

plans. A presentation will be made on striking a balance between prevention and control activities. Panel operating procedures and committee work plans will be discussed and approved.

Minutes of both meetings will be maintained by the Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Suite 840, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1622. Minutes of the Western Regional Panel meeting will also be maintained by the Panel's Coordinator, c/o U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 315 Houston Street, Suite E, Manhattan, Kansas 660502. Minutes for the meetings will be available at these locations for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, within 30 days following the meetings.

Dated: March 9, 1998.

Gary Edwards,

Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Assistant Director—Fisheries.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Brown Tree Snake Control Committee of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force as part of a Brown Tree Snake Coordination Meeting. Topics to be addressed are identified.

DATES: The Brown Tree Snake Control Committee will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday, March 16, 1998, and from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 17, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The Brown Tree Snake Control Committee meeting will be held at The Ilikai Hotel, 1777 Ala Moana Boulevard, Honolulu, Hawaii.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert P. Smith, Chair, Brown Tree Snake Control Committee at 800-541-2749 or by E-mail at robert_p_smith@fws.gov or Bob Peoples, Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, at 703-358-2025 or by E-Mail at robert_peoples@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice announces a meeting of the Brown Tree Snake Control Committee of the Aquatic

Nuisance Species Task Force. The Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990.

As part of a Brown Tree Snake Coordination meeting, the Brown Tree Snake Control Committee will hear status report on recent activities and current plans of entities involved in implementing the Brown Tree Snake Control Plan, assess the need to modify the actions and priorities of the Plan, review fiscal year 1998 and 1999 funding proposals and priorities, and discuss organizational structures for enhancing coordination on this issue.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Suite 840, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1622, and the Chair, Brown Tree Snake Control Committee, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Islands Ecoregion, 300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 3-122, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813. Minutes for the meeting will be available at these locations for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, within 30 days following the meetings.

Dated: March 9, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Outer Continental Shelf, Beaufort Sea, Oil and Gas Lease Sale 170

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Availability of the proposed notice of sale.

Alaska Outer Continental Shelf (OCS); Notice of Availability of the Proposed Notice of Sale for proposed Oil and Gas Lease Sale 170 in the Beaufort Sea. This Notice of Availability is published pursuant to 30 CFR 256.29(c), as a matter of information to the public.

With regard to oil and gas leasing on the OCS, the Secretary of the Interior, pursuant to section 19 of the OCS Lands Act, as amended, provides the affected States the opportunity to review the proposed Notice of Sale.

The proposed Notice of Sale for proposed Sale 170 may be obtained by written request to the Public Information Unit, Alaska OCS Region, Minerals Management Service, 949 E.

36th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99508-4302 or by telephone at (907) 271-6010.

The final Notice of Sale will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days prior to the date of bid opening. Bid opening is scheduled for August 1998.

Dated: March 5, 1998.

Thomas A. Readinger,

Acting Director, Minerals Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Pacific Outer Continental Shelf Region

AGENCY: Mineral Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of the availability of environmental documents prepared for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) pipeline installation proposal on the Pacific OCS.

SUMMARY: The Minerals Management Service (MMS), in accordance with Federal regulations (40 CFR Section 1501.4 and Section 1506.6) that implement the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), announces the availability of a NEPA-related Environmental Assessment prepared by the MMS for pipeline installation activities proposed on the Pacific OCS. This listing includes the only proposal for which a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was prepared by the Pacific OCS Office in the 3-month period preceding this Notice.

Proposal

Exxon proposes to install a 12.75 inch outside diameter (OD) gas pipeline which would be approximately 7 miles in length in the Santa Ynez Unit (SYU) from Platform Heritage to Platform Harmony. This proposal is a change from the currently approved 17-mile gas pipeline which was planned to be installed from Platform Heritage to the Las Flores Canyon onshore facility. Compared to the currently approved project, the proposed modification would reduce the length of the pipeline needed to be installed by 10 miles, since the currently-proposed pipeline would not be installed all the way to shore. The proposed pipeline would be placed in the same surveyed area as the currently-installed Platform Heritage to Platform Harmony oil emulsion pipeline and power cables. The proposed gas pipeline would be installed in water depths ranging from 1,090 to 1,350 ft. The pipeline would be used to transport