

respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the rulemaking record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the rulemaking record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

#### Announcement of Public Meeting

We will hold a public meeting to discuss with you species proposals, as well as proposed resolutions, decisions, and agenda items that the United States is considering submitting for consideration at CoP14. The public meeting will be held on the date specified in **DATES** at the address specified in **ADDRESSES**. You can obtain directions to the building by contacting the Division of Management Authority (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, above). Please note that the Rachel Carson Room is accessible to the handicapped and all persons planning to attend the meeting will be required to present photo identification when entering the building. Due to building security in the Department of the Interior, persons planning to attend the meeting must notify the Division of Management Authority by December 8, 2006. Persons who plan to attend the meeting and who require interpretation for the hearing impaired should notify the Division of Management Authority as soon as possible.

#### Observers

Article XI, paragraph 7 of CITES states the following:

Any body or agency technically qualified in protection, conservation or management of wild fauna and flora, in the following categories, which has informed the Secretariat of its desire to be represented at meetings of the Conference by observers, shall be admitted unless at least one-third of the Parties present object:

(a) International agencies or bodies, either governmental or non-governmental, and national governmental agencies and bodies; and

(b) National non-governmental agencies or bodies which have been approved for this purpose by the State in which they are located.

Once admitted, these observers shall have the right to participate but not to vote.

Persons wishing to be observers representing international non-governmental organizations (which must have offices in more than one country) at CoP14 may request approval directly from the CITES Secretariat. Persons wishing to be observers representing U.S. national non-governmental organizations at CoP14 must receive prior approval from our Division of Management Authority. Once we grant our approval, a U.S. national non-governmental organization is eligible to register with the Secretariat and must do so at least one month prior to the opening of CoP14 to participate as an observer. Individuals who are not affiliated with an organization may not register as observers. An international non-governmental organization with at least one office in the United States may register as a U.S. non-governmental organization if it prefers.

A request submitted to us for approval as an observer should include evidence of technical qualifications in protection, conservation, or management of wild fauna and/or flora, on the part of both the organization and the individual representative(s). The request should also include copies of the organization's charter and/or bylaws and a list of representatives it intends to send to CoP14. An organization that we have previously approved as an observer at a meeting of the Conference of the Parties within the past 5 years must submit a request but does not need to provide as much detailed information concerning its qualifications as an organization seeking approval for the first time. Organizations seeking approval for the first time should detail their experience in the protection, conservation, or management of wild fauna and/or flora, as well as their purposes for wishing to participate in CoP14 as an observer. These requests should be sent to the Division of Management Authority (see **ADDRESSES**).

Once we approve an organization as an observer, we will send the organization instructions for registration with the CITES Secretariat in Switzerland, including a meeting registration form and relevant travel and hotel information. A list of organizations approved for observer status at CoP14 will be available upon request from the Division of Management Authority just prior to the start of CoP14.

#### Future Actions

We expect the CITES Secretariat to provide us with a provisional agenda for CoP14 within the next several months.

Once we receive the provisional agenda, we will announce it in a **Federal Register** notice and provide the CITES Secretariat's Web site URL, as well as a link to it on our Web site (<http://www.fws.gov/international>).

The United States will submit any species proposals, and proposed resolutions, decisions, and agenda items for consideration at CoP14 to the CITES Secretariat 150 days prior to the start of the meeting (*i.e.*, by January 4, 2007). We will consider all available information and comments, including those presented at the public meeting (see **DATES**) or received in writing during the comment period, as we decide which species proposals, and proposed resolutions, decisions, and agenda items warrant submission by the United States for consideration by the Parties. Approximately 4 months prior to CoP14, we will post on our Web site an announcement of the species proposals, and proposed resolutions, decisions, and agenda items submitted by the United States to the CITES Secretariat for consideration at CoP14.

Through an additional notice and Web site posting in advance of CoP14, we will inform you about preliminary negotiating positions on resolutions, decisions, agenda items and amendments to the Appendices proposed by other Parties for consideration at CoP14. We will also publish an announcement of a public meeting tentatively to be held approximately 2 months prior to CoP14, to receive public input on our positions regarding items submitted by other Parties.

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**Marshall P. Jones, Jr.,**  
*Acting Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Alaska Native Claims Selection

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

**SUMMARY:** As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an

appealable decision approving lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Toghothele Corporation. The lands are in the vicinity of Nenana, Alaska, and are located in:

**Fairbanks Meridian, Alaska**

T. 5 S., R. 3 W.,  
Sec. 18.

Containing 2.70 acres.

T. 6 S., R. 3 W.,  
Sec. 9, lots 1 and 2.

Containing 7.23 acres.

T. 4 S., R. 4 W.,  
Sec. 34, lots 1 and 2.

Containing 4.20 acres.

Aggregating 14.13 acres.

The subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to Doyon, Limited, when the surface estate is conveyed to Toghothele Corporation. Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner.

**DATES:** The time limits for filing an appeal are:

1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until December 7, 2006 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the decision may be obtained from:

Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** The Bureau of Land Management by phone at 907-271-5960, or by e-mail at [ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov](mailto:ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunication device (TTD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact the Bureau of Land Management.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Minerals Management Service**

**Environmental Documents Prepared for Proposed Oil and Gas Operations on the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)**

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of the availability of environmental documents; prepared for OCS mineral proposals on the Gulf of Mexico OCS.

**SUMMARY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), in accordance with Federal Regulations that implement the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), announces the availability of NEPA-related Site-Specific Environmental Assessments (SEA) and Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI), prepared by MMS for the following oil and gas activities proposed on the Gulf of Mexico OCS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Public Information Unit, Information Services Section at the number below. Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Attention: Public Information Office (MS 5034), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Room 114, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, or by calling 1-800-200-GULF.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** MMS prepares SEAs and FONSI for proposals that relate to exploration for and the development/production of oil and gas resources on the Gulf of Mexico OCS. These SEAs examine the potential environmental effects of activities described in the proposals and present MMS conclusions regarding the significance of those effects. Environmental Assessments are used as a basis for determining whether or not approval of the proposals constitutes major Federal actions that significantly affect the quality of the human environment in the sense of NEPA Section 102(2)(C). A FONSI is prepared in those instances where MMS finds that approval will not result in significant effects on the quality of the human environment. The FONSI briefly presents the basis for that finding and includes a summary or copy of the SEA.

This notice constitutes the public notice of availability of environmental documents required under the NEPA Regulations.

This listing includes all proposals for which the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region prepared a FONSI in the period subsequent to publication of the preceding notice.

Activity/operator	Location	Date
Anadarko Petroleum Corporation & Partners, Surface Facilities & Subsea Development Project SEA MMS2005-064.	Independence Hub Project located in the Eastern and Central Planning Areas, Gulf of Mexico.	11/09/2005
ConocoPhillips, Tension Leg Well Platform Decommissioning SEA Complex ID 23583.	Green Canyon, Block 184, Lease OCS-G 04518, located 99 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	12/15/2005
Chevron U.S.A., Inc., Structure Removal SEA ES/SR 06-025	Ship Shoal, Block 208, Lease OCS-G 01228, located 34 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	7/11/2006
Chevron U.S.A., Inc., Structure Removal SEA ES/SR 06-072	Vermilion, Block 24, Lease OCS-G 03543, located 6 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	7/13/2006
Chevron U.S.A., Inc., Structure Removal SEA ES/SR 06-023, 06-024.	Ship Shoal, Block 169, Lease OCS-G 00820, located 35 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	7/14/2006
Mariner Energy, Inc., Structure Removal SEA ES/SR 06-081, 06-082.	West Cameron, Block 312, Lease OCS-G 07613, located 40 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	7/14/2006
Millennium Offshore Group Inc., Structure Removal SEA ES/SR 06-079.	Main Pass, Block 225, Lease OCS-G 14581, located 54 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	7/18/2006
Chevron U.S.A., Inc., Structure Removal SEA ES/SR 06-080	Vermilion, Block 24, Lease OCS-G 03542, located 6 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	7/18/2006
Apache Corporation, Structure Removal SEA ES/SR 06-073 ..	Eugene Island, Block 46, Lease OCS-G 13617, located 22 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	7/19/2006
Millennium Offshore Group, Inc., Structure Removal SEA ES/SR 06-077.	East Cameron, Block 171, Lease OCS-G 12836, located 53 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	7/20/2006
Apache Corporation, Structure Removal SEA ES/SR 06-074 ..	Eugene Island, Block 167, Lease OCS-G 11953, located 34 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	7/20/2006
Apache Corporation, Structure Removal SEA ES/SR 06-076 ..	Grand Isle, Block 082, Lease OCS-G 05659, located 29 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	7/20/2006