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**Authority:** 40 CFR 1501.7, 43 CFR 1610.2, 36 CFR 219.35(b).

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**[FWS-R7-FHC-2010-N108; 71490-1351-0000-L5]**

**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, as amended (MMPA), we, the Fish and Wildlife Service, have issued letters of authorization for the nonlethal take of polar bears and Pacific walrus incidental to oil and gas industry exploration, development, and production activities in the Beaufort Sea and the adjacent northern coast of Alaska and incidental to oil and gas industry exploration activities in the Chukchi Sea and the adjacent western coast of Alaska.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Craig Perham at the Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals Management

Office, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, AK 99503; (800) 362-5148 or (907) 786-3810.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 2, 2006, we published in the **Federal Register** a final rule (71 FR 43926) establishing regulations that allow us to authorize the nonlethal, incidental, unintentional take of small numbers of polar bears and Pacific walrus during year-round oil and gas industry exploration, development, and production activities in the Beaufort Sea and adjacent northern coast of Alaska. The rule established subpart J in part 18 of title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and is effective until August 2, 2011. The rule prescribed a process under which we issue letters of authorization (LOAs) to applicants conducting activities as described under the provisions of the regulations. In accordance with section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA and our regulations at 50 CFR part 18, subpart J, we issued an LOA to each of the following companies in the Beaufort Sea and adjacent northern coast of Alaska:

**Beaufort Sea, Letters of Authorization**

Company	Activity	Project	Date issued
BP Exploration Alaska, Inc ...	Development .....	Liberty Development Project .....	04 January 2010.
Brooks Range Petroleum Corp.	Exploration .....	North Shore and Sak River Exploration Programs .....	05 January 2010.
Brooks Range Petroleum Corp.	Exploration .....	North Tarn Exploration Program .....	09 February 2010.
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc ...	Exploration .....	Seismic Exploration Program—Alpine 3D .....	20 January 2010.
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc ...	Development .....	West Mikkelsen State #1 .....	20 January 2010.
Eni US Operating Co. Inc ....	Development .....	Nikaitchuq Development Program .....	25 February 2010.
ExxonMobil Production Company.	Development .....	Point Thomson .....	20 January 2010.
Marsh Creek, LLC .....	Development .....	Drew Point Test Well #1 .....	03 February 2010.
Savant Alaska, LLC .....	Development .....	Badami Unit Redevelopment Project .....	29 January 2010.
Shell Offshore, Inc .....	Development .....	On-Ice Argos Data Buoy Deployment Program .....	04 January 2010.
Shell Offshore, Inc .....	Exploration .....	Beaufort Open Water Marine Survey Program .....	19 May 2010.

On June 11, 2008, we published in the **Federal Register** a final rule (73 FR 33212) establishing regulations that allow us to authorize the nonlethal, incidental, unintentional take of small numbers of polar bears and Pacific walrus during year-round oil and gas

industry exploration activities in the Chukchi Sea and adjacent western coast of Alaska. The rule established subpart I of 50 CFR part 18 and is effective until June 11, 2013. The rule prescribed a process under which we issue LOAs to applicants conducting activities as

described under the provisions of the regulations. In accordance with section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA and our regulations at 50 CFR part 18, subpart I, we issued an LOA to the following company in the Chukchi Sea:

**Chukchi Sea, Letters of Authorization**

Company	Activity	Project	Date issued
Shell Offshore, Inc .....	Exploration .....	Chukchi Open Water Marine Survey Program .....	19 May 2010.

For information on other recent LOAs issued under 50 CFR part 18, subparts I and J, see our notices published in the **Federal Register** on December 8, 2009 (74 FR 64710), and October 15, 2008 (73 FR 61158 and 61159).

Dated: July 6, 2010.

**Timothy R. Jennings**,  
*Acting Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Liquor Ordinance of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice publishes the amended Liquor Ordinance of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes (amended Ordinance). The amended Ordinance regulates and controls the possession, sale, and consumption of liquor within the Tribal lands. The Tribal lands are located in Indian country and this amended Ordinance allows for possession and sale of alcoholic beverages within their boundaries. This amended Ordinance will increase the ability of the Tribal government to control the community's liquor distribution and possession, and at the same time will provide an important source of revenue for the continued operation and strengthening of the Tribal government and the delivery of Tribal services.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* This Amended Ordinance is effective on August 26, 2010.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Sherry Lovin, Tribal Government Services Officer, Southern Plains Regional Office, WCD Office Complex, P.O. Box 368, Anadarko, OK 73005, Telephone: (405) 247-1537, Fax (405) 247-9240; or Elizabeth Colliflower, Office of Indian Services, 1849 C Street, NW., Mail Stop 4513-MIB, Washington, DC 20240, Telephone: (202) 513-7641.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Act of August 15, 1953, Public Law 83-277, 67 Stat. 586, 18 U.S.C. 1161, as interpreted by the Supreme Court in *Rice v. Rehner*, 463 U.S. 713 (1983), the Secretary of the Interior shall certify and publish in the **Federal Register** notice of adopted liquor ordinances for the purpose of regulating liquor transactions in Indian country. The Executive Committee of the Wichita

and Affiliated Tribes adopted its amended Liquor Ordinance by Resolution No. WT-10-31 on May 14, 2010. The purpose of this amended Ordinance is to govern the sale, possession, and distribution of alcohol within Tribal lands of the Tribe.

This notice is published in accordance with the authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs. I certify that the Executive Committee of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes adopted its amended Liquor Ordinance by Resolution No. WT-10-31 on May 14, 2010.

Dated: July 18, 2010.

**Paul Tsosie**,  
*Chief of Staff, Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

The amended Liquor Ordinance of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation reads as follows:

#### Liquor Ordinance of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes (Wichita, Keechi, Waco & Tawakonie)

##### Findings

The Wichita and Affiliated Tribes (Wichita, Keechi, Waco & Tawakonie) ("Tribe") is a Federally recognized Indian Tribe, exercising jurisdiction over all Tribal Lands.

The Tribe's Governing Resolution, Article V, empowers the Executive Committee of the Tribe to promulgate ordinances and resolutions for the Tribe.

The sale of Liquor and Low-Point Beer, subject to the terms and provisions of this Liquor Ordinance and all applicable laws, will provide funds for the continued operation and strengthening of the Tribal government and the delivery of Tribal government services. It may also produce capital which the Tribe can use to further develop its economy.

The enactment of a Tribal Liquor Ordinance will also increase the ability of the Tribal government to control the distribution and possession of Liquor and Low-Point Beer within the Tribal Lands.

**Now, Therefore**, to permit the sale of Liquor subject to the necessary controls and to promote the health, safety and welfare of its members, the Executive Committee adopts this Liquor Ordinance

##### Introduction

**101. Title.** This Ordinance shall be known as the "Liquor Ordinance of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes."

**102. Authority.** This Liquor Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the Act of August 15, 1953 (Pub. L. No. 83-

277, 67 Stat. 588 (codified at 18 U.S.C. § 1161) and the Governing Resolution of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes approved on Aug. 8, 1961, as amended, and applicable laws.

**103. Purpose.** The purpose of this Liquor Ordinance is to regulate and to control the possession and sale of Liquor and Low-Point Beer to and within the jurisdiction of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes. The enactment of a Tribal ordinance governing Liquor possession and sale within the Tribal Lands will increase the ability of the Tribal government to control Liquor distribution and possession, and provide an important source of revenue for the continued operation and strengthening of the Tribal government and the delivery of Tribal government services.

**104. Jurisdiction.** This Ordinance applies on all Tribal Lands.

##### Definitions

**201.** As used in this Liquor Ordinance, the following words shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

**202.** "Alcohol" means that substance known as ethyl alcohol, hydrated oxide of ethyl, or spirit or wine which is commonly produced by the fermentation or distillation of grain, starch, molasses, or sugar, or other substances including all dilutions of this substance.

**203.** "Alcoholic Beverage" is synonymous with the term "Liquor" as defined in Section 208 of this Chapter.

**204.** "Bar" means any establishment with special space and accommodations for sale by the glass and for consumption on the premises of any Liquor or alcoholic beverage, as herein defined.

**205.** "Low-Point Beer" means and includes beverages containing more than one-half of one percent (½ of 1%) alcohol by volume, and not more than three and two-tenths percent (3.2%) alcohol by weight, including but not limited to beer or cereal malt beverages obtained by the alcoholic fermentation of an infusion of barley or other grain, malt or similar. For the purpose of this title, any such beverage, including ale, stout, and porter, containing more than 3.2% alcohol by weight shall be referred to as "Strong Beer."

**206.** "Executive Committee" as used herein means the body authorized by the Tribe's Governing Resolution to promulgate all Tribal ordinances and regulations.

**207.** "Council" means the Council of the Tribe, which comprises all individual members of the Tribe who are 18 years old or older.