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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Secretary of the Interior established the Council in February 2006 (71 FR 11220, March 6, 2006). The Council's mission is to provide advice and guidance to the Federal Government through the Department of the Interior on how to increase public awareness of: (1) The importance of wildlife resources, (2) the social and economic benefits of recreational hunting, and (3) wildlife conservation efforts that benefit recreational hunting and wildlife resources.

The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture signed an amended charter for the Council in June 2006 and July 2006, respectively. The revised charter states that the Council will provide advice and guidance to the Federal Government through the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture.

The Council will hold a meeting on the dates shown in the **DATES** section at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section. The meeting will include a session for the public to comment.

Dated: April 25, 2007.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Notice of Availability of the Proposed Final 5-Year Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2007-2012 and Final Environmental Impact Statement

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed final program and final environmental impact statement (EIS)

**SUMMARY:** The MMS has issued a proposed final program for 2007-2012. This is the third and final proposal for a new OCS oil and gas leasing program, following the February 2006 draft proposed program and August 2006 proposed program. A final EIS prepared in accordance with section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act has been issued along with the proposed final program. The proposed final program schedules 21 sales in 8 OCS planning areas—8 sales in 4 Alaska planning areas, 12 sales in 3 Gulf of Mexico planning areas, and 1 sale in the

Mid-Atlantic planning area. This includes 1 sale in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico as mandated by the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-432, December 20, 2006). The proposed final program has been submitted to the President and Congress as required by section 18 of the OCS Lands Act. In accordance with section 18, the Secretary of the Interior may approve the new leasing program after a period of 60 days.

**DATES:** The new program is scheduled to go into effect on July 1, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Proposed final program and final EIS documents and information can be obtained from the MMS internet webpage at [www.mms.gov](http://www.mms.gov). The documents also can be obtained from the following MMS offices: Gulf of Mexico Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, telephone (504) 736-2519 or 1-800-200-GULF; Alaska Region, 3801 Centerpoint Drive, Suite 500, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, telephone (907) 334-5200 or 1-800-764-2627; and MMS, Pacific OCS Region, 770 Paseo Camarillo, Camarillo, California 93010-6064, telephone (805) 389-7533, (805) 389-7863 or 1-800-672-2627, in addition to the informational addresses below. The list of libraries where the Final EIS has been sent can also be found on the MMS 5-year program Web site at <http://www.mms.gov/5-year/>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Questions concerning preparation of the proposed final program should be directed to: Renee Orr, Chief, Leasing Division, MS-4010, Minerals Management Service, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817, telephone (703) 787-1215. Copies of the program document and related information also can be obtained from the Leasing Division.

Questions concerning the Final EIS should be directed to: James F. Bennett, Chief, Environmental Assessment Branch, MS-4042, Minerals Management Service, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817, telephone (703) 787-1660. Copies of the EIS and related information also can be obtained from the Environmental Assessment Branch.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Scientific Committee (SC); Announcement of Plenary Session

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The OCS Scientific Committee will meet at the Hilton New Orleans/St. Charles Avenue in New Orleans, Louisiana.

**DATES:** Tuesday, May 22, 2007, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, May 23, 2007, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Thursday, May 24, 2007, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**ADDRESS:** Hilton New Orleans/St. Charles Avenue, 333 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130, telephone (504) 524-8890.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A copy of the agenda may be requested from MMS by calling Ms. Carolyn Beamer at (703) 787-1211. Other inquiries concerning the OCS SC meeting should be addressed to Dr. James Kendall, Executive Secretary to the OCS SC, Minerals Management Service, 381 Elden Street, Mail Stop 4043, Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817 or by calling (703) 787-1656.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The OCS SC will provide advice on the feasibility, appropriateness, and scientific value of the OCS Environmental Studies Program to the Secretary of the Interior through the Director of the MMS. The SC will review the relevance of the research and data being produced to meet MMS scientific information needs for decisionmaking and may recommend changes in scope, direction, and emphasis.

The Committee will meet in plenary session on Tuesday, May 22. The Deputy Associate Director will address the Committee on the general status of the MMS and its activities. There will be an update on OCS activities in the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region and briefings on MMS' Alternate Energy Program and the Louisiana State University Coastal Marine Institute program.

On Wednesday, May 23, the Committee will meet in discipline breakout sessions (i.e., biology/ecology, physical sciences, and social sciences) to review the specific research plans of the MMS regional offices for Fiscal Years 2007 and 2008.

On Thursday, May 24, the Committee will meet in plenary session for reports