

	Percent
N. CAROLINA	4.8
N. DAKOTA	1.6
OHIO	2.6
OKLAHOMA	4.2
OREGON	3.3
PENNSYLVANIA	3.6
RHODE ISLAND	3.2
S. CAROLINA	5.5
S. DAKOTA	2.2
TENNESSEE	3.7
TEXAS	5.1
UTAH	2.2
VERMONT	0.9
VIRGINIA	5.3
WASHINGTON	6.0
W. VIRGINIA	3.1
WISCONSIN	3.2
WYOMING	5.2
PACIFIC ISLANDS	9.2
PUERTO RICO	7.4
VIRGIN ISLANDS	6.6
U.S. AVERAGE	4.1

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collection Sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval; OMB Control Number 1018-0070; Incidental Take of Marine Mammals During Specified Activities

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (Fish and Wildlife Service) have sent an Information Collection Request (ICR) to OMB for review and approval. The ICR, which is summarized below, describes the nature of the collection and the estimated burden and cost. This ICR is scheduled to expire on October 31, 2007. We may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. However, under OMB regulations, we may continue to conduct or sponsor this information collection while it is pending at OMB.

DATES: You must submit comments on or before November 26, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments and suggestions on this ICR to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at OMB-OIRA at (202) 395-6566 (fax) or OIRA_DOCKET@OMB.eop.gov (e-mail). Please provide a copy of your comments to Hope Grey, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222-ARLSQ, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203 (mail); (703) 358-2269 (fax); or hope_grey@fws.gov (e-mail).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this IC, contact Hope Grey by mail, fax, or e-mail (see ADDRESSES) or by telephone at (703) 358-2482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 1018-0070.

Title: Incidental Take of Marine Mammals During Specified Activities, 50 CFR 18.27 and 50 CFR 18, Subpart J.

Service Form Numbers: None.

Type of Request: Revision of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Oil and gas industry companies.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Activity	Number of annual respondents	Number of annual responses	Completion time per response	Annual burden hours
One-time application for procedural regulations	1 (per term of regulations)		1	300 hours
LOA requests	10	12	24 hours	288
Onsite monitoring and observation reports	10	72	1.5 hours	108
Final monitoring report	10	12	8 hours	96
Totals	31	97	792

Abstract: The Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.) imposed, with certain exceptions, a moratorium on the taking of marine mammals. Section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA directs the Secretary of the Interior to allow, upon request by citizens of the United States, the taking of small numbers of marine mammals incidental to specified activities (other than commercial fishing) if the Secretary makes certain findings and prescribes specific regulations that, among other things, establish permissible methods of taking. Once we issue specific regulations, applicants seeking to conduct activities must request a Letter of Authorization (LOA) for the specific activity and submit onsite monitoring reports and a final report of the activity to the Secretary. Regulations at 50 CFR 18.27 outline the procedures and requirements for submitting a request. Specific

regulations governing authorized activities in the Beaufort Sea are in 50 CFR 18, subpart J.

Comments: On June 1, 2007, we published a proposed rule in the Federal Register (72 FR 30670) to establish regulations on incidental take of marine mammals in the Chukchi Sea. Because activities and requirements are nearly identical for the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas, we planned to combine the information collections in one ICR. However, we do not expect the final rule for the Chukchi Sea to publish prior to the expiration date of the information collection for the Beaufort Sea requirements, and have separated the requests for approval. This request for approval includes requirements to cover only activities in the Beaufort Sea. The proposed rule for incidental take regulations in the Chukchi Sea invited interested members of the public and affected agencies to comment on the proposed information collection and

recordkeeping activities for both the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas. The comment period was open for 60 days, and we did not receive any comments relating to the Beaufort Sea information collection requirements.

We again invite comments concerning this information collection on:

(1) whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;

(2) the accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information;

(3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address,

or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask OMB in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that it will be done.

Dated: August 23, 2007.

Hope Grey,
Information Collection Clearance Officer,
Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-310-0777-XG]

Notice of Public Meeting: Northwest California Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Northwest California Resource Advisory Council will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 5 and 6, 2007. On December 5, the council members convene at 9 a.m. in the Abalone Room at the Little River Inn, 7751 Highway 1, Little River, CA. Time for public comment has been set aside for 11 a.m. On May 6, the council convenes at 7:30 a.m. at the Little River Inn and departs for a tour to discuss management of the California Coastal National Monument and the Stornetta Public Lands. Members of the public are welcome on the tour, but they must provide their own transportation and lunch.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rich Burns, BLM Ukiah Field Office manager, (707) 468-4000; or BLM Public Affairs Officer Joseph J. Fontana, (530) 252-5332.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 12-member council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Northwest California. At this meeting, agenda topics include an update on management proposals for

the Sacramento River Bend, a discussion of funding needs for BLM's northern California projects, status reports on management plan development for Lacks Creek and the Cow Mountain National Recreation Area and a report on legislation affecting the California off highway vehicle recreation program. Members will also hear status reports on activities in the Arcata, Redding and Ukiah field offices and the California Coastal National Monument. All meetings are open to the public. Members of the public may present written comments to the council. Each formal council meeting will have time allocated for public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak, and the time available, the time for individual comments may be limited. Members of the public are welcome on field tours, but they must provide their own transportation and lunch. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation and other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided above.

Dated: October 19, 2007.

Joseph J. Fontana,
Public Affairs Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WO-310-1310-PP-24 1A]

Oil and Gas Leasing: Onshore Oil and Gas Operations—Fees, Rentals, and Royalty

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notification to terminate the heavy oil royalty reductions program.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is providing the six-month notification to terminate all royalty reductions for the production of heavy oil and to terminate the availability of further heavy oil relief under regulations at 43 CFR 3103.4-3.

DATES: The termination of the heavy oil royalty reductions program is effective on May 1, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rudy Baier, Division of Fluid Minerals, BLM, (202) 452-5024. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339, 24 hours a day, 7 days a

week, except holidays, for assistance in reaching Mr. Baier.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under 43 CFR 3103.4-3(b)(6)(i), the BLM may suspend or terminate all heavy oil royalty reductions and terminate the availability of further heavy oil relief "upon 6 month's notice in the **Federal Register** when BLM determines that the average oil price has remained above \$24 per barrel over a period of 6 consecutive months [based on the West Texas Intermediate (WTI) Crude average posted prices and adjusted for inflation using the implicit price deflator for gross national product with 1991 as the base year]." The adjusted threshold for the third quarter of calendar year 2004 was \$30.83 and for the fourth quarter \$31.00.

By **Federal Register** notice (70 FR 21810) dated April 27, 2005, this royalty reduction program was suspended effective November 1, 2005. In that notice, the BLM requested comments on the conditions under which the suspension should be removed. The BLM received three comments.

The WTI crude average posted oil prices have continued to exceed the adjusted threshold at all times since the April 27, 2005 notice. Therefore, considering the price of crude oil since the April 27, 2005 notice and current price projections for the near future, the BLM decided that this royalty reduction program should be terminated. As authorized by 43 CFR 3103.4-3(b)(6)(i), this serves as notice that the BLM will terminate the heavy oil royalty reductions program effective on May 1, 2008.

Should conditions change so as to warrant relief, the BLM has authority to grant royalty rate reductions on a case-by-case basis (see 43 CFR 3103.4-1).

James Abbott,
Assistant Director, Minerals, Realty, and Resource Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Realty Action: Non-Competitive Lease of Public Land in Pondera County, MT

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Lewistown Field Office, Interior.

ACTION: Designation of public lands in Pondera County, Montana, for FLPMA lease.