Public Comment Availability:
Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the mailing address for the BIA Eastern Regional Office shown in the ADDRESSES section during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (unless otherwise shown), Monday through Friday, except holidays. 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 us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority: This notice is published in accordance with section 1503.1 of the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500 through 1508) implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), and the Department of Interior Manual (516 DM 1–6), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.1.


Larry Echo Hawk,
Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Drakes Bay Oyster Company Special Use Permit/Environmental Impact Statement, Point Reyes National Seashore, CA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Drakes Bay Oyster Company Special Use Permit, Point Reyes National Seashore (hereafter Park).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), the National Park Service is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Drakes Bay Oyster Company Special Use Permit, Point Reyes National Seashore, California. Pursuant to section 124 of Public Law 111–88, the Secretary of the Interior has the discretionary authority to issue a special use permit for a period of 10 years to Drakes Bay Oyster Company (DBOC) for its shellfish operation at Point Reyes National Seashore. The existing Reservation of Use and Occupancy and associated special use permit held by DBOC will expire on November 30, 2012. DBOC has submitted a request for the issuance of a new permit upon expiration of the existing permit.

On behalf of the Secretary, the National Park Service will use the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process to engage the public and evaluate the effects of continuing the commercial operation within the national seashore. The results of the NEPA process will be used to inform the decision of whether a new special use permit should be issued to DBOC for a period of 10 years.

A scoping letter has been prepared that details the purpose, need, and objectives of the EIS and provides an overview of the NEPA process. Copies of that information may be obtained online at (see Web site below) or from the office of the Superintendent, Point Reyes National Seashore, 1 Bear Valley Road, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956 (415) 464–5162.

DATES: The NPS will accept comments from the public through November 22, 2010. The NPS intends to hold public scoping meetings in several Bay Area locations during the scoping period. Details regarding the exact times and locations of these meetings will be announced on the Park’s Web site, at http://parkplanning.nps.gov/pore (click on the Drakes Bay Oyster Company Special Use Permit EIS link), and through local and regional media at least 15 days in advance of the meetings.

ADDRESSES: Information will be available for public review online (Web site noted above) and in the office of the Superintendent, Point Reyes National Seashore, 1 Bear Valley Road, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956 (415) 464–5162.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melanie Gunn, Outreach Coordinator, Point Reyes National Seashore, 1 Bear Valley Road, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956 (415) 464–5131.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: If you wish to comment on the purpose, need, objectives, or on any other issues associated with the plan, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail or hand deliver comments on the Drakes Bay Oyster Company Special Use Permit EIS to the Superintendent, Point Reyes National Seashore, 1 Bear Valley Road, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956. You may also comment via the Internet (Web site noted above). Written comments will also be accepted at the public meetings. Comments will not be accepted by fax, e-mail, or in any other way other than those specified above. Bulk comments in any format (hard copy or electronic) submitted on behalf of others will not be accepted. 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 us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

George J. Turnbull,
Acting Regional Director, Pacific West Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Klamath Tribes Liquor Control Ordinance

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice publishes the Secretary’s certification of the amendment to the Klamath Tribes Liquor Control Ordinance. The first Ordinance was published in the Federal Register on November 11, 1953 (18 FR 7178 (1953)). This amendment further regulates and controls the sale, possession and distribution of liquor within the tribal lands. The tribal lands are located in Indian country and this amended Ordinance allows for possession of alcoholic beverages within their boundaries. This Ordinance will increase the ability of the tribal government to control liquor possession, sale and use in the community.

DATES: Effective Date: This Ordinance is effective on November 22, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Betty Scissons, Tribal Government Services Officer, Northwest Regional Office, 911 NE 11th Ave., 8th Floor, Portland, OR 97232; Telephone: (503) 231–6723; Fax (503) 231–2189; or Elizabeth Colliflower, Office of Indian Services, 1849 C Street, NW., Mail Stop
fermentation of an infusion or decoction of pure hops, or pure extract of hops and pure barley malt or other wholesome grain or cereal in water.

1.1.4. “Liquor” includes all fermented, spirítuous, vinous, or malt liquor or combinations thereof, and mixed liquor, a part of which is fermented, and every liquid or solid or semisolid or other substance, patented or not, containing distilled or rectified spirits, potable alcohol, beer, wine, brandy, whiskey, rum, gin, aromatic bitters, and all drinks or drinkable liquids and all preparations or mixtures capable of human consumption and any liquid, semisolid, solid, or other substances, which contain alcohol.

1.1.5. “Liquor Store” means any store at which liquor is sold and, for the purpose of this ordinance, including stores only a portion of which are devoted to sale of liquor.

1.1.6. “Malt Liquor” means beer, strong beer, ale, stout and porter.

1.1.7. “Package” means any container or receptacle used for holding liquor.

1.1.8. “Person” means any natural person, firm, partnership, joint venture, association, corporation, municipal corporation, estate, trust, business receiver, or any group or combination acting as a unit and the plural as well as the singular in number.

1.1.9. “Public Place” includes state, county, tribal or federal highways or roads; buildings and grounds used for school purposes; public dance halls and grounds adjacent thereto; soft drink establishments, public buildings, public meeting halls, lobbies, halls and dining room of hotels, restaurants, theaters, gaming facilities, entertainment centers, stores, garages, and filling stations which are open to and/or are generally used by the public and to which the public is permitted to have unrestricted access; public conveyances of all kinds and character; and all other places of like or similar nature to which the general public has unrestricted right of access, and which are generally used by the public.

1.1.10. “Reservation” means all territory within the exterior boundaries of the area recognized as The Klamath Indian Reservation and all other lands subject to tribal governance.

1.1.11. “Sale” and “Sell” include exchange, barter and traffic, and also include the selling or supplying or distributing of liquor, by any means whatsoever, by any person to any person.

1.1.12. “Spirits” means any beverage which contains alcohol obtained by distillation, including wines exceeding seventeen percent of alcohol by weight.

1.1.13. “Tribes” means the Klamath and Modoc Tribes and the Yahooskin Band of Snake Indians.

1.1.14. “Tribal Council” means the governing body of the Tribes with respect to governmental functions.

1.1.15. “Tribal Court” means Tribal Court for the Tribes.

1.1.16. “Wine” means any alcoholic beverage obtained by fermentation of the natural contents of fruits, vegetables, honey, milk or other products containing sugar, whether or not other ingredients are added during or after fermentation, and containing not more than 17 percent of alcohol by weight, including sweet wines fortified with wine spirits, such as port, sherry, muscatel and angelica, not exceeding 17 percent of alcohol by weight.

1.1.17. “General Council” means all eligible voters of the Klamath, Modoc and Yahooskin Band of Snake Indians.

Article II. Rules, Regulations and Enforcement

2.1. It shall be a violation of this ordinance for any person:

2.1.1. To in any manner introduce, sell, offer for sale, distribute, transport, consume, use or possess liquor on the Reservation except as expressly permitted by this ordinance.

2.1.2. To buy liquor on the Reservation from any person other than a tribally-licensed person.

2.1.3. Engaged wholly or in part in the business of carrying passengers for hire, and every agent, servant, or employee of such person, to permit any person to drink liquor in any public conveyance or for any person to consume liquor in a public conveyance.

2.1.4. To possess liquor with the intent to sell except as expressly permitted by this ordinance.

2.1.5. Under the age of 21 years to consume, acquire or have in possession any liquor.

2.1.6. Owning or controlling a premises to permit any other person under the age of 21 to consume liquor on such premises except as expressly exempted by this ordinance.

2.1.7. To sell or provide any liquor to any person under the age of 21 years.

2.1.8. To transfer in any manner an identification of age to a person under the age of 21 years for the purpose of
permitting such person to obtain liquor; provided, that there is corroborative testimony of a witness other than the under age person.

2.1.9. To knowingly sell liquor to a person under the influence of liquor.

2.1.10. To attempt to purchase liquor through the use of false or altered identification which falsely purports to show the individual as being over the age of 21 years, or

2.1.11. To possess, introduce or consume liquor at a place or premises that is or would be considered a public, common or other nuisance under any tribal, state or federal statutory or common law.

2.2. Any person who promotes any activity or owns or controls land on which there is any activity that is a violation of this ordinance shall be liable for and subject to the same penalties and proceedings as the person who directly commits the violation.

2.3. Any person guilty of a violation of this ordinance shall be liable to pay the Tribes up to $5,000 per violation as civil penalties.

2.4. When requested by the provider of liquor, a person shall be required to present official documentation of the bearer’s age, signature and photograph. Official documentation includes one of the following:

2.4.1. Driver’s license or identification card issued by any state department of motor vehicles;

2.4.2. United States Active Duty Military card; or

2.4.3. Passport; or

2.4.4. Official Tribal Identification from Federally recognized Tribes.

2.5. Liquor which is possessed contrary to the terms of this ordinance is declared to be contraband. Any tribal agent, employee or officer who is authorized by the General Council to enforce this ordinance shall seize all contraband and preserve it in accordance with the provisions established for the preservation of impounded property. Upon being found in violation of the ordinance, the party shall forfeit all right, title and interest in the items seized which shall become the property of the Tribes.

Article III. Abatement

3.1. Any room, house, building, vehicle, structure, land or other place where liquor is sold, manufactured, bartered, exchanged, given away, furnished, consumed or possessed or otherwise disposed of in violation of the provisions of this ordinance or of any other tribal law, and all property kept in and used in maintaining such place, is hereby declared to be a nuisance.

3.2. The Chairman of the Tribal Council or, if the Chairman fails or refuses to do so, by a majority vote, the General Council may institute and maintain an action in the Tribal Court in the name of the Tribes to abate and perpetually enjoin any nuisance declared under this article. In addition to other remedies at tribal law, depending upon the severity of past offenses, the risk of offenses in the future, the effect of the violator’s activity on public health, safety or welfare and any other appropriate criteria, the Tribal Court may order the room, house, building, vehicle, structure, land or place closed; or it may require the owner, lessee, tenant, or occupant thereof to give bond payable to the Tribes, of sufficient sum and conditioned that liquor will not be thereafter manufactured, kept, sold, bartered, exchanged, given away, furnished, possessed, consumed or otherwise disposed of in violation of the provisions of this ordinance or of any other applicable tribal law and that such person will pay all penalties, fees, costs and damages assessed against him for any violation of this ordinance or other tribal laws. If any conditions of the bond be violated, the bond may be applied to satisfy any amounts due to the Tribes. No order or injunction closing any business for a violation of this ordinance shall be issued without granting the opportunity to have a full evidentiary and adversary hearing.

3.3. In all cases where any person has been found in violation of this ordinance, an action may be brought to abate as a nuisance any real estate or other property involved in the violation of the ordinance, and violation of this ordinance shall be prima facie evidence that the room, house, building, vehicle, structure, land or place against which such action is brought is a public nuisance.

Article IV. Powers of Enforcement

4.1. Powers and Duties. In furtherance of this ordinance, the General Council shall have the following powers and duties:

4.1.1. To publish and enforce rules and regulations governing liquor on the Reservation;

4.1.2. To employ managers, accountants, security personnel, inspectors and such other persons as shall be reasonably necessary to allow the General Council to perform its functions;

4.1.3. To issue licenses permitting the sale, manufacture or distribution of liquor on the Reservation;

4.1.4. To bring proceedings in the Tribal Court or other appropriate forum to enforce this ordinance as necessary;

4.1.5. To seek penalties, taxes, damages, fees and other appropriate remedies, orders and injunctions for the violation of this ordinance;

4.1.6. To make such reports as may be required; and

4.1.7. To collect taxes and fees levied or set by the General Council and to keep accurate records, books and accounts.

4.2. Limitations on Powers. In the exercise of its powers and duties under this ordinance, the General Council and its individual members shall not:

4.2.1. Accept any gratuity, compensation or other thing of value from any liquor wholesaler, retailer, or distributor or from any licensee;

4.2.2. Waive the immunity of the Tribes from suit without the express written consent and resolution of the Tribal Council;

4.3. Inspection Rights. All premises on which liquor is sold, consumed, possessed or distributed shall be open for inspection by the Tribes at all reasonable times for the purposes of ascertaining whether the rules and regulations of the General Council and this ordinance are being complied with.

4.4. Hearings and Appeals. Violations of this ordinance shall be deemed a civil offense against the Tribes. Civil actions by the Tribes against violators may proceed in hearings initiated and held by any hearing officer designated by General Council. The General Council may impose penalties, damages, costs, taxes and attorneys fees and take any other actions reasonably necessary to carry out this ordinance. Liabilities imposed under this ordinance shall be a lien upon the violator’s property located on the reservation until paid and may be enforced and executed upon through the Tribal Court. Orders issued hereunder may be appealed to Tribal Court and considered under the arbitrary and capricious standard of review.

Article V. Sales of Liquor

5.1. License Required. Sales of liquor on the Reservation may only be made at businesses which hold a license issued pursuant to this ordinance.

5.2. Sales for Cash. All liquor sales on the Reservation shall be on a cash only basis and no credit shall be extended to any person, organization, or entity, except that the provision does not prevent the payment for purchases with use of credit cards such as Visa, MasterCard, American Express etc.

5.3. Sale for Personal Consumption. All sales shall be for the personal use
and consumption of the purchaser. Resale of any liquor on the Reservation is prohibited. Any person who is not licensed pursuant to this ordinance who purchases liquor on the Reservation and sells it, whether in the original container or not, shall violate this ordinance.

Article VI. Licensing

6.1. Procedure. All persons or entities which desire to sell liquor on the Reservation must apply to the Tribes for a license.

6.2. Application. Any person or entity applying for a license to sell or serve liquor on the Reservation must fill in the application provided for this purpose by the Tribes and pay such application fee as may be set from time to time by the General Council for this purpose. Said application must be filled out completely in order to be considered.

6.3. Issuance of License. The General Council may issue a license if it believes that such issuance is in the best interests of the Tribes.

6.4. Period of License. Each license may be issued for a period not to exceed two years from the date of issuance.

6.5. Renewal of License. A license may be renewed if the licensee has complied with all provisions of this ordinance and such issuance is in the best interests of the Tribes.

6.6. Revocation of License. The General Council may revoke a license due to one or more violations of this ordinance upon notice and hearing at which the licensee is given an opportunity to respond to any charges against it and to demonstrate why the license should not be suspended or revoked.

6.7. Non-transferability of Licenses. Licenses issued by the General Council shall not be transferable and may only be utilized by the person or entity in whose name it was issued.

Article VII. Taxes

7.1. Sales Tax. The General Council shall have the authority, as may subsequently be specified under tribal law, to levy and collect a tax on each retail sale of liquor on the Reservation based upon a percent of the retail sales price. All taxes from the sale of liquor on the Reservation shall be paid over to the General Treasury of the Tribes.

7.2. Taxes Due. All taxes for the sale of liquor on the Reservation are due on the 15th day of the month following the end of the calendar quarter for which the taxes are due or on such other dates as specified by tribal regulation.

7.3. Delinquent Taxes. Past due taxes shall accrue interest at 2 percent per month.

7.4. Reports. Along with payment of the taxes imposed herein, the taxpayer shall submit a quarterly accounting of all income from the sale or distribution of liquor, as well as for the taxes collected.

7.5. Audit. As a condition of obtaining a license, the licensee must agree to the review or audit of its book and records relating to the sale of liquor on the Reservation. Said review or audit may be done periodically by the Tribes or through its agents or employees whenever, in the opinion of the General Council, such a review or audit is necessary to verify the accuracy of reports.

Article VIII. Revenue

Revenue collected under this ordinance, from whatever source, shall be expended for administrative costs incurred in the enforcement of this ordinance. Excess funds shall be subject to appropriation by the General Council for governmental social services, including education, prevention and treatment programs to fight alcohol abuse on the Reservation.

Article IX. Exceptions

9.1. The introduction, distribution, transport, consumption, sale, offer for sale, use, consumption and possession of liquor is permitted:

9.1.1. For consumption at a gaming facility complex or other tribally-owned enterprise.

9.1.2. For scientific research or manufacturing products other than liquor.

9.1.3. For medical use under the direction of a physician, medical or dental clinic, or hospital.

9.1.4. For preparations not fit for human consumption such as cleaning compounds and toilet products, and for flavoring extracts, or

9.1.5. For sacramental use.

9.2. The consumption and possession of liquor for personal consumption by a person legally present on private, non-commercial property is permitted, subject to applicable tribal law.

9.3. These exceptions shall be narrowly construed.

Article X. Severability and Effective Date

10.1. If any provision or application of this ordinance is determined by review to be invalid, such determination shall not be held to render inapplicable the remaining portions of this ordinance or to render such provisions inapplicable to other persons or circumstances.

10.2. This ordinance is effective 30 days after the date of publication in the Federal Register.