

laws, but not from conveyance under Section 701 of the CDPA (108 Stat. 4471), is hereby extended for an additional 20-year period as to the following described lands:

#### Mount Diablo Meridian

T. 29 S., R. 38 E.,

Sec. 4, lot 1, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 5, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 7, lots 3 and 4, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 8, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 18, lots 1 and 2;

Sec. 30, lots 4 and 6, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The areas described aggregate 830.07 acres in Kern County.

2. The withdrawal extended by this order will terminate automatically upon issuance of patent or expire on May 12, 2037, unless, as a result of a review conducted before the expiration date pursuant to Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be further extended.

Dated: May 12, 2017.

**Ryan K. Zinke,**

*Secretary of the Interior.*

[FR Doc. 2017-10357 Filed 5-19-17; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 4310-40-P**

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

[NPS-PWR-PWRO-21619;  
PX.XPWRT16.00.1]

#### Final Environmental Impact Statement for Scorpion Pier Replacement, Channel Islands National Park, Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties, California

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Replacement of the Scorpion Pier on Santa Cruz Island, Channel Islands National Park. The Final EIS identifies and analyzes the potential consequences of three alternatives: The *No Action Alternative*; *Alternative 1*, which would replace the existing pier in the current location and make extensive road improvements; and *Alternative 2*,

which would construct a new replacement pier south of the existing location and make minor road improvements. It also proposes mitigation measures to minimize the adverse impacts from construction or operation of the alternatives where such impacts may occur.

**DATES:** The NPS will execute a Record of Decision no sooner than 30 days after the date of publication of the Notice of Availability published in the **Federal Register** by the Environmental Protection Agency.

**ADDRESSES:** The Final EIS is available for public inspection online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/chis>, in local public libraries, and in the office of the Superintendent, Channel Islands National Park, 1901 Spinnaker Dr., Ventura, CA 93001 (805) 658-5702.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Russell Galipeau, Superintendent, Channel Islands National Park, 1901 Spinnaker Dr., Ventura, CA 93001; [russell\\_galipeau@nps.gov](mailto:russell_galipeau@nps.gov); (805) 658-5702.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Santa Cruz Island is one of five remote islands spanning 2,228 square miles of land and sea comprising Channel Islands National Park. Given necessity for boat access to the island, need for the Project is driven by the following factors:

- Scorpion Pier should provide safe access to Santa Cruz Island. The existing pier is deteriorating and does not meet NPS requirements for administrative use or safe visitor access. The access road to the current location also requires frequent rebuilding. The current height of the pier cannot sufficiently accommodate high and low tides; as such, vessel operators have difficulty docking without compromising risk to individuals, vessels, and the pier itself. The embarkation process requires passengers to climb—one person at a time, often while carrying a backpack—a single unsteady ladder that is not compliant with standards for accessible design.

- Scorpion Pier should provide efficient access to Santa Cruz Island that accommodates visitor demand. The existing pier and access road significantly weaken the efficiency of NPS operations. The one-person ladder needed for embarkation, for example, lengthens the entire boarding process and increases visitor exposure to adverse weather conditions. The narrow width of the pier also causes delays because it cannot simultaneously accommodate visitors and large cargo (*i.e.*, maintenance vehicles); as such, passenger embarkation must occur separately from many maintenance

activities. Additionally, the lack of adequate armoring in the area increases the need for regular and expensive repairs to the eroding access road. Improvement of the pier and access road is necessary to meet current and future visitor demands.

- Scorpion Pier and the access roadway should be operated in a manner that protects sensitive resources. The access road is extremely susceptible to harsh weather conditions, and is often washed out by Scorpion Creek when it floods. Maintenance of the existing pier access road currently requires repairing and re-grading several times per year due to wave and storm erosion. As a result of these ground-disturbing activities, sensitive archaeological resources may be threatened. Ongoing re-construction can also impact the environment through air emissions, erosion, and possible pollutants to waterways and sensitive habitats.

- Scorpion Pier should provide access to Santa Cruz Island in consideration of predicted sea level rise. The predicted rise in sea level due to global warming must also be considered in the new design for the pier. Current predictions range from 0.33 foot to 1.1 foot by the year 2050, and 0.74 foot to 3.2 feet by 2100. Anticipated sea level rise has implications for the new pier design, as well as for the dynamics of Scorpion Creek during large storm events.

Accordingly, key project objectives include: (1) Improve the visitor experience; (2) Improve the pier while protecting marine and terrestrial environments; (3) Improve access for NPS and concessioner boats; (4) Improve passenger, cargo, and operations circulation; (5) Protect archaeological resources; (6) Preserve the historic landscape qualities and visual character of Scorpion Ranch; and (7) Improve efficiency and sustainability.

The Draft EIS was made available for public review and comment from October 9, 2015, through December 18, 2015. The full text and graphics were also posted on the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment Web site (<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/chis>). During the review period, the NPS received only six separate pieces of correspondence—the majority of comments were in regards to the general planning process and project design, as well as concerns about protecting aquatic biological resources and air quality. There were no objections to the proposed actions. After considering all comments received, the NPS prepared the Final EIS. There are no substantive

changes to the range of alternatives considered. *Alternative 2* is deemed to be the “environmentally preferred” course of action, and is identified as the agency-preferred alternative.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*

Dated: February 27, 2017.

**Laura E. Joss**

*Regional Director, Pacific West.*

[FR Doc. 2017-10426 Filed 5-19-17; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 4312-52-P**

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

[Docket No. BOEM-2017-0013;  
MMAA104000]

#### Cook Inlet Planning Area Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Lease Sale 244

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Final Notice of Sale.

**SUMMARY:** On Wednesday, June 21, 2017, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) will open and publicly announce bids received for blocks offered in the Cook Inlet Planning Area Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Lease Sale 244 (Cook Inlet Sale 244), in accordance with provisions of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA) and the implementing regulations issued thereto. The Cook Inlet Sale 244 Final Notice of Sale (NOS) package contains information essential to potential bidders.

**DATES:** Public opening and reading of the bids for Cook Inlet Lease Sale 244 will begin at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 21, 2017, in the Denali Room at the Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, Anchorage Federal Office Building, 222 West Seventh Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska. The venue will not be open to the general public, media, or industry. Instead, the bid opening and reading will be available for public viewing on BOEM’s Web site via video live-streaming at [www.boem.gov](http://www.boem.gov). The use of live-streaming will provide greater access to a wider national and international audience. BOEM will also post the results on its Web site after bid opening and reading are completed. All times referred to in this document are Alaska time, unless otherwise specified.

**Bid Submission Deadline:** BOEM must receive all sealed bids during normal business hours, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., through June 19, 2017, and from 8:00 a.m. to the bid submission deadline of 10:00 a.m. on

Tuesday, June 20, 2017, the day before the lease sale. For more information on bid submission, see Section VII, “Bidding Instructions,” of this document.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties, upon request, may obtain a compact disk (CD-ROM) containing the Final Notice of Sale (NOS) package by contacting the BOEM Alaska OCS Region at:

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, 3801 Centerpoint Drive, Suite 500, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, (907) 334-5200 or (800) 764-2627.

The Final NOS package can also be downloaded from the BOEM Web site at <http://www.boem.gov/Sale-244>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

David Diamond, Chief, Leasing Division, (703) 787-1776, [david.diamond@boem.gov](mailto:david.diamond@boem.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Table of Contents**

This Final NOS includes the following sections:

- I. Lease Sale Area
- II. Statutes and Regulations
- III. Lease Terms and Economic Conditions
- IV. Lease Stipulations
- V. Information to Lessees
- VI. Maps
- VII. Bidding Instructions
- VIII. Bidding Rules and Restrictions
- IX. Forms
- X. The Lease Sale
- XI. Delay of Sale

**Lease Sale Area**

BOEM will offer for bid in this lease sale all unleased whole blocks and partial blocks in the area of Cook Inlet identified on the map included as part of this notice, “Final Notice of Sale, Cook Inlet Planning Area, OCS Oil and Gas Lease Sale 244.” The BOEM Official Protraction Diagrams (OPDs) and Supplemental Official OCS Block Diagrams are available online at <http://www.boem.gov/Oil-and-Gas-Energy-Program/Mapping-and-Data/Alaska.aspx>.

All of these blocks are shown on the following OPDs:

- Iliamna (OPD NO 05-01)
- Seldovia (OPD NO 05-02)
- Kenai (OPD NP 05-08)

The available Federal area of each whole and partial block in this lease sale are shown in the document “List of Blocks Available for Leasing” included in the Final NOS Package. Some of these blocks, known as “partial blocks,” may be transected by administrative lines, such as the Federal/State jurisdictional line. A bid on a block must include all of the available Federal area of that block.

## II. Statutes and Regulations

Each lease is issued pursuant to the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA, 43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*), and is subject to OCSLA, its implementing regulations pursuant thereto (30 CFR part 556), and other applicable statutes and regulations in existence upon the effective date of the lease, as well as those applicable statutes enacted and regulations promulgated thereafter, except to the extent that the after-enacted statutes and regulations explicitly conflict with an express provision of the lease. Each lease is subject to amendments to the applicable statutes and regulations, including, but not limited to, OCSLA, that do not explicitly conflict with an express provision of the lease. The lessee expressly bears the risk that such new amended statutes and regulations (*i.e.*, those that do not explicitly conflict with an express provision of the lease) may increase or decrease the lessee’s obligations under the lease.

## III. Lease Terms and Economic Conditions

### Lease Terms

#### OCS Lease Form

BOEM will use Form BOEM-2005 (February 2017) to convey leases issued as a result of this sale. This lease form may be viewed on the BOEM Web site at <http://www.boem.gov/BOEM-2005/>. The lease form will be amended to conform with the specific terms, conditions, and stipulations applicable to each individual lease. The terms, conditions, and stipulations applicable to this sale are set forth below.

**Primary Term:** The primary term will be 10 years.

### Economic Conditions

**Minimum Bonus Bid Amounts:** \$25 per hectare or fraction thereof for all blocks. BOEM will not accept a bonus bid unless it provides for a cash bonus in the amount equal to, or exceeding, the specified minimum bonus bid of \$25 per hectare or fraction thereof for all blocks.

**Rental Rates:** An annual rental rate for all blocks of \$13 per hectare or fraction thereof, until the start of year eight of the primary term or a discovery of oil and gas, whichever occurs first; then at an annual rate of \$20 per hectare or fraction thereof.

**Royalty Rates:** 12.5%.

**Minimum Royalty:** \$20 per hectare or fraction thereof per year. No royalty relief will be offered as part of any lease that may be issued as a result of Cook Inlet Sale 244.