

information collections under the currently approved OMB Control No. 1006-0009. This collection of information provides data that helps DOI as well as other Federal agencies to manage GFQ in compliance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-45 (Revised). If the collection activity were not performed, there would be no basis for determining open market rental costs for GFQ.

*Frequency of Collection:* Each of 14 regions is surveyed every third year; this equates to four to five regions surveyed each year.

*Description of Respondents:* Individual property owners and small businesses or organizations (real estate managers, appraisers, or property managers).

*Estimated Annual Responses:* 3,500.

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden:* 688 hours. There are no recordkeeping requirements.

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost" Burden:* None.

*Comments:* We will summarize written responses to this notice and

address them in our submission for OMB approval. We specifically solicit your comments on the following questions:

(a) Is the proposed collection of information necessary for us to properly perform our functions, and will it be useful?

(b) Is the estimate of the burden hours of the proposed collection reasonable?

(c) Do you have any suggestions that would enhance the quality, clarity, or usefulness of the information to be collected?

(d) Is there a way to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology?

*PAM Information Collection Clearance Officer:* Debra E. Sonderman, (202) 208-6352.

Dated: August 14, 2000.

**Debra E. Sonderman,**

*Director, Office of Acquisition and Property Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Letters of Authorization To Take Marine Mammals

**AGENCY:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of Letters of Authorization to take marine mammals incidental to oil and gas industry activities.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 101(a)(5)(A) of the Maine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service implementing regulations [50 CFR 18.27(f)(3)], notice is hereby given that a Letter of Authorization to take polar bears and Pacific walrus incidental to oil and gas industry exploration, development, and production activities has been issued to the following company.

| Company              | Activity                       | Date issued   |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| BP Exploration ..... | Environmental Monitoring ..... | July 5, 2000. |

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. John W. Bridges at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals Management Office, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, (800) 362-5148 or (907) 786-3810.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Letters of Authorization were issued in accordance with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Federal Rules and Regulations "Marine Mammals; Incidental Take During Specified Activities (65 FR 16828; March 30, 2000)".

Dated: August 3, 2000.

**E. LaVerne Smith,**

*Acting Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council; Notice of Meeting

**SUMMARY:** As provided in section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Fish and Wildlife Service announces a meeting designed to foster partnerships to enhance public awareness of the importance of aquatic

resources and the social and economic benefits of recreational fishing and boating in the United States. This meeting, sponsored by the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (Council), is open to the public, and interested persons may make oral statements to the Council or may file written statements for consideration.

**DATES:** The public meeting will be held on Thursday, September 14, 2000, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Indianapolis, One South Capitol, Regency Ballroom D, Second Level, Indianapolis, IN 46204, Telephone (317) 632-1234.

Summary minutes of the conference will be maintained by the Council Coordinator at 4040 N. Fairfax Dr., Room 132A, Arlington, VA 22203, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours within 30 days following the meeting. Personal copies may be purchased for the cost of duplication.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Laury Parramore, Council Coordinator, at (703) 358-1711.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council was formed in January 1993 to

advise the Secretary of the Interior through the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service about sport fishing and boating issues. The Council represents the interests of the public and private sectors of the sport fishing and boating communities and is organized to enhance partnerships among industry, constituency groups and government. The 18-member Council includes the Director of the Service and the President of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, who both serve in ex officio capacities. Other Council members are directors from State agencies responsible for managing recreational fish and wildlife resources, and individuals who represent the interests of saltwater and freshwater recreational fishing, recreational boating, the recreational fishing and boating industries, recreational fisheries resource conservation, aquatic resource outreach and education, and tourism. The Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (Council) will convene to discuss:

(1) The final draft of a report containing recommendations for improving the National Fish Hatchery System. The report was requested by the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service and is being written by the Hatchery

Project Steering Committee, a subgroup of the Council's Technical Working Group;

(2) The Council's work in its role as a facilitator of discussions with Federal and State agencies and other sportfishing and boating interests concerning a variety of national boating and fisheries management issues;

(3) The Council's role in providing the Secretary of the Interior with information about the implementation of the Strategic Plan for the National Outreach and Communications Program. The Secretary approved the plan in February 1999, and the 5-year, \$36-million federally funded outreach campaign authorized by the 1998 Sportfishing and Boating Safety Act is now being implemented by the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation, a private, nonprofit organization.

Dated: August 11, 2000.

**Jamie Rappaport Clark,**

*Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Number 1004-0132

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces its intention to request renewal of an existing approval to collect certain information from entities interested in the development of geothermal steam resources on lands managed by BLM. The information to be collected concerns data submitted by geothermal lessees and operators issues for agency approval of specific or additional operations on a well and to report the completion or progress of the additional work. This information allows BLM to approve proposed operations and ensure compliance with granted approvals.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by October 17, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to: Regulatory Affairs Group (630), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C

Street NW, Room 104LS, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Comments may be sent via Internet to: WOCComment@blm.gov. Please include "ATTN: 1004-0132" and your name and return address in your internet message.

You may hand-deliver comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Board, Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW., Washington, D.C.

BLM will make comments available for public review at the L Street address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.), Monday through Friday.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barbara Gamble, Fluids Minerals Group, (202) 452-0338.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.12(a), BLM is required to provide 60-day notice in the *Federal Register* concerning a collection of information contained in 43 CFR Part 3260 to solicit comments on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. BLM will receive and analyze any comments sent in response to this notice and include them with its request for approval from the OMB under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

The Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to issue leases and prescribe regulations so that geothermal resources on certain Federal lands may be developed and used. Tribal lands may also be involved under the Indian Mineral Development Act. The Bureau of Land Management supervises operations of the leases granted under this authority by the regulations set forth in 43 CFR Part 3260. The regulations contain information collection requirements that are needed to grant the lessees permit to perform specific operations and to report the completion and progress of such work. Specifically, the regulations requires operators to submit a Geothermal Drilling Permit (Form 3260-2); a Geothermal Sundry Notice (Form 3260-3); a Geothermal Well Completion

Report (Form 3260-4); and a Monthly Report of Geothermal Operations (Form 3260-5).

All data is mailed or delivered to BLM by the lessee of record, a designated operator, or an approved agent acting in behalf of the lessee or operator. The data pertains to conducting or modifying operations under the terms and provisions of a Federal geothermal lease or an Indian geothermal contract. The information enables BLM to approve any geothermal exploration or modifications to existing wells.

While some of the identification elements requested on these forms are common, for example, well location, unit agreement name, etc., they are needed on each form to avoid confusions and to eliminate the likelihood of one well being mistaken for another. Restructuring these elements to a coded alphanumeric system would interject an additional layer of complexity without saving time or reducing burden.

#### *Form 3260-2, Geothermal Drilling Permit*

This is a permit to drill, redrill, deepen or plug back a well on Federal lands. It provides a basis for evaluating the proposed well's feasibility and determining whether the application should be disapproved or approved; and, if approved, whether any special conditions of approval should be made part of the permit. Without the information, there would be no assurance that drilling and associated activities, when and if authorized, are technically and environmentally feasible and ensure proper conservation of the resources.

#### *Form 3260-3, Geothermal Sundry Notice*

The sundry notice is required for planned well work or change of plans previously approved, road site and facilities construction and miscellaneous activities related to other previously approved operations. A subsequent report of the work performed must also be filed. Without this information, BLM cannot adequately evaluate the feasibility and environmental impacts of the proposed activity.

#### *Form 3260-4, Geothermal Well Completion Report*

The well completion report is used to obtain information on a complete and accurate log and history, in chronological order, of all operations conducted on the well. The logs are kept by lessees as normal, routine procedures and are not imposed as an additional