

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of permits for endangered species and marine mammals.

**SUMMARY:** The following permits were issued.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division

of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358-2281.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that on the dates below, as authorized by the provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and/or the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et*

*seq.*), the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permits subject to certain conditions set forth therein. For each permit for an endangered species, the Service found that (1) the application was filed in good faith, (2) the granted permit would not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species, and (3) the granted permit would be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in Section 2 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

Permit No.	Applicant	Receipt of application	Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
<b>Endangered Species</b>				
185767 .....	Molecular Anthropology Laboratory, Arizona State University.	73 FR 42593; July 22, 2008 .....		September 11, 2008.
<b>Endangered Marine Mammals</b>				
045447 .....	Terrie M. Williams, Center for Ocean Health, University of California.	73 FR 29144; May 20, 2008 .....		September 23, 2008

Dated: September 26, 2008.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

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**Letters of Authorization To Take Marine Mammals**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (MMPA) as amended, notice is hereby given that Letters of Authorization to take polar bears and Pacific walrus incidental to oil and gas industry exploration, development, and production activities in the Beaufort Sea and adjacent northern coast of Alaska have been issued.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A Letter of Authorization has been issued to the following companies in accordance with Fish and Wildlife Service Federal Rules and Regulations (see “Marine Mammals; Incidental Take During Specified Activities” at 71 FR 43926; August 2, 2006) under section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA and the Fish and Wildlife Service implementing regulations at 50 CFR 18.27(f)(3):

**Letters of Authorization for 2007**

Company	Activity	Project	Date issued
Kerr-McGee Oil and Gas .....	Development .....	Nikaichuq .....	Oct 26, 2006.
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc .....	Exploration .....	Intrepid .....	Dec 4, 2006.
Anadarko Petroleum Co .....	Exploration .....	Jacob’s Ladder .....	Dec 7, 2006.
Savant Alaska, LLC .....	Exploration .....	Kupcake #1 .....	Dec 27, 2006.
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc .....	Exploration .....	Noatak #1, 2, 3 .....	Dec 12, 2006.
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc .....	Exploration .....	Nugget #1, 2 .....	Dec 12, 2006.
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc .....	Exploration .....	Cassin #1, 2, 3 .....	Dec 12, 2006.
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc .....	Exploration .....	Spark Down Dip #9-12 .....	Dec 12, 2006.
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc .....	Exploration .....	Makua .....	Dec 15, 2006.
Pioneer Natural Resources Alaska, Inc .....	Development .....	Ooguruk Project .....	Dec 21, 2006.
Brooks Range Petroleum Corp .....	Exploration .....	Sak River .....	Dec 27, 2006.
Ukpeagvik Inupiat Corporation .....	Development .....	Cape Simpson Industrial Port.	Jan 31, 2007.
BP Exploration Alaska, Inc .....	Exploration .....	Milne Point seismic .....	Jan 23, 2007
Shell Offshore, Inc .....	Exploration .....	Aerial Reconnaissance .....	Jan 23, 2007.
Shell Offshore, Inc .....	Exploration .....	On-ice seismic .....	Mar 8, 2007.
Shell Offshore, Inc .....	Exploration .....	Open water seismic .....	July 31, 2007
Shell Offshore, Inc .....	Exploration .....	Beaufort Drilling Program .....	Aug 20, 2008.

**Letters of Authorization for 2008**

Company	Activity	Project	Date issued
Savant Alaska, LLC	Exploration	Kupcake #1	Dec 4, 2007
Pioneer Natural Resources Alaska, Inc	Development	Oooguruk Project	Dec 4, 2007.
Anadarko Petroleum Co	Exploration	Jacob's Ladder	Dec 3, 2007
Anadarko Petroleum Co	Exploration	Gubik, Chandler	Dec 3, 2007.
Brooks Range Petroleum Corp	Exploration	Tofkat	Dec 3, 2007
Brooks Range Petroleum Corp	Exploration	Gwydyr Bay	Dec 3, 2007.
Veritas DGC Land Inc	Exploration	2008 winter seismic	Jan 8, 2008.
Eni U.S. Operating Co, Inc	Development	Nikaitchuq	Feb 22, 2008.
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc	Exploration	Char #1	Feb 12, 2008.
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc	Exploration	Spark Down Dip 9	Feb 12, 2008.
Shell Offshore, Inc	Exploration	Aerial Reconnaissance Program.	Jan 28, 2008.
BP Exploration Alaska, Inc	Exploration	Liberty Seismic Program	March 6, 2008.
BP Exploration Alaska, Inc	Remediation	Challenge Island #1	April 11, 2008.
PGS Onshore, Inc	Exploration	OBC Seismic	July 10, 2008.
Shell Offshore, Inc	Exploration	Open water seismic	July 10, 2008.
ExxonMobil Production Co	Development	Point Thomson	Aug 19, 2008.

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**Thomas O. Melius,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

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**Letters of Authorization To Take Marine Mammals**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (MMPA) as amended, notice is hereby given that Letters of Authorization to take Pacific walruses and polar bears incidental to oil and gas industry exploration activities in the Chukchi Sea and adjacent western coast of Alaska have been issued.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A Letter of Authorization has been issued to the following companies in accordance with Fish and Wildlife Service Federal Rules and Regulations (see "Marine Mammals; Incidental Take During Specified Activities" at 73 FR 33212; June 11, 2008) under section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA and the Fish and Wildlife Service implementing regulations at 50 CFR 18.27(f)(3):

**Letters of Authorization for 2008**

Company	Activity	Location	Date issued
Shell Offshore, Inc	Exploration	Open water seismic	July 7, 2008.
ASRC Energy Services	Exploration	Marine Survey Program	July 15, 2008.
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc	Exploration	Marine Survey Program	July 22, 2008.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Sporting Conservation Council**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of teleconference.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a public teleconference of the Sporting Conservation Council (Council).

**DATES:** We will hold the teleconference on Tuesday, October 28, 2008, 1-2:30 p.m. (Eastern time). If you wish to listen to the teleconference proceedings, submit written material for the Council to consider, or give a 2-minute presentation during the teleconference, notify Phyllis Seitts by Monday, October 20, 2008. If you wish to submit a written statement for Council consideration during the teleconference, it must be received no later than October 23, 2008. See instructions under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Phyllis T. Seitts, 9828 North 31st Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85051-2517; 602-906-5603 (phone); or *Twinkle\_Thompson-Seitts@blm.gov* (e-mail).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Secretary of the Interior established the Council in February 2006 (71 FR 11220, March 6, 2006). The Council's mission is to provide advice and guidance to the Federal Government through the Department of the Interior on how to increase public awareness of: (1) The importance of wildlife resources, (2) the social and economic benefits of recreational hunting, and (3) wildlife