

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,