI Resource Management Plan (RMP)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
FWS	NPR-A Integrated Activity Plan (IAP)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
NOAA	Biological Opinion
FWS	Biological Opinion
	Chukchi Sea Oil and Gas Lease Sale 237
	Cook Inlet Lease Sale 244

<p>ADEC has a companion permit for Cook Inlet state waters</p>	<p>Cook Inlet NPDES General Permit for Oil &amp; Gas Exploration and Cook Inlet APDES General Permit for Mobile Oil and Gas Exploration Facilities in State Waters in Cook Inlet</p>
	<p>Incidental Take Regulations for Oil &amp; Gas Operations in Chukchi Sea</p>
<p>BOEM; North Slope Borough (also cooperating); EPA, FWS, and AEWC involved</p>	<p>Environmental Impact Statement - EIS on the Effects of Oil and Gas Activities in the Arctic Ocean</p>

Description	Current Status and Next Steps
RMP/EIS evaluates appropriate multiple use management for BSWI Planning Area	Pre-scoping Phase. Scoping could begin as soon as April 2013.
RMP/EIS evaluates appropriate multiple use management forCY Planning Area	Pre-scoping Phase. Scoping could begin as soon as April 2013.
RMP/EIS evaluates appropriate multiple use management forCY Planning Area	Draft RMP Comment period closes on April 11, 2013. EI Proposed RMP/Final EIS in FY'14.
IAP evaluates appropriate multiple use management for NPR-A, including identifying lands available for O&G development. NMFS sent letter of concurrence to BLM on Dec. 6, 2012.	Record of Decision signed February 21, 2013.
BOEM requested NOAA Fisheries reinitiate consultation under the Endangered Species Act to assess the effects of its ongoing and foreseeable exploration and leasing activities in the Beaufort Sea and Chukchi Sea. The Biological Opinion also addresses the transit area from Dutch Harbor to the Bering Strait.	Final Biological Opinion sent to BOEM and BSEE on April 2, 2013.
	Completed.
BOEM is beginning preparation for OCS Sale 237. The Call for Information and Nominations for Lease Sale 237 still remains with the ASLM	Published the Call for Information and Nominations in the Federal Register on September 27, 2013. Alaska Region currently proposing extension to the 45-day comment period due to the government shutdown in October 2013.
BOEM is scheduled to hold a lease sale for Cook Inlet in 2016	BOEM-AK Region has submitted the Area ID package on August 16, 2013 to HQ

<p>The Cook Inlet NPDES General Permit authorizes 13 types of discharges from exploratory drilling. The Cook Inlet APDES General Permit authorizes 14 types of discharges from exploratory drilling. All operators must submit Notices of Intent (NOI) 120 days prior to initiation of discharge.</p>	<p>The EPA Cook Inlet NPDES General Permit is out for public comment through May 21. The ADEC Cook Inlet APDES General Permit is out for public comment through May 22.</p>
<p>General authorization under MMPA for incidental take from oil &amp; gas operations (5 year period); specific projects require Letters of Authorization (1 year period).</p>	<p>Proposed ITRs published Jan 9, 2013 with 30 day comment period. Target publication of Final ITRs is June 12, 2012.</p>
<p>The EIS would include an analysis of the environmental impacts of issuing Marine Mammal Protection Act Incidental Take Authorizations to the oil and gas industry for the taking of marine mammals incidental to offshore exploration activities (e.g., seismic surveys and exploratory drilling) in federal and state waters off of the U.S. Chukchi and Beaufort Seas.</p>	<p>Supplemental Draft Arctic EIS posted to NOAA Arctic EIS website on March 21, 2013. Public comment period closed on June 27, 2013. Public Meetings in Kotzebue (April 8), Barrow (April 10), and Anchorage (April 11). Reviewing public comments. Intent is to complete the Final EIS by late spring/early summer 2014.</p>

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**Re: Questions on Shell & IWG**

1 message

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Thu, Nov 14, 2013 at 1:12 PM

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On Thu, Nov 14, 2013 at 5:10 PM, Kendall, James <james.kendall@boem.gov> wrote:

What's your number.....the one I have is a fax machine.

On Thu, Nov 14, 2013 at 12:27 PM, Bowman, Randal <randal\_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Didn't want to raise this on the call, since I don't know the answers, but a couple of things occurred to me after your report -

first, presuming that some other agencies are also involved in permits or approvals for this as it goes forward (i.e. before they start drilling), if not this document, is there any way to ensure that the other Feds get the application slightly before public release, so they can at least look at it before they start getting questions from media and stakeholders?

second, are you offering any cooperating agency/use of other agency staff for your NEPA review? I realize this could be a hassle because of the time constraints, but thought I would ask.

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**Re: Shell update on IWG call tomorrow?**

1 message

**Bowman, Randal** <randal\_bowman@ios.doi.gov>

Wed, Nov 20, 2013 at 7:28 AM

To: James Kendall &lt;james.kendall@boem.gov&gt;

Thanks

On Wed, Nov 20, 2013 at 11:01 AM, James Kendall &lt;james.kendall@boem.gov&gt; wrote:

Sure, no problem, jjk

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**From:** Bowman, Randal [mailto:randal\_bowman@ios.doi.gov]**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2013 08:51 AM**To:** James Kendall <James.Kendall@boem.gov>**Subject:** Shell update on IWG call tomorrow?

Are you available to give an update on this for the group call tomorrow at 3 eastern time?



Kendall, James &lt;james.kendall@boem.gov&gt;

## Re: Thursday meeting of Energy Permitting IWG - 3 PM Eastern time

1 message

Bowman, Randal &lt;randal\_bowman@ios.doi.gov&gt;

Thu, Nov 21, 2013 at 10:53 AM

To: "Pourchot, Pat" &lt;pat\_pourchot@ios.doi.gov&gt;, James Kendall &lt;James.Kendall@boem.gov&gt;

Not a problem - I hope. Jim, OK if Pat goes before you?

On Thu, Nov 21, 2013 at 2:43 PM, Pourchot, Pat <pat\_pourchot@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

could we move up discussion of project tracking to segue from my AK WG report? Thanks. (I need to be on way to next meeting by 11:45 am AST)

Pat Pourchot, Special Assistant to the Secretary for Alaska Affairs  
1689 C St. Suite 100  
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On Wed, Nov 20, 2013 at 1:47 PM, Bowman, Randal <randal\_bowman@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Here is our agenda as of today - if anyone has anything to add, please let me know. **This is our first call at the new time of 3 pm EST.**

### Alaska Interagency Working Group Staff Meeting Agenda

Thursday, November 14, 2013, 3:00 p.m. EST

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- CP Greater Mooses Tooth update - Chapters 1-3 of the SEIS were distributed to the cooperating agencies on Friday, Nov 15. Chapters 4-6 will be sent out Friday, Nov 22nd.
- Shell EP application -- update (Jim Kendall, BOEM)
- Regional IWG meeting - report (Pat Pourchot) and discussion (participants)
- Additional Items/Announcements
- Alaska IWG Internal Review-Permit coordination and project tracking -- discussion (all)

For our internal review discussion, here is Adrianna's summary of that part of the last call:

- The Regional Alaska IWG will review the meeting spreadsheet and consider potential changes that should be made, including additional information (e.g., involvement of tribal corporations), level of information needed (coarse v. detailed), potential software/web-based tools for tracking (e.g., Dashboard or another model), and who should best manage the system (e.g., Regional Alaska IWG).
- The group agreed that a 'roadmap' of sorts would be useful to inform the interagency and the public about the permitting process and the intersection of agency responsibilities. This should be done with consideration of who our primary and secondary 'consumers' and what type of permit information we want to relate to the public. The process would hopefully help to assess what specific type of coordination is needed most and where the Alaska IWG can support the process from the Regional and DC locations

To save your having to look at the prior email, the preliminary discussion points on this and some other points that did not make it into the call are attached. I am expecting information from Raya (Bakalov) Treiser at the Infrastructure IWG, including on their Dashboard system, and will forward that when I receive it.

A couple of key points from my discussion with her are 1) their responsibilities do not cover oil and gas permitting, and 2) they are actively working on both a streamlining/coordination process for projects involving multiple agencies, and a listing of each agency's permitting authorities. Because they do not cover oil and gas permitting, the Dashboard system may not be an appropriate location for us to post our spreadsheet information, but I will include it for informational and discussion purposes.

Randal Bowman  
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## Shell application

1 message

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**Bowman, Randal** <randal\_bowman@ios.doi.gov>

Mon, Nov 25, 2013 at 5:58 AM

To: James Kendall &lt;James.Kendall@boem.gov&gt;

First, thanks for the invitation for interagency participation in the NEPA work for this - I think it was well received.

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I would like to send a note on the offer to those not on the call. Is this OK? Please feel free to revise/redo as you see fit.

Invitation for cooperating agency/staff participation in BOEM NEPA work for the pending application from Shell for exploration work in the Chukchi Sea -

On Thursday's call, Jim Kendall of BOEM tendered an offer to the other IWG agencies to join as cooperating agencies in the NEPA portion of their evaluation of Shell's pending application, or to assign staff to work on the NEPA evaluation, or both. However, there are some significant constraints. By law, once the application is deemed complete and thus "submitted", BOEM must complete all evaluations and make a decision within 30 days. This will require staff working on the evaluation, including the NEPA portion, to likely work evenings and weekends, including possibly over the holidays, and it may accordingly be extremely difficult for agencies to join in for this application.

This application is merely the preliminary step, with multiple other opportunities for NEPA review, under more reasonable timelines, before actual operations would begin. Accordingly, BOEM will not consider a limited - or lack of - response to this invitation as a lack of interest by IWG agencies in joint NEPA work on future evaluations.