

The Minerals Management Service (MMS) has prepared a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) relating to the proposed 1996 Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas lease sale of available unleased blocks in Cook Inlet. The proposed Cook Inlet Sale 149 will offer for lease approximately 2.0 million acres. Single copies of the draft EIS can be obtained from the Regional Director, Minerals Management Service, Alaska Region, 949 East 36th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-4302, Attention: Public Information. Copies can also be requested by telephone, (907) 271-6435.

Copies of the draft EIS will also be available for inspection in the following public libraries:

A. Holmes Johnson Memorial Library, 319 Lower Mill Bay Road, Kodiak, AK 99615
 Alaska Pacific University, Academic Support Center Library, 4101 University Drive, Rm. 310, Anchorage, AK 99508-4672
 Alaska Resources Library, U.S. Department of the Interior, Anchorage, AK
 Alaska State Library, Government Publications, P.O. Box 110571, Juneau, AK 99811
 Anchor Point Public Library, P.O. Box 129, Anchor Point, 99556
 ARCO Alaska, Inc., Library, P.O. Box 100360, Anchorage, AK 99510-0360
 Arctic Environmental Information and Data Center, University of Alaska, 707 A Street, Anchorage, AK
 BP Exploration, Information Resource Center, P.O. Box 196612, Anchorage, AK 99519
 Chiniak Public Library, P.O. Box 5610, Chiniak, AK 99615
 Cordova Public Library, P.O. Box 1170, Cordova, AK 99574
 Dillingham Public Library, P.O. Box 870, Dillingham, AK 99576
 Fairbanks North Star Borough Public Library (Noel Wien Library) 1215 Cowles Street, Fairbanks, AK
 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Library, 1011 E. Tudor Rd., Anchorage, AK 99503
 Halibut Cove Public Library, P.O. Box 6413, Halibut Cove, 99603
 ENRI Information Services, 707 A Street, Anchorage, AK 99501
 Jesse Wakefield Memorial Library, P.O. Box 49, Port Lions, AK 99550
 Juneau Memorial Library, 114 - 4th Street, Anchorage
 Juneau Public Library, 292 Marine Way, Juneau, AK 99801
 Kasilof Public Library, P.O. Box 176, Kasilof, AK 99610
 Kenai Community Library, 163 Main Street Loop, Kenai, AK 99611

Kenai Peninsula College, 34820 College Drive, Soldotna, AK 99669
 Kenai Peninsula College, 533 E. Pioneer Ave., Homer, AK 99603
 Ketchikan Public Library, 629 Dock Street, Ketchikan, AK 99901
 Kettleson Memorial Library, 320 Harbor Road, Sitka, AK 99835
 King Cove Community School Library, P.O. Box 6, King Cove, AK 99612
 Kodiak College, 117 Benny Benson Drive, Kodiak, AK 99615
 Martin Monson Library, P.O. Box 147, Naknek, AK 99633-0147
 Nanwalek Elem/High School Library, P.O. Box 8007, Nanwalek, AK 99603-6007
 Northern Alaska Environmental Center Library, 218 Driveway, Fairbanks, AK
 Oil Spill Information Center, 645 G Street, Anchorage, AK 99510-0600
 Oil Harbor Library, P.O. Box 109, Old Harbor, AK 99643
 Palmer Public Library, 655 Soputh Valley Way, Palmer, AK 99645
 Sand Point School Library, P.O. Box 269, Sand Point, AK 99661
 Seldovia Public Library, Drawer D. Seldovia, AK 99663
 Seward Community Library, P.O. Box 537, Seward, AK 99664
 Soldotna Public Library, 235 Brinkley Street, Soldotna, AK 99669
 State of Alaska, DEC Library, 410 Willoughby Avenue, Juneau, AK 99801-1795
 State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Library, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518-1599
 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Library, P.O. Box 898, Anchorage, AK 99506-0898
 University of Alaska-Fairbanks, Elmer Rasmusson Library, 310 Tanana Drive, Fairbanks, AK 99775-1007
 University of Alaska, Fairbanks Institute of Arctic Biology, 311 Irving Building, Fairbanks, AK
 University of Alaska, Government Documents Library, 3211 Providence Drive, Anchorage, AK 99508
 University of Alaska, Anchorage, Consortium Library, 3211 Providence Drive, Anchorage, AK 99508
 University of Alaska-Juneau Library, 11120 Glacier Highway, Juneau, AK
 University of Alaska, Seward Marine Center Library, P.O. Box 730, Seward, AK 99664
 Valdez Public Library, P.O. Box 609, Valdez, AK 99686
 Whittier Public Library, P.O. Box 749, Whittier, AK 99693
 Z.J. Loussac Public Library, 3600 Denali Street, Anchorage, AK 99503

In accordance with 30 CFR 256.26, the MMS will hold public hearings to receive comments and suggestions relating to the EIS.

The hearings will be held on the following dates and times indicated:

March 3, 1995

University Plaza Building, 949 East 36th Avenue, Room 210, Anchorage, Alaska, 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

March 6, 1995

Merrit Inn, 260 S. Willow Street, Kenai, Alaska, 7:00 p.m.

March 7, 1995

Homer City Council Chambers, Homer, Alaska, 7:00 p.m.

March 8, 1995

UAA Fish Tech Center, Kodiak, Alaska, 7:00 p.m.

The hearings will provide the Secretary of the Interior with information from Government agencies and the public which will help in the evaluation of the potential effects of the proposed lease sale.

Interested individuals, representatives of organizations, and public officials wishing to testify at the hearings are asked to contact the Regional Director at the above address or Ray Emerson by telephone (907) 271-6652 or toll free 1-800-764-2627 by February 24, 1995.

Time limitations may make it necessary to limit the length of oral presentations to 10 minutes. An oral statement may be supplemented by a more complete written statement which may be submitted to a hearing official at the time of oral presentation or by mail until April 13, 1995. This will allow those unable to testify at a public hearing an opportunity to make their views known and for those presenting oral testimony to submit supplemental information and comments.

Comments concerning the draft EIS will be accepted until April 13, 1995, and should be addressed to the Regional Director, Minerals Management Service, Alaska Region, 949 East 36th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99508-4302.

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