

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the Act prohibits the "taking" of endangered species such as the golden-cheeked warbler. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take endangered wildlife species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22.

Applicant: Steven G. Madere (Permit Number PRT-799859) plans to construct a single-family residence on Lot 22, Block H, Long Canyon Phase IIA Subdivision, a k a 9000 Bell Mountain Drive. This action will eliminate less than one half acre of land and indirectly impact less than one half additional acre of golden-cheeked warbler habitat. The applicant proposes to compensate for this incidental take of golden-cheeked warbler habitat by placing \$1,500 into the City of Austin Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Fund to acquire/manage lands for the conservation of the golden-cheeked warbler.

Applicant: Cecil Eugene Ethridge and Doug Van Skyock (Permit Number PRT-799946) plan to construct a single-family residence on Lot 44 on Mountain Trail, Comanche Trail #3 Resubdivision. This action will eliminate less than one half acre of land and indirectly impact less than one half additional acre of golden-cheeked warbler habitat. The applicant proposes to compensate for this incidental take of golden-cheeked warbler habitat by placing \$1,500 into the City of Austin Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Fund to acquire/manage lands for the conservation of the golden-cheeked warbler.

Applicant: Steven I. Adler (Permit Number PRT-800130) plans to construct a single-family residence on Lot 12 on Wildwind Point, Westlake Highlands Section 5, Phase 2, Revised Subdivision. This action will eliminate less than one half acre of land and indirectly impact less than one additional acre of golden-cheeked warbler habitat. The applicant proposes to compensate for this incidental take of golden-cheeked warbler habitat by placing \$1,500 into the City of Austin Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Fund to acquire/manage lands for the conservation of the golden-cheeked warbler.

Applicant: Richard S. Baggett (Permit Number PRT-800131) plans to construct a single-family residence on Lot 2, Block L, Long canyon, Phase IIB, a k a 9611 Bell Mountain Drive. This action will eliminate less than one half acre of land and indirectly impact less than one additional acre of golden-cheeked

warbler habitat. The applicant proposes to compensate for this incidental take of golden-cheeked warbler habitat by placing \$1,500 into the City of Austin Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Fund to acquire/manage lands for the conservation of the golden-cheeked warbler.

Applicant: Mr. and Mrs. Larry Michael Beasley (Permit Number PRT-800080) plan to construct a single-family residence on Lot 4 on Lime Creek Road, Lake Travis Subdivision No. 2. This action will eliminate less than one half acre of land and indirectly impact less than one additional acre of golden-cheeked warbler habitat. The applicant proposes to compensate for this incidental take of golden-cheeked warbler habitat by placing \$1,500 into the City of Austin Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Fund to acquire/manage lands for the conservation of the golden-cheeked warbler.

Alternatives to these actions were rejected by the Applicant(s) because selling or not developing the individually owned subject property with federally listed species present was not economically feasible.

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Acting Regional Director, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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Minerals Management Service

[DES 95-17]

Outer Continental Shelf, Gulf of Mexico Region, Proposed Central and Western Gulf Sales 157 and 161

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the draft environmental impact statement and intent to hold public hearings regarding proposed central and western Gulf of Mexico sales 157 and 161.

The Minerals Management Service has prepared a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) relating to proposed 1996 Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas lease sales in the Central and Western Gulf of Mexico. The proposed Central Gulf Sale 157 will offer for lease approximately 31.2 million unleased acres, and the Western Gulf Sale 161 will offer approximately 28.3 million unleased acres. 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.

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
 Refugio County Public Library, 815 South Commerce Street, Refugio
 Rice University, Fondren Library, 6100 South Main Street, Houston
 R.J. Kleberg Public Library, Fourth and Henrietta, Kingsville
 Rockwall County Library, 108 South Fannin Street, Rockwall
 Rosenberg Library, 2310 Sealy Street, Galveston
 Sam Houston Regional Library & Research Center, FM 1011 Governors Road, Liberty
 Texas A & M University, Corpus Christi Library, 6300 Ocean Drive, Corpus Christi
 Texas A & M University, Evans Library, Spence and Lubbock Streets, College Station
 Texas Southmost College Library, 1825 May Street, Brownsville
 Texas State Library, 1200 Brazos Street, Austin
 University of Houston Library, 4800 Calhoun Boulevard, Houston
 University of Texas at Brownsville, Arnulfo Oliveria Memorial Library, 80 Fort Brown, Brownsville
 University of Texas Law School, Tarlton Law Library, 727 East 26th Street, Austin
 University of Texas, LBJ School of Public Affairs Library, 2313 Red River Street, Austin,

University of Texas Library, 21st and
Speedway Streets, Austin
Victoria Public Library, 320 North Main,
Victoria

Louisiana

Calcasieu Parish Library, 327 Broad Street,
Lake Charles
Cameron Parish Library, Marshall Street,
Cameron
Grand Isle Branch Library, Highway 1, Grand
Isle
Government Documents Library, Loyola
University, 6363 St. Charles Avenue, New
Orleans
Iberville Parish Library, 24605 J. Gerald
Berret Boulevard, Plaquemine
Jefferson Parish Lobby Branch Library, 3410
North Causeway Boulevard, Metairie
Jefferson Parish West Bank Outreach Branch
Library, 2751 Manhattan Boulevard,
Harvey
Louisiana State University Library, 760
Riverside Road, Baton Rouge
Lafayette Public Library, 301 W. Congress
Street, Lafayette
Lafitte Branch Library, Route 1, Box 2, Lafitte
Lafourche Parish Library, 303 West 5th
Street, Thibodaux
Louisiana Tech University, Prescott
Memorial Library, Everet Street, Ruston
LUMCON, Library, Star Route 541, Chauvin
McNeese State University, Luther E. Frazier
Memorial Library, Ryan Street, Lake
Charles
New Orleans Public Library, 219 Loyola
Avenue, New Orleans
Nicholls State University, Nicholls State
Library, Leighton Drive, Thibodaux
Plaquemine Parish Library, 203 Highway 11,
South, Buras
St. Bernard Parish Library, 1125 East St.
Bernard Highway, Chalmette
St. Charles Parish Library, 105 Lakewood
Drive, Luling
St. John The Baptist Parish Library, 1334
West Airline Highway, Laplace
St. Mary Parish Library, 206 Iberia Street,
Franklin
St. Tammany Parish Library, Covington
Branch, 310 West 21st Street, Covington
St. Tammany Parish Library, Slidell Branch,
555 Robert Boulevard, Slidell
Terrebonne Parish Library, 424 Roussel
Street, Houma
Tulane University, Howard Tilton Memorial
Library, 7001 Freret Street, New Orleans
University of New Orleans Library,
Lakeshore Drive, New Orleans
University of Southwestern LA, Dupre
Library, 302 East St. Mary Boulevard,
Lafayette
Vermillion Parish Library, Abbeville Branch,
200 North Street, Abbeville

Mississippi

Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, Gunter
Library, 703 East Beach Drive, Ocean
Springs
Hancock County Library System, 312
Highway 90, Bay Saint Louis
Harrison County Library, 14th and 21st
Avenues, Gulfport
Jackson George Regional Library System,
3214 Pascagoula Street, Pascagoula

Alabama

Dauphin Island Sea Lab, Marine
Environmental Science Consortium,
Library, Bienville Boulevard, Dauphin
Island
Gulf Shores Public Library, Municipal
Complex, Route 3, Gulf Shores
Mobile Public Library, 701 Government
Street, Mobile
Montgomery Public Library, 445 South
Lawrence Street, Montgomery
Thomas B. Norton Public Library, 221 West
19th Avenue, Gulf Shores
University of South Alabama, University
Boulevard, Mobile

Florida

Bay County Public Library, 25 West
Government Street, Panama City
Florida A & M University, Coleman Memorial
Library, Martin Luther King Boulevard,
Tallahassee
Florida Northwest Regional Library System,
25 West Government Street, Panama City
Florida State University, Strozier Library,
Call Street and Copeland Avenue,
Tallahassee
Fort Walton Beach Public Library, 105
Miracle Strip Parkway, Fort Walton Beach
Leon County Public Library, 200 West Park
Avenue, Tallahassee
University of Florida Library, University
Avenue, Gainesville
University of Florida, Holland Law Center
Library, Southwest 25th Street and 2nd
Avenue, Gainesville
West Florida Regional Library, 200 West
Gregory Street, Pensacola

**Public Hearings for Proposed Central
and Western Gulf of Mexico Sales 157
and 161**

In accordance with 30 CFR 256.26,
the Minerals Management Service will
hold three public hearings (dates, times,
and locations are listed below) soliciting
comments on the draft environmental
impact statement (EIS) for proposed
1996 Gulf of Mexico Sales 157 and 161.
The hearings will provide the Secretary
of the Interior with information from
interested parties that will help in the
evaluation of the potential effects of
proposed lease Sales 157 and 161. These
hearings will also serve as an early
opportunity for determining the scope
of significant issues related to the
development of a draft EIS for proposed
1997 Gulf of Mexico Sales 166 and 168,
as well as for the draft EIS for the 5-year
OCS oil and gas leasing program for
1997-2002. The hearings will provide
information for the development of
appropriate alternatives and mitigating
measures, as well as for the
identification of significant issues, to be
considered in that draft EIS.

Persons who wish to testify at these
hearings may register the day of the
hearing at the hearing sites beginning
one hour prior to the meeting. Oral
testimony should be limited to 10

minutes. Each hearing will begin at the
specified time and will recess when all
speakers have had an opportunity to
testify. If there are no additional
speakers, the hearing will adjourn
immediately after the recess. Testimony
may be supplemented by a written
statement that, if submitted at a hearing,
will be considered as part of the hearing
record. Those unable to attend the
hearing may submit written statements
until the close of the comment period,
July 14, 1995. Written statements should
be submitted to the Regional Director,
Minerals Management Service, Gulf of
Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood
Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana
70123-2394.

Alabama: Dauphin Island on June 8,
1995; 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Dauphin Island Sea Lab, 101 Bienville
Boulevard, Dauphin Island,
Alabama

Texas: Houston on June 13, 1995; 1:00-
3:00 p.m.

Marriott International Airport Hotel,
18700 John F. Kennedy Boulevard,
Houston, Texas

Louisiana: New Orleans on June 14,
1995; 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Minerals Management Service, 1201
Elmwood Park Boulevard,
Conference Room 111, Jefferson,
Louisiana

Dated: April 14, 1995.

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*Associate Director for Offshore Minerals
Management.*

Willie R. Taylor,

*Director, Office of Environmental Policy and
Compliance.*

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Minerals Management Service (MMS)**Minerals Management Advisory Board,
Outer Continental Shelf (OCS),
Scientific Committee (SC);
Announcement of Plenary Session**

This Notice is issued in accordance
with the provisions of the Federal
Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-
463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix I, and the
Office of Management and Budget
Circular A-63, Revised.

The Minerals Management Advisory
Board OCS SC will meet in plenary
sessions on Wednesday, June 7, and
Thursday, June 8, 1995, at the Regal
Alaskan Hotel, 4800 Spenard Road,
Anchorage, Alaska 99517-3236,
telephone (907) 243-2300.

The SC is an outside group of
scientists which advises the Director,
MMS, on the feasibility,