

Letters of Authorization for 2008

Company	Activity	Project	Date issued
Savant Alaska, LLC	Exploration	Kupcake #1	Dec 4, 2007
Pioneer Natural Resources Alaska, Inc	Development	Oooguruk Project	Dec 4, 2007.
Anadarko Petroleum Co	Exploration	Jacob's Ladder	Dec 3, 2007
Anadarko Petroleum Co	Exploration	Gubik, Chandler	Dec 3, 2007.
Brooks Range Petroleum Corp	Exploration	Tofkat	Dec 3, 2007
Brooks Range Petroleum Corp	Exploration	Gwydyr Bay	Dec 3, 2007.
Veritas DGC Land Inc	Exploration	2008 winter seismic	Jan 8, 2008.
Eni U.S. Operating Co, Inc	Development	Nikaitchuq	Feb 22, 2008.
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc	Exploration	Char #1	Feb 12, 2008.
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc	Exploration	Spark Down Dip 9	Feb 12, 2008.
Shell Offshore, Inc	Exploration	Aerial Reconnaissance Program	Jan 28, 2008.
BP Exploration Alaska, Inc	Exploration	Liberty Seismic Program	March 6, 2008.
BP Exploration Alaska, Inc	Remediation	Challenge Island #1	April 11, 2008.
PGS Onshore, Inc	Exploration	OBC Seismic	July 10, 2008.
Shell Offshore, Inc	Exploration	Open water seismic	July 10, 2008.
ExxonMobil Production Co	Development	Point Thomson	Aug 19, 2008.

Dated: September 17, 2008.

Thomas O. Melius,

Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Letters of Authorization To Take Marine Mammals

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (MMPA) as amended, notice is hereby given that Letters of Authorization to take Pacific walrus and polar bears incidental to oil and gas industry exploration activities in the Chukchi Sea and adjacent western coast of Alaska have been issued.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Craig Perham at the Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals Management Office, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, (800) 362-5148 or (907) 786-3810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Letter of Authorization has been issued to the following companies in accordance with Fish and Wildlife Service Federal Rules and Regulations (see "Marine Mammals; Incidental Take During Specified Activities" at 73 FR 33212; June 11, 2008) under section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA and the Fish and Wildlife Service implementing regulations at 50 CFR 18.27(f)(3):

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Company	Activity	Location	Date issued
Shell Offshore, Inc	Exploration	Open water seismic	July 7, 2008.
ASRC Energy Services	Exploration	Marine Survey Program	July 15, 2008.
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc	Exploration	Marine Survey Program	July 22, 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Sporting Conservation Council

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of teleconference.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public teleconference of the Sporting Conservation Council (Council).

DATES: We will hold the teleconference on Tuesday, October 28, 2008, 1-2:30 p.m. (Eastern time). If you wish to listen to the teleconference proceedings, submit written material for the Council to consider, or give a 2-minute presentation during the teleconference, notify Phyllis Seitts by Monday, October 20, 2008. If you wish to submit a written statement for Council consideration during the teleconference, it must be received no later than October 23, 2008. See instructions under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Phyllis T. Seitts, 9828 North 31st Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85051-2517; 602-906-5603 (phone); or *Twinkle_Thompson-Seitts@blm.gov* (e-mail).

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