

Mae) and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac) may pose to the financial system in general and to the U.S. housing finance markets in particular; whether and to what extent Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac contribute to or mitigate systemic risk; and actions that OFHEO and others could take to limit any systemic risk the Enterprises may pose. OFHEO has been requested to extend the comment period. To ensure that the public has ample opportunity to participate in the solicitation, today's notice extends the public comment period from December 29, 2000, through January 29, 2001.

DATES: The comment period is extended until January 29, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Robert S. Seiler, Jr., Manager of Policy Analysis, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, 1700 G. Street, NW., Fourth Floor, Washington, DC 20552. All comments will be posted on

the OFHEO web site at <http://www.ofheo.gov>. OFHEO requests that written comments submitted in hard copy also be accompanied by an electronic version in MS Word© or in portable document format (PDF) on 3.5" disk. Alternatively, comments may also be sent by electronic mail to sysrisk@ofheo.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert S. Seiler, Jr., Manager of Policy Analysis, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, 1700 G Street, NW., Fourth Floor, Washington, DC 20552, telephone (202) 414-3785 (not a toll free number). The telephone number for the Telecommunications Device for the Deaf is: (800) 877-8339.

Dated: December 14, 2000.

Armando Falcon, Jr.,
Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Letters of Authorization To Take Marine Mammals

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of a Letter of Authorization to take marine mammals incidental to oil and gas industry activities.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 101(a)(5)(A) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service implementing regulations [50 CFR 18.72(f)(3)], notice is hereby given that a Letter of Authorization to take polar bears incidental to oil and gas industry exploration activities has been issued to the following companies.

Company	Activity	Date Issued
Phillips Alaska, Inc	Exploration	November 7, 2000.
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Phillips Alaska, Inc	Exploration	November 8, 2000.
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Phillips Alaska, Inc	Exploration	November 8, 2000.
Phillips Alaska, Inc	Exploration	November 9, 2000.
Phillips Alaska, Inc	Exploration	November 9, 2000.
Phillips Alaska, Inc	Development	November 13, 2000.
Fairweather Geophysical, LLC	Exploration	November 13, 2000.

CONTACT: Mr. John W. Bridges at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals Management Office, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, (808) 362-5148 or (907) 786-3810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 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 (65 FR 16828; March 30, 2000)."

Dated: November 28, 2000.

David B. Allen,

Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Call for Nominations for Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of vacancy on Resource Advisory Council and call for nominations.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to solicit public nominations for the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM's) Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (RAC) and Mojave-Southern Great Basin RAC in Nevada, to fill vacancies on those RACs for an individual holding elective office in Nevada. The RAC provides advice and recommendations to BLM's Elko, Ely, Battle Mountain and Las Vegas Field Offices on land use planning and

management of the public lands within their geographic areas. Public nominations will be considered for 45 days after the publication date of this notice.

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and issues related to management of lands administered by BLM. Section 309 of FLPMA directs the Secretary to select 10 to 15 member citizen-based advisory councils that are established and authorized consistent with the requirements of Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). As required by the FACA, the interests represented by the individuals appointed to the RAC must be balanced and representative of the various issues concerned with the management of public lands.

These include three categories, one of which is Category three, holders of State, county or local elected office, employees of a State agency responsible