

Tribe fully supports the development of an airport on Akun Island.

Proposed Authorization

The Service proposes to issue an IHA for small numbers of northern sea otters harassed incidentally by the Applicants while conducting Akutan Airport, Alaska—Airport Construction and Hovercraft Operation. The final IHA would specify the starting date (some time during the first quarter of 2009) and ending date (one year later) for the authorization. Authorization for incidental take beyond the period specified in the final IHA will require a request for renewal.

The final IHA would also incorporate the mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements discussed in this proposal. The Applicants will be responsible for following those requirements. These authorizations do not allow the intentional taking of northern sea otters.

If the level of activity exceeds that described by the Applicants, or the level or nature of take exceeds those projected here, the Service would reevaluate its findings. The Secretary may modify, suspend, or revoke an authorization if the findings are not accurate or the conditions described herein are not being met.

Public Comments Solicited

The Service requests interested persons to submit comments and information concerning this proposed IHA. Consistent with section 101(a)(5)(D)(iii) of the MMPA, we are opening the comment period on this proposed authorization for 30 days (see ADDRESSES).

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state that 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.

Dated: August 18, 2008.

Thomas O. Melius,

Regional Director, Alaska Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U.S. Geological Survey

Agency Information Collection: Comment Request

AGENCY: United States Geological Survey (USGS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of a new collection.

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), we are notifying the public that we will submit to OMB a new information collection request (ICR) for review and approval. This notice provides the public an opportunity to comment on the paperwork burden of this collection.

DATES: You must submit comment on or before October 27, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments to the IC to Phadrea Ponds, Information Collections Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 2150-C Center Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80525 (mail); (970) 226-9230 (fax); or pponds@usgs.gov (e-mail). Please reference Information Collection 1028-NEW, MASSWELL

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John A. Colman, U.S. Geological Survey, 10 Bearfoot Road, Northborough, Massachusetts 01532 (mail); at 508-490-5027 telephone; or jacolman@usgs.gov (e-mail).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Study on Arsenic and Uranium in Bedrock Wells of East Central Massachusetts.

OMB Control Number: 1028-new.

Abstract: Concerns about possible elevated uranium and arsenic in some aquifers that provide drinking water to east central Massachusetts have prompted state and federal agencies to begin a study to assess concentrations of these contaminants. The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) are conducting the study with assistance of staff from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Environmental Health (MDPH/BEH) to assess:

- The number of private wells containing raw-water concentrations of arsenic or uranium that are greater than the current drinking water standards
- The degree to which bedrock units can be associated with concentrations of uranium and arsenic
- Whether individuals consuming the water may have elevated concentrations of these elements in their urine.

The study will indicate whether there are correlations between arsenic and uranium concentrations, and bedrock

units. This information will help guide future water-supply development and well-water testing. It will tell local health officials where the areas of concern are in their communities, and provide background concentrations by rock type for use in identifying contamination from human sources.

We will protect information from respondents considered proprietary under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR Part 2), and under regulations at 30 CFR 250.197, "Data and information to be made available to the public or for limited inspection." Responses are voluntary. No questions of a "sensitive" nature are asked.

Frequency of Collection: One time only.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.
Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: 1000 individual and household residents.

Estimated Number of Responses: 800 responses.

Annual Burden Hours: 400 hours.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: We estimate the public reporting burden will average 30 minutes per response. This includes the time for reviewing instructions, collecting a water sample and completing the survey.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost": We have not identified any "non-hour cost" burdens associated with this collection of information.

Public Disclosure Statement: The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond.

Comments: Before submitting an ICR to OMB, PRA section 3506(c)(2)(A) (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) requires each agency " * * * to provide notice * * * and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information * * *" Agencies must specifically solicit comments. We 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. Please note that the comments submitted 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. To comply with the public process, we publish this **Federal Register** notice announcing that we will submit this ICR to OMB for approval. The notice provided the required 60 day public comment period.

USGS Information Collection Clearance Officer: Phadrea D. Ponds, 970-226-9445.

Dated: August 21, 2008.

Matthew Larsen,

Associate Director For Water.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AA-6690-J, AA-6690-K, AA-6690-M, AA-6690-O, AA-6690-A2; AK-964-1410-KC-P]

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 Pedro Bay Corporation. The lands are in the vicinity of Pedro Bay, Alaska, and are located in:

Seward Meridian, Alaska

Lot 2, U.S. Survey No. 8200, Alaska.

Containing 159.99 acres, as shown on the plat of survey officially filed on September 15, 1987.

Lot 4, U.S. Survey No. 8200, Alaska.

Containing 159.96 acres, as shown on the plat of survey officially filed on September 15, 1987.

T. 3 S., R. 26 W.,
Sec. 31.

Containing approximately 629.16 acres.

T. 4 S., R. 27 W.,
Secs. 1, 11, and 15;
Secs. 20 and 21.

Containing approximately 3,078 acres.

T. 5 S., R. 27 W.,

Sec. 22.

Containing approximately 609.69 acres.

T. 4 S., R. 30 W.,

Secs. 15 and 16;

Secs. 19 to 24, inclusive.

Containing approximately 5,046.44 acres.

Aggregating approximately 9,683.24 acres.

The subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to Bristol Bay Native Corporation when the surface estate is conveyed to Pedro Bay Corporation. Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the Bristol Bay Times.

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 September 26, 2008 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 99513-7504.

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. 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.

Jason Robinson,

Land Law Examiner, Land Transfer Adjudication I.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park Advisory Commission; Notice of Meetings

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, National Park Service.

ACTION: Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park Advisory Commission; Notice of Meetings.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act that meetings of the

Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park Advisory Commission will be held to discuss the development of the Park's general management plan.

Dates and Locations: September 18, 2008, at the Strasburg Town Hall Council Chambers, 174 East King St., Strasburg, VA; December 18, 2008, at the Middletown Town Hall Council Chambers, 7875 Church St., Middletown, VA; March 19, 2009, at the Warren County Government Center, 220 N. Commerce Ave., Front Royal, VA; and June 18, 2009, at the Strasburg Town Hall.

All meetings will convene at 9 a.m. and are open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Diann Jacox, Superintendent, Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park, (540) 868-9176.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Topics to be discussed at the meetings include: review of draft plan, general management plan public meetings, planning process and schedule, land protection planning, environmental impact analysis, election of a commission chair, and commission sub-committees.

The Park Advisory Commission was designated by Congress to advise on the preparation and implementation of the park's general management plan. Individuals who are interested in the Park, the development of the plan, or the business of the Advisory Commission are encouraged to attend the meetings.

Dated: August 13, 2008.

Christopher J. Stubbs,

Acting Superintendent, Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

Notice is hereby given that on August 21, 2008, a proposed Consent Decree (the "Decree") in *United States v. City of Newburgh, et al.*, Civil Action No. 08 Civ. 7378 (SCR), was lodged with the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

The Decree resolves the claims of the United States, on behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), under Sections 107 and 113 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9607