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Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Angler Participation Study

AGENCY: Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) are proposing a new information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 21, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail to U.S. Geological Survey, Information Collections Officer, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 159, Reston, VA 20192; or by email to gs-info_collections@usgs.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 1028-NEW in the subject line of your comments. Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 for TTY assistance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Lucas Bair by email at lbair@usgs.gov, or by telephone at 928-556-7362.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the USGS; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how

might the USGS enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the USGS minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your 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.

Abstract: In 2019 the National Park Service (NPS) completed a plan for non-native fish management from Glen Canyon Dam to Lees Ferry and on through Grand Canyon National Park. The NPS identified specific tools for managing non-native brown trout with public and partner input, including an incentivized harvest program that offers a reward to anglers for catching and harvesting brown trout. The Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program along with its science provider, the US Geological Survey's Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center, is interested in understanding the participation of anglers in the brown trout incentivized harvest program. A mail-back survey will be used to collect information concerning (1) trip characteristics, (2) incentive structure and (3) opinions on river management. This collection proposes to provide data that will be used to inform the ongoing incentivized harvest program.

Title of Collection: Angler Participation Study.

OMB Control Number: 1028-NEW.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: New.

Respondents/Affected Public: General public and individual households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 800.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 400.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: We estimate the public reporting burden to be 20 minutes per completed survey response.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 200.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Frequency of Collection: One-time.

Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: We have not identified any nonhour burden costs associated with this collection of information.

An agency may not conduct, or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Theodore Melis,

Deputy Center Director, Southwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment To Consider Opening Lands Subject to ANCSA 17(d)(1) Withdrawals to Selection Under the Alaska Native Vietnam-Era Veterans Land Allotment Program of 2019

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended; the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), as amended; the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980 (ANILCA), as amended; the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA), as amended; and the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act of 2019 (Dingell Act), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) to consider the effects of opening lands withdrawn pursuant to Section 17(d)(1) of ANCSA to selection by eligible individuals under the Dingell Act.

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping process for the EA. Comments on relevant issues may be submitted in writing by September 21, 2021. The deadline to submit public comment is September 21, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on issues related to the proposed project by any of the following methods:

- *ePlanning Website:* <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2014748/510>.
- *Mail:* 222 W. 7th Avenue, Stop #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513.

• More details and instructions for submitting public comment can be found on the BLM ePlanning website at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2014748/510>.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the ePlanning website.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Serena Sweet at (907) 271-4534, or by email at ssweet@blm.gov on questions specific to NEPA, and Paul Krabacher at (907) 271-5681, or by email at pkrabach@blm.gov, on questions specific to the Native Vietnam-Era Veterans Land Allotment Program of 2019. People who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public Land Order (PLO) 7899, addressing lands in the Kobuk-Seward Peninsula planning area, was signed on January 11, 2021, and published in the **Federal Register** on January 19, 2021 (86 FR 5236). PLOs 7900, 7901, 7902, and 7903—addressing lands in the Ring of Fire, Bay, Bering Sea-Western Interior, and East Alaska planning areas respectively—were signed on January 15 and 16, 2021, but were never published in the **Federal Register** and therefore do not have an opening date. The Department extended the opening order for PLO 7899 by 60 days on February 18, 2021, to provide an opportunity to review the decisions and ensure the orderly management of the public lands (86 FR 10131). Subsequently, certain procedural and legal defects were identified in the decision-making process for these PLOs, including insufficient analysis under NEPA, failure to follow section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), and possible failure to adequately evaluate impacts under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Due to these deficiencies, on April 16, 2021, the Department—relying on inherent authority to revisit decisions based on identified legal errors—delayed the opening of lands under PLO 7899 and the publication of PLOs 7900, 7901, 7902, and 7903 for up to two years.

In the meantime, the BLM has committed to undertaking a process to update the NEPA analysis for these decisions, comply with the consent requirements of Section 204(i) of

FLPMA, and complete appropriate consultation under Section 106 of the NHPA, Section 7 of the ESA, and Section 810 of ANILCA in order to ensure that any decision to open some or all of the lands under reconsideration for selection under the Alaska Native Vietnam-Era Veterans Land Allotment Program is adequately supported under the law and, once conveyed, there are no questions about ownership of Alaska Native Veterans' allotments.

The Alaska Native Vietnam-Era Veterans Land Allotment Program was established by Section 1119 of the Dingell Act. Through this program, the BLM can provide eligible individuals the opportunity to select an allotment of up to 160 acres from vacant, unappropriated, and unreserved Federal lands in Alaska, or lands selected by the State of Alaska or Alaska Native corporations if that entity agrees to relinquish that portion of their selection. By law, lands will be available for selection only for a period of five years, which began when the regulations became effective on December 28, 2020, and continues through December 29, 2025. For more information on the Alaska Native Vietnam-Era Veterans Land Allotment Program, please visit <https://www.blm.gov/programs/lands-and-realty/regional-information/alaska/land-transfer/ak-native-allotment-act/alaska-native-vietnam-veterans-land-allotment>.

Currently, approximately 1.6 million acres of BLM-administered land in Alaska is available for selection by Alaska Native Veterans, including lands selected by the State of Alaska and Alaska Native Corporations. The areas subject to this review would—if opened for selection under the Alaska Native Vietnam-Era Veterans Land Allotment Program—make available up to 28 million additional acres of lands within the Kobuk-Seward Peninsula, Ring of Fire, Bay, Bering Sea-Western Interior, and East Alaska planning areas.

Because the Dingell Act allows eligible individuals to select lands for only a limited period, and consistent with the Congressional intent that the Alaska Native Vietnam-Era Veterans Land Allotment Program quickly convey allotments to eligible individuals, the BLM will hold any applications for lands covered by PLOs 7900, 7901, 7902, and 7903 within the Kobuk-Seward Peninsula, Bay, Ring of Fire, Bering Sea-Western Interior, and East Alaska planning areas while the agency completes the EA to consider opening the lands for selection. All complete applications for lands within those planning areas will be considered as

simultaneously filed at the time that any lands covered by those applications are opened to selection. If the BLM receives applications for an allotment within these lands, the agency will send a letter acknowledging receipt and notifying the applicant that all valid applications received at or prior to 8 a.m. Alaska Time on April 16, 2023, or the time that the lands covered by the applications are opened to selection, would be considered as simultaneously filed at that time. If the lands selected are not made available at the end of this process, the BLM will provide the applicant notice and they will have 60 days to make a substitute selection.

The input of Alaska Native Tribes is of critical importance to this EA. Therefore, the BLM has already held a series of government-to-government consultations with Tribes and a consultation meeting with Alaska Native corporations. During the planning process, the BLM will continue to consult with potentially affected Federally recognized Tribes on a government-to-government basis, and with affected Alaska Native corporations in accordance with Executive Order 13175 and other policies. Native concerns, including impacts on Indian trust assets and potential impacts to cultural resources, will be given appropriate consideration. We respectfully request participation in consultation by these Alaska Native entities to receive their views and recommendations on lands to be opened for selection by eligible individuals. The BLM anticipates holding additional informational meetings and will also hold individual consultation meetings if requested.

The BLM will utilize and coordinate the NEPA process to help fulfill the public involvement process under the NHPA, including as provided in 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). The information about historic and cultural resources within the area potentially affected by the proposed action will assist the BLM in identifying and evaluating impacts to such resources. Federal, State, and local agencies, along with Tribes and other stakeholders that may be interested in or affected by the proposed opening of lands withdrawn by Section 17(d)(1) of ANCSA to selection of allotments for the Alaska Native Vietnam-Era Veterans Land Allotment Program, are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request or be asked by the BLM to participate in the development of the EA as cooperating agencies. Potentially affected Tribes will receive a letter initiating consultation under Section 106 of the NHPA in the coming weeks and the BLM will work

with consulting parties to schedule consultation meetings.

The BLM is seeking public comments on issues, planning criteria, concerns, potential impacts, alternatives, and mitigation measures that should be considered in the analysis. Substantive comments will be used to prepare an EA. Additional opportunities, for public participation will be available upon publication of the draft EA.

Before including your 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.

Chad Padgett,

State Director, Alaska.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement

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Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Oil and Gas Decommissioning Activities on the Pacific Outer Continental Shelf

AGENCY: Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent (NOI) to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS).

SUMMARY: Consistent with the regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), BSEE intends to prepare a PEIS to inform future decisions on applications for the decommissioning of oil and gas pipelines, platforms, and other facilities offshore of Southern California on the Pacific Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is assisting BSEE in the preparation of this environmental analysis.

DATES: BSEE requests comments concerning the scope of the analysis, identifying potential alternatives, significant issues for analysis (or those to be eliminated as insignificant), and potentially relevant information, studies, and analyses to be considered.

All comments must be received by September 7, 2021. The draft PEIS is tentatively scheduled for publication in February 2022, followed by a 45-day public comment period. The final PEIS is tentatively scheduled for publication in June 2022, followed by a programmatic record of decision (ROD) no sooner than 30 days after publication of the final PEIS.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted in writing or through www.regulations.gov. If in written form, comments may be delivered by hand or by mail, enclosed in an envelope labeled, "Pacific Decommissioning" and addressed to Richard Yarde, Regional Supervisor, Office of Environment, BOEM Pacific Region, 760 Paseo Camarillo, Suite 102, Camarillo, CA, 93010. Comments may also be submitted online through the [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) web portal: Navigate to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket No. BOEM-2021-0043. Click on the "Comment Now!" button to the right of the document link. Enter your information and comment, then click "Submit."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the PEIS, contact Richard Yarde, Regional Supervisor, Office of Environment, at richard.yarde@boem.gov or 805-384-6379.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need for the Proposed Action

Oil and gas lessees, owners of operating rights, and holders of rights-of-way must decommission all OCS wells, platforms, other facilities, and pipelines, and clear the seafloor of all obstructions, in compliance with regulatory requirements principally located at 30 CFR part 250 Subpart Q. There are currently 23 oil and gas platforms and associated wells, facilities, and pipelines on the OCS offshore Southern California that were installed between the late 1960s and early 1990s and that will eventually need to be decommissioned. Lessees and owners of operating rights and holders of rights-of-way must first apply for and obtain approval from the appropriate BSEE District Manager or Regional Supervisor before decommissioning platforms, pipelines, and facilities. 30 CFR 250.1703-250.1704. Well abandonment activities

are reviewed and completed prior to removal of platforms, pipelines, and other facilities, and are therefore not included within the scope of this PEIS. BSEE reviews decommissioning applications to ensure compliance with applicable regulatory standards and for safety and protection of other OCS uses and the environment. The purpose and need for this PEIS is to support future Federal review of and action on decommissioning applications for platforms, pipelines, and other facilities offshore Southern California on the Pacific OCS. Currently, eight oil and gas platforms on the OCS offshore Southern California, near Point Conception and in the Santa Barbara Channel, no longer produce oil and gas and are located on terminated leases that no longer allow resumption of production. BSEE expects to receive decommissioning applications for these platforms and associated pipelines and other facilities in the near term. It is currently unknown when decommissioning may be initiated for the remaining 15 platforms, though by regulation an initial platform removal application must be submitted for Pacific OCS facilities at least two years before production is projected to cease.

Preliminary Proposed Action and Alternatives

BSEE expects to analyze three alternatives in the PEIS: Complete Removal of platforms and associated facilities and pipelines (Preliminary Proposed Action); Partial Removal of platforms and any associated facilities and pipelines; and No Action. Each alternative is briefly described below. The action alternatives contain a number of overlapping elements. For example, a particular type of cutting tool might be used in either complete removal or partial removal, with no difference in the activity or the expected impacts. In these instances analysis of the options may be included as part of the Proposed Action only.

Alternative 1—Complete Removal (the Preliminary Proposed Action). The Preliminary Proposed Action is to authorize applications for complete removal of platforms and other facilities, decommissioning of all pipelines by removal, and clearing the seafloor of all obstructions created by the lease or right-of-way operations, as described in 30 CFR part 250 Subpart Q. These activities must be completed in a manner that is safe, does not unreasonably interfere with other uses of the OCS, and does not cause undue or serious harm to the environment.

Both the Proposed Action and Partial Removal alternative would consider