

reintroduced to Apalachicola National Forest to aid in recovery and provide information on the germination ecology and seedling establishment of Harper's Fairy.

*Permit Application Number: TE 816862-7*

Applicant: Joseph Settles, Young and Settles, Winchester, Kentucky

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture, identify, tag, and release) northern long-eared bats (*Myotis septentrionalis*), Virginia big-eared bats (*Plecotus townsendii virginianus*), Indiana bats (*Myotis sodalis*), gray bats (*Myotis grisescens*), and 29 species of freshwater mussels, for the purpose of conducting presence/absence surveys studies to document habitat use throughout each species' respective range in reference to bats, and in the State of Kentucky in reference to mussels.

*Permit Application Number: TE 94704A-1*

Applicant: Dorothy Brown, Alpharetta, Georgia

The applicant requests authorization to take (acoustical monitoring, enter hibernacula or maternity roost caves, salvage dead bats, capture with mist nets or harp traps, handle, identify, collect hair samples, band, transmitter, light-tag, and wing-punch) Indiana bats (*Myotis sodalis*), gray bats (*Myotis grisescens*), and northern long-eared bats (*Myotis Septentrionalis*) while conducting presence/absence surveys and studies to document habitat use in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Kentucky, Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, Indiana, Ohio, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois. The applicant also requests authorization to take (capture, handle, tag, and release) Carolina northern flying squirrel (*Glaucomys sabrinus coloratus*) and bog turtle (*Clemmys muhlenbergii*) for the same purposes and states listed above.

*Permit Application Number: TE 070800-4*

Applicant: Ecological Services Inc., Roswell, Georgia

The applicant requests authorization to take (capture and release) 45 species of freshwater mussels, 11 species of snails, 20 species of freshwater fish, and 22 species of plants for the purpose of conducting presence/absence surveys in Georgia.

*Permit Application Number: TE 48579B-0*

Applicant: J. Erik Alford, Ecological Solutions, Roswell, Georgia

The applicant requests authorization to take (acoustical monitoring, enter hibernacula or maternity roost caves, salvage dead bats, capture with mist nets or harp traps, handle, identify, collect hair and tissue samples, swab for white nose syndrome, band, transmitter, light-tag, and wing-punch) Indiana bats (*Myotis sodalis*), gray bats (*Myotis grisescens*), and northern long-eared bats (*Myotis Septentrionalis*) while conducting presence/absence surveys and studies to document habitat use in Georgia.

Dated: October 9, 2014.

**Michael Oetker,**

*Acting Regional Director, Region 4.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

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### Notice of Meeting for Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Meeting Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the date of the 296th meeting of the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission.

**DATES:** The public meeting of the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission will be held on Monday, November 17, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. (EASTERN).

**ADDRESSES:** The Commission members will meet in the conference room at park headquarters, 99 Marconi Site Road, Wellfleet, Massachusetts 02667.

The 296th meeting of the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission will take place on Monday, November 17, 2014, at 1:00 p.m., in the meeting room at Headquarters, 99 Marconi Station Road, in Wellfleet, Massachusetts to discuss the following:

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (September 29, 2014)
3. Reports of Officers
4. Reports of Subcommittees
  - Update of Pilgrim Nuclear Plant Emergency Planning Subcommittee
5. Superintendent's Report Nauset Spit Update

Kiteboarding Update  
Shorebird Management Planning  
National Park Service Centennial  
Healthy Parks, Healthy People  
Improved Properties/Town Bylaws  
Herring River Wetland Restoration  
Highlands Center Update  
Ocean Stewardship Topics—  
Shoreline Change  
Climate Friendly Parks

#### 6. Old Business

Continue Discussion of NSTAR  
Spraying Plans, Clearing  
Alternatives and Utility Right-of-  
Ways  
Live Lightly Campaign Progress  
Report

#### 7. New Business

Presentation of Draft Section 208  
Water Quality Plan Update for Cape  
Cod and CCNS Comments (Possible  
Vote)  
Outer Cape Bike Trail Master Plan  
Update

#### 8. Date and Agenda for Next Meeting

#### 9. Public Comment

#### 10. Adjournment

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Further information concerning the meeting may be obtained from George E. Price, Jr., Superintendent, Cape Cod National Seashore, 99 Marconi Site Road, Wellfleet, MA 02667, or via telephone at (508) 771-2144.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commission was reestablished pursuant to Public Law 87-126, as amended by Public Law 105-280. The purpose of the Commission is to consult with the Secretary of the Interior, or her designee, with respect to matters relating to the development of Cape Cod National Seashore, and with respect to carrying out the provisions of sections 4 and 5 of the Act establishing the Seashore.

The meeting is open to the public. It is expected that 15 persons will be able to attend the meeting in addition to Commission members. Interested persons may make oral/written presentations to the Commission during the business meeting or file written statements. Such requests should be made to the park superintendent prior to the meeting. Before including your address, telephone number, email 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 may 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.

Dated: October 14, 2014.

**Alma Rippes**,

*Chief, Office of Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

[Docket No. BOEM-2014-0069;  
MMAA104000]

#### Modifications to the Bid Adequacy Procedures

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notification of procedural change and clarification of definitions.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is giving notice of its intent to change a criterion and to clarify selected definitions in its existing Bid Adequacy Procedures for ensuring receipt of Fair Market Value (FMV) on Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas leases. In particular, BOEM proposes to remove the “Number of Bids Rule” that is currently applicable in Phase 1 of the Bid Adequacy Procedures. A copy of current procedures, “Modifications to the Bid Adequacy Procedures,” published at 64 FR 37560 on July 12, 1999, can be obtained from the BOEM Web site at <http://www.boem.gov/Oil-and-Gas-Energy-Program/Leasing/Regional-Leasing/Gulf-of-Mexico-Region/Bid-Adequacy-Procedures.aspx>. BOEM invites comments during a 45-day comment period following publication of this notice.

**DATES:** Comments can be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> (Docket ID: BOEM-2014-0069) or postmarked no later than December 1, 2014. All comments received or postmarked during the comment period will be made publically available in the docket. BOEM will consider all comments and intends to publish the revised Bid Adequacy Procedures prior to or in conjunction with the Central Gulf of Mexico Planning Area Lease Sale 235 Final Notice of Sale.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by the docket number, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal rulemaking portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instruction for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Department of the Interior, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Economics Division, Attention:

Marshall Rose, 381 Elden Street, MS-3310, Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817.

#### Public Availability of Comments

Before including your name, address, phone number, email 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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Marshall Rose, Chief, Economics Division, at (703) 787-1536. The revised Bid Adequacy Procedures are described below.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the first phase of its tract evaluation procedures for OCS oil and gas lease sales, BOEM considers the number and characteristics of bids received on a tract to help determine whether the tract’s high bid can be accepted without further evaluation. BOEM is proposing to eliminate these factors of consideration from the initial part of the tract evaluation and bid acceptance process.

#### What is the regulatory authority for BOEM’s procedures to accept or reject high bids on tracts?

The FMV procedures used to determine the adequacy of the high bids received for OCS oil and gas leases clarify the steps involved in the authorized officer’s decisions on bid awards set forth in BOEM regulations at 30 CFR 556.47.

#### What definitions apply to these procedures?

BOEM is proposing to revise several bid adequacy definitions in its Bid Adequacy Procedures guidelines for clarity. These changes do not alter the fundamental meaning or application of these terms to the Bid Adequacy Procedures.

*Bid Adequacy Procedures* are the guidelines followed by BOEM in determining which high bids to accept and reject following receipt and opening of bids in an OCS oil and gas lease sale.

*Number of Bids Rule* is one of the criteria employed in Phase 1 of the Bid Adequacy Procedures to determine whether to accept a tract’s high bid without a further BOEM evaluation in Phase 2. Under this rule, the high bid on Confirmed and Wildcat tracts receiving three-or-more Qualified Bids may be accepted as representative of FMV if: (1) The third highest Qualified Bid on a

tract is within 50 percent of the tract’s highest Qualified Bid, and (2) the tract’s highest Qualified Bid per acre is within the top 75 percent of all high Qualified Bids per acre for all tracts receiving three-or-more Qualified Bids within the tract’s designated water depth category. (See “Modifications to the Bid Adequacy Procedures,” **Federal Register**, Volume 64, No. 132, July 12, 1999, Pps. 37560-37562, at <http://www.boem.gov/Oil-and-Gas-Energy-Program/Leasing/Regional-Leasing/Gulf-of-Mexico-Region/Bid-Adequacy-Procedures.aspx>.)

*Mean Range of Values (MROV)* is BOEM’s estimate of the dollar measure of a tract’s expected net present value, assuming that tract is leased in the current sale. It reflects the maximum amount a bidder could afford to pay as a cash bonus for the tract while expecting to earn a specified after-tax rate of return. The calculation of the MROV considers exploration and economic risk, sales value, exploration, development and production costs, royalties, and corporate income taxes allowing for depreciation of certain capital investments and depletion of the cash bonus as estimated by the MROV.

*Delay-adjusted Mean Range of Values (DMROV)* is BOEM’s estimate of the amount of a tract’s high bonus bid needed in the current sale which, when added to the present value of anticipated royalties from accepting the tract’s high bid and leasing the tract, equals the discounted sum of the tract’s expected high bonus bid and present value of anticipated royalties in the next sale if the high bid is rejected and the tract re-offered and sold in that next sale. The MROV estimated by BOEM for the tract in the next sale is used as the proxy for the next sale’s high bid on the tract, under projected economic, engineering and geologic conditions, including potential drainage. If the high bonus bid in the current sale exceeds the DMROV, then the present value of leasing receipts from selling the tract in the current sale are expected to be greater than those from rejecting the tract’s high bid in the current sale and selling the tract in the next sale.

*Revised Arithmetic Measure (RAM)* is BOEM’s representation of the average “bid” on certain tracts, and includes in its calculation all Qualified Bids on the tract that are equal to at least 25 percent of the tract’s high bid, as well as the MROV for the tract as estimated by BOEM.

*Unusual Bidding Patterns* typically refers to a situation in which two or more companies bid on some tracts or subset of tracts far more often or less often than would normally be expected.