

ACTION: 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 Letters of Authorization to take polar bears incidental to oil and gas industry exploration, development, and production activities have been issued to the following companies:

Company	Activity	Location	Date issued
ARCO Alaska, Inc.	Development.	Alpine Dev Project.	Jan. 27, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: 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: Letters of Authorization were 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); modified and extended (60 FR 42805; August 17, 1995).

Dated: February 10, 1998.

Robyn Thorson,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of approved Amendment to Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of approved amendments to Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III (casino) gambling on Indian reservations. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved Amendment V to the Gaming Compact Between the

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and the State of Oregon, which was executed on December 22, 1997.

DATES: This action is effective February 27, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Acting Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20240, (202) 219-4068.

Dated: February 19, 1998.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of approval for Amendment III to Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 2710, of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-497), the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III (casino) gambling on Indian reservations. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved Amendment III to the Tribal-State Compact For Regulation of Class III Gaming Between the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians Tribe and the State of Oregon, which was executed on December 30, 1997.

DATES: This action is effective February 27, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Acting Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20240, (202) 219-4068.

Dated: February 19, 1998.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of amendment to approved Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III (casino) gambling on Indian reservations. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved Amendment III to the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon and the State of Oregon Gaming Compact, which was executed on December 30, 1997.

DATES: This action is effective February 27, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Acting Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20240, (202) 219-4068.

Dated: February 19, 1998.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of amendment to approved Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100-497, 25 U.S.C. § 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III (casino) gambling on Indian reservations. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved Amendment III to the Tribal-State Compact for Regulation of Class III Gaming between the Coquille Indian Tribe and the State of Oregon which was executed on December 30, 1997.

DATES: This action is effective February 27, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Acting Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4068.

Dated: February 19, 1998.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of amendment to approved Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III (casino) gambling on Indian reservations. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved Amendment IV to the Tribal-State Compact for Regulation of Class III Gaming Between The Klamath Tribes and the State of Oregon, which was executed on December 31, 1997.

DATES: This action is effective February 27, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Acting Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20240, (202) 219-4068.

Dated: February 18, 1998.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-060-1430-01; CACA 7291, CACA 7294, and CACA 7313]

Termination of Classifications of Public Lands for Small Tract Classification Numbers 236, 243, and 388, and Opening Order; California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice terminates, in their entirety, the following three classifications, which classified public lands for disposition pursuant to the Small Tract Act of June 1, 1938: CACA 7291—Small Tract Classification

Number 236, CACA 7294—Small Tract Classification Number 243, CACA 7313—Small Tract Classification Number 388 The Small Tract Act of June 1, 1938 was repealed by the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701), which contained provisions providing broad authority that replaced the repealed act. Of the 1,000 acres described under the above described classifications, 774.375 acres have been conveyed out of public ownership pursuant to the Small Tract Act of June 1, 1938. The mineral estates of those conveyed lands were reserved to the United States. Until appropriate rules and regulations are issued by the Secretary of the Interior, the reserved minerals on the conveyed lands will not be subject to location under the U.S. mining laws. A total of 225.625 acres still remain in public ownership. Those lands will be opened to the operation of the public land laws including the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. All of the lands have been and remain open to the operation of the mineral leasing laws. The terminations are necessary to facilitate the completion of a pending land exchange. The lands, remaining in public ownership, will be opened to exchange only, because they are currently segregated from the public land laws, including the mining laws, by the pending land exchange.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Termination of the classifications are effective on February 27, 1998. The public lands will be opened to entry at 10 a.m. on March 30, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Duane Marti, BLM California State Office (CA-931.4), 2135 Butano Drive, Sacramento, California 95825-0451; telephone number 916-978-4675.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1(a). CACA 7291—Small Tract Act Classification Number 236

T. 9 N., R. 2 W., San Bernardino Meridian Sec. 12, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 20 acres in San Bernardino County.

On September 15, 1950, 20 acres of public land (as described above) were classified as suitable for lease under the Act of June 1, 1938, as amended (43 U.S.C. 682a-e). The classification decision was published in the **Federal Register** on October 7, 1950 (15 FR 6790). The land was segregated from all appropriation under the public land laws, including mineral location under the general mining laws. The land has

been and will remain open to the mineral leasing laws.

Of the 20 acres originally classified, 18.125 acres have been conveyed out of public ownership, with 1.875 acres remaining in public ownership. The mineral estates of those conveyed lands were reserved to the United States.

(b). CACA 7294—Small Tract Act Classification Number 243

T. 9 N., R. 2 W., San Bernardino Meridian Sec. 11, S $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. 12, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$.

The area described contains 800 acres in San Bernardino County.

On October 6, 1950, 800 acres of public land (as described above) were classified as suitable for lease under the Act of June 1, 1938, as amended (43 U.S.C. 682a-e). The classification decision was published in the **Federal Register** on October 20, 1950 (15 FR 7032). The land was segregated from all appropriation under the public land laws, including mineral location under the general mining laws. The land has been and will remain open to the mineral leasing laws.

Of the 800 acres originally classified, 648.75 acres have been conveyed out of public ownership, with 151.25 acres remaining in public ownership. The mineral estates of those conveyed lands were reserved to the United States.

(c). CACA 7313—Small Tract Act Classification Number 388

T. 9 N., R. 2 W., San Bernardino Meridian Sec. 11, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 180 acres in San Bernardino County.

On October 28, 1953, 180 acres of public land (as described above) were classified as suitable for lease under the Act of June 1, 1938, as amended (43 U.S.C. 682a-e). The classification decision was published in the **Federal Register** on November 4, 1953 (16 FR 6971). The land was segregated from all appropriation under the public land laws, including mineral location under the general mining laws. The land has been and will remain open to the mineral leasing laws.

Of the 180 acres originally classified, 107.50 acres have been conveyed out of public ownership, with 72.50 acres remaining in public ownership. The mineral estates of those conveyed lands were reserved to the United States.

2. Pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*), and the regulations contained in 43 CFR 2091.7-1(b)(2), Small Tract Act Classification Numbers 236, 243, and 388 are hereby terminated in their