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DLSN00000.00000; DX6CS25]**Semiannual Regulatory Agenda****AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Interior.**ACTION:** Semiannual regulatory agenda.

SUMMARY: This notice provides the semiannual agenda of rules scheduled for review or development between fall 2019 and fall 2020. The Regulatory Flexibility Act and Executive Order 12866 require publication of the agenda.

ADDRESSES: Unless otherwise indicated, all agency contacts are located at the

Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: With this publication, the Department satisfies the requirement of Executive Order 12866 that the Department publish an agenda of rules that we have issued or expect to issue and of currently effective rules that we have scheduled for review.

Simultaneously, the Department meets the requirement of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) to publish an agenda in April and October of each year identifying rules that will have significant economic effects on a substantial number of small entities. We have specifically identified in the agenda rules that will have such effects.

This edition of the Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions includes The Regulatory Plan,

which appears in both the online Unified Agenda and in part II of the **Federal Register** that includes the Unified Agenda. The Department's Statement of Regulatory Priorities is included in the Plan.

In some cases, the Department has withdrawn rules that were placed on previous agendas for which there has been no publication activity or for which a proposed or interim rule was published. There is no legal significance to the omission of an item from this agenda. Withdrawal of a rule does not necessarily mean that the Department will not proceed with the rulemaking. Withdrawal allows the Department to assess the action further and determine whether rulemaking is appropriate. Following such an assessment, the Department may determine that certain rules listed as withdrawn under this agenda are appropriate for promulgation. If that determination is made, such rules will comply with Executive Order 13771.

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BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT—COMPLETED ACTIONS

| Sequence No. | Title | Regulation Identifier No. |
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| 286 | Revisions to the Blowout Preventer Systems and Well Control Rule | 1014-AA39 |

ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR LAND AND MINERALS MANAGEMENT—PROPOSED RULE STAGE

| Sequence No. | Title | Regulation Identifier No. |
|--------------|--|---------------------------|
| 287 | Revisions to the Requirements for Exploratory Drilling on the Arctic Outer Continental Shelf (Reg Plan Seq No. 92). | 1082-AA01 |
| 288 | Risk Management, Financial Assurance and Loss Prevention (Reg Plan Seq No. 93) | 1082-AA02 |

References in boldface appear in The Regulatory Plan in part II of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE—PROPOSED RULE STAGE

| Sequence No. | Title | Regulation Identifier No. |
|--------------|---|---------------------------|
| 289 | Migratory Bird Hunting; 2020–2021 Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulations | 1018-BD89 |

UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE—COMPLETED ACTIONS

| Sequence No. | Title | Regulation Identifier No. |
|--------------|---|---------------------------|
| 290 | Migratory Bird Hunting; 2019–2020 Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulations | 1018-BD10 |

BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT—COMPLETED ACTIONS

| Sequence No. | Title | Regulation Identifier No. |
|--------------|--|---------------------------|
| 291 | Risk Management, Financial Assurance and Loss Prevention | 1010-AE00 |

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE)

Completed Actions

286. Revisions to the Blowout Preventer Systems and Well Control Rule

E.O. 13771 Designation: Deregulatory.

Legal Authority: 43 U.S.C. 1331 to 1356a

Abstract: This rulemaking would revise the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) regulations published in the 2016 final rule entitled “Blowout Preventer Systems and Well Control,” 81 FR 25888 (April 29, 2016), for drilling, workover, completion and decommissioning operations. In accordance with section 4 of Secretary’s Order 3350 (America-First Offshore Energy Strategy), Executive Order (E.O.) 13783 (Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth), and section 7 of E.O. 13795 (Implementing an America-First Offshore Energy Strategy), BSEE reviewed the 2016 final rule, considered stakeholder input on that rule, and has proposed revisions to reduce unnecessary burdens while ensuring that operations are conducted safely and in an environmentally responsible manner.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM | 05/11/18 | 83 FR 22128 |
| NPRM Comment Period Extended. | 07/05/18 | 83 FR 31343 |
| NPRM Comment Period End. | 07/10/18 | |
| NPRM Comment Period Extended End. | 08/06/18 | |
| Final Action | 05/15/19 | 84 FR 21908 |
| Final Action Effective. | 07/15/19 | |

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

Agency Contact: Lakeisha Harrison, Chief, Regulations and Standards Branch, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, 45600 Woodland Road, Sterling, VA 20166, *Phone:* 703 787-1552, *Fax:* 703 787-1555, *Email:* lakeisha.harrison@bsee.gov.

RIN: 1014-AA39

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management (ASLM)

Proposed Rule Stage

287. Revisions to the Requirements for Exploratory Drilling on the Arctic Outer Continental Shelf

Regulatory Plan: This entry is Seq. No. 92 in part II of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

RIN: 1082-AA01

288. Risk Management, Financial Assurance and Loss Prevention

Regulatory Plan: This entry is Seq. No. 93 in part II of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

RIN: 1082-AA02

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

Proposed Rule Stage

289. Migratory Bird Hunting; 2020–2021 Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulations

E.O. 13771 Designation: Fully or Partially Exempt.

Legal Authority: 16 U.S.C. 703 to 712; 16 U.S.C. 742a–j

Abstract: We propose to establish annual hunting regulations for certain migratory game birds for the 2020–2021 hunting season. We annually prescribe outside limits (frameworks), within which States may select hunting seasons. This proposed rule provides the regulatory schedule, describes the proposed regulatory alternatives for the 2020–2021 duck hunting seasons, and requests proposals from Indian tribes that wish to establish special migratory game bird hunting regulations on Federal Indian reservations and ceded lands. Migratory game bird hunting seasons provide opportunities for recreation and sustenance; aid Federal, State, and Tribal governments in the management of migratory game birds; and permit harvests at levels compatible with migratory game bird population status and habitat conditions. We rely on a regulatory impact analysis developed in 2013 to quantify the costs and benefits of different regulatory alternatives in these annual hunting regulations. We will incorporate the most recent available data in this analysis to inform the final rule and subsequent rulemakings.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|----------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM | 10/15/19 | 84 FR 55120 |
| NPRM Comment Period End. | 11/15/19 | |
| NPRM—Proposed Frameworks. | 12/00/19 | |
| NPRM—Proposed Tribal Regs. | 01/00/20 | |
| Final Frameworks | 02/00/20 | |
| Season Selections. | 05/00/20 | |
| Final Tribal Regulations. | 06/00/20 | |

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

Agency Contact: Dr. Eric L. Kershner, Chief, Branch of Conservation, Permits, and Regulations, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: MB, Falls Church, VA 22041, *Phone:* 703 358-2376, *Fax:* 703 358-2217, *Email:* eric_kershner@fws.gov.

RIN: 1018-BD89

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

Completed Actions

290. Migratory Bird Hunting; 2019–2020 Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulations

E.O. 13771 Designation: Fully or Partially Exempt.

Legal Authority: 16 U.S.C. 703 to 712; 16 U.S.C. 742a–j

Abstract: We have established annual hunting regulations for certain migratory game birds for the 2019–2020 hunting season. We annually prescribe outside limits (frameworks), within which States may select hunting seasons. Migratory game bird hunting seasons provide opportunities for recreation and sustenance; aid Federal, State, and Tribal governments in the management of migratory game birds; and permit harvests at levels compatible with migratory game bird population status and habitat conditions.

Timetable:

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
|---------------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| NPRM | 06/14/18 | 83 FR 27836 |
| NPRM Comment Period End. | 07/18/18 | |
| NPRM Supplemental. | 09/21/18 | 83 FR 47868 |
| NPRM Supplemental Comment Period End. | 01/15/19 | |
| NPRM; Proposed Frameworks. | 04/17/19 | 84 FR 16152 |

| Action | Date | FR Cite | Action | Date | FR Cite |
|--|----------|-------------|---|----------|-------------|
| NPRM Comment Period End—Proposed Frameworks. | 05/17/19 | | Final Action Effective; Tribal Regulations. | 08/27/19 | |
| NPRM; Proposed Tribal Regulations. | 07/08/19 | 84 FR 32385 | Final Rule; Final Season Selections. | 08/28/19 | 84 FR 45077 |
| NPRM Comment Period End—Proposed Tribal Regulations. | 08/08/19 | | Final Action Effective; Season Selections. | 08/28/19 | |
| Final Action; Final Frameworks. | 08/19/19 | 84 FR 42996 | <i>Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.</i> | | |
| Final Action Effective; Frameworks. | 08/19/19 | | <i>Agency Contact:</i> Dr. Eric L. Kershner, Chief, Branch of Conservation, Permits, and Regulations, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: MB, Falls Church, VA 22041, <i>Phone:</i> 703 358–2376, <i>Fax:</i> 703 358–2217, <i>Email:</i> <i>eric_kershner@fws.gov</i> . | | |
| Final Rule; Final Tribal Regulations. | 08/27/19 | 84 FR 44760 | | | |

RIN: 1018–BD10

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)*Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)*

Completed Actions

291. Risk Management, Financial Assurance and Loss Prevention*Timetable:*

| Action | Date | FR Cite |
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| Transferred to RIN 1082–AA02. | 10/31/19 | |

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