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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Marine Mammals; Letters of Authorization To Take Pacific Walrus and Polar Bears in the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas, Alaska, in 2018

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.
ACTION: Notice of issuance.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has issued Letters of Authorization (LOA) 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. This notice announces a list of the LOAs that were issued just prior to

and during 2018. The LOAs stipulate conditions and methods that minimize impacts to polar bears and Pacific walrus from these activities. No LOAs were requested or issued in 2018 for the nonlethal take of polar bears and Pacific walrus incidental to oil and gas industry exploration activities in the Chukchi Sea and adjacent western coast of Alaska.

ADDRESSES: The Letters of Authorization listed in this notice are available electronically at the following location: <http://www.fws.gov/alaska/fisheries/mmm/itr.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Christopher Putnam at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals Management Office, 1011 East Tudor Road, MS 341, Anchorage, Alaska 99503; 800-362-5148 or 907-786-3844.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 5, 2016, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service published in the **Federal Register** a final rule (81 FR 52276) establishing regulations that allow us to authorize the nonlethal, incidental, unintentional take of small numbers of polar bears (*Ursus maritimus*) and Pacific walrus (*Odobenus rosmarus divergens*) 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 through August 5, 2021. 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. This rule replaced a similar rule, published on August 3, 2011 (76 FR 47010), which expired on August 3, 2016, and likewise prescribed a process under which we issued such LOAs.

Each LOA stipulates conditions or methods that are specific to the activity and location. Holders of the LOAs must use methods and conduct activities in a manner that minimizes to the greatest extent practicable adverse impacts on Pacific walrus and polar bears and their habitat, and on the availability of these marine mammals for subsistence purposes. Intentional take and lethal incidental take are prohibited under these regulations.

In accordance with section 101(a)(5)(A) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and our regulations at 50 CFR part 18, subpart J, in 2018 we issued LOAs to each of the following companies in the Beaufort Sea and adjacent northern coast of Alaska:

BEAUFORT SEA LETTERS OF AUTHORIZATION

Company	Activity	Project	LOA No.
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc	Exploration	Putu Exploration well	17-12
Peak Oilfield Service Company, LLC	Support	Coastal transportation services	18-01
Armstrong Energy, LLC	Exploration	Pikka #2 exploration	18-02
Oil Search Alaska, Inc	Exploration	Transfer of Armstrong's LOA to Oil Search	18-02
Hilcorp Alaska, LLC	Development	Liberty geotech sampling	18-03
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc	Development	Seismic exploration and early development for GMT2 in the National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska (NPR-A).	18-04
SAExploration, Inc	Exploration	Yukon 3d seismic	18-05
BEM Systems, Incorporated	Remediation	Oliktok remediation and coastal erosion study	18-06
Petrotechnical Resources of Alaska	Exploration	Methane hydrate exploration on the North slope	18-07
BP Exploration (Alaska), Inc	Remediation	Demolition of the Liberty rig	18-08
Chevron Environmental Management Company.	Remediation	Kalubik Creek	18-09
Caelus Energy Alaska, LLC	Development	Nuna project	18-10
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc	Exploration	Harrison Bay	18-11
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc	Development	GMT-2 Development	18-12
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc	Exploration	2018-2019 NPR-A Exploration & Appraisal Drilling Program	18-13
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc	Exploration	NPR-A geotech and weather station near Harrison Bay	18-14
SAExploration, Inc	Exploration	Staines 3D seismic project	18-15
BP Exploration (Alaska), Inc	Exploration	Greater Prudhoe Bay 3D Seismic Survey	18-16

On June 12, 2013, we published in the **Federal Register** a final rule (78 FR 35364) establishing regulations that allowed 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 50 CFR part 18 subpart I and was effective until June 11, 2018. The process under which we issue LOAs to applicants and the requirements that the holders of the LOAs must follow is the same as described above for LOAs issued under

50 CFR part 18, subpart J. We issued no LOAs under the subpart I regulations in 2018 prior to their expiration on June 12, 2018.

Authority: We issue this notice under the authority of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*).

Dated: February 13, 2019.

Karen P. Clark,

Acting Regional Director, Alaska Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Draft Environmental Assessment and Habitat Conservation Plan; Davis Ranch, Bexar County, Texas; Correction

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for public comments; correction.

SUMMARY: On March 18, 2019, we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announced via a **Federal Register** notice the availability of a draft environmental assessment (dEA) and habitat conservation plan (HCP) for development in Bexar County, Texas. Under the Endangered Species Act, the Davis McCrary Property Trust applied for an incidental take permit (ITP) that would authorize incidental take of the golden-cheeked warbler. Our **Federal Register** notice inadvertently did not give the correct permit number and did not specifically state how the public can submit comments. In this notice, we correct those errors.

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be received or postmarked on or before May 8, 2019.

ADDRESSES: *Accessing Documents:*

Internet: DEA, HCP, and ITP application: You may obtain electronic copies of all three of the documents on the Service's website at <http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/AustinTexas/>.

U.S. Mail: You may obtain the documents at the following addresses. In your request for documents, please reference Davis Ranch HCP.

- *DEA and HCP:* A limited number of CD-ROM and printed copies of the dEA and HCP are available, by request, from Mr. Adam Zerrenner, Austin Ecological Services Field Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78758-4460; telephone 512-490-0057; fax 512-490-0974.

- *ITP Application:* The ITP application is available by mail from the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Room 6034, Albuquerque, NM 87103.

In-Person: DEA and dHCP: Copies of the draft EA and HCP (but not the ITP

application) are available for public inspection and review, by appointment and written request only, between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the following locations:

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 500 Gold Avenue SW, Room 6034, Albuquerque, NM 87102.

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78758.

Submitting Comments: Regarding any of the documents available for review, you may submit written comments by one of the following methods. In your comments, please reference Davis Ranch HCP.

- *Electronically:* Submit electronic comments to FW2_AUES_Consult@fws.gov.

- *By Hard Copy:* Mr. Adam Zerrenner, Austin Ecological Services Field Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78758-4460; telephone 512-490-0057; fax 512-490-0974.

We request that you send comments by only one of the methods described above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Adam Zerrenner, Field Supervisor, by mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78758; via phone at 512-490-0057; or via the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a March 18, 2019, **Federal Register** notice (84 FR 9806), we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), made available the draft Environmental Assessment (dEA) and the Davis Ranch Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for development of a 724-acre property in Bexar County, Texas. The Davis McCrary Property Trust has applied to the Service for an incidental take permit (ITP) under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The requested ITP, which would be in effect for a period of 30 years, if granted, would authorize incidental take of the federally endangered golden-cheeked warbler (*Setophaga (=Dendroica) chrysoparia*). The proposed incidental take would result from activities associated with otherwise lawful activities, including commercial and residential development on the property as a result of clearing of vegetation, earth-moving activities, and construction of structures.

Corrections

In our March 18, 2019, notice (84 FR 9806), we did not provide the correct permit number. The correct permit number is TE33684D-0.

We also wish to clarify how the public can submit comments. Please see *Submitting Comments* under **ADDRESSES**, above.

Finally, while the original end date for the comment period was April 17, 2019, we are extending the comment period to May 8, 2019, because of the errors in our original notice.

Authority

We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the ESA and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32) and the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Stewart Jacks,

Acting Regional Director, Southwest Region, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Filing of Plats of Survey, Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of official filing.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is scheduled to file plats of survey 30 calendar days from the date of this publication in the BLM Wyoming State Office, Cheyenne, Wyoming. The surveys, which were executed at the request of the BLM, are necessary for the management of these lands.

DATES: Protests must be received by the BLM by May 9, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written protests to the Wyoming State Director at WY957, Bureau of Land Management, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sonja Sparks, BLM Wyoming Chief Cadastral Surveyor at 307-775-6225 or s75spark@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 to contact this office during normal business hours. The Service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with this office. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lands surveyed are: The plat and field notes representing the dependent resurvey of