

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of comment period; notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** On December 30, 2011, notice was published in the **Federal Register** that NMFS had released for public comment the “Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Effects of Oil and Gas Activities in the Arctic Ocean.” Based on several written requests received by NMFS, the public comment period for this DEIS has been extended by 15 days. Additionally, on December 30, 2011, NMFS announced that public meetings would be held in January and February 2012. This notice provides additional updates on the DEIS public meeting schedule.

**DATES:** All comments and written statements must be postmarked no later than Tuesday, February 28, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and statements on the DEIS must be postmarked by February 28, 2012. Comments on the DEIS may be submitted by:

- *Email:* [arcticeis.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:arcticeis.comments@noaa.gov)
- *Mail:* Office of Protected Resources, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20190

- *Fax:* (301) 713-0376
- *Public Meetings:* Oral and written comments will be accepted during the upcoming public meetings. See

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION,** Public Meetings (below) for more information.

Comments sent via email, including all attachments, must not exceed a 25-megabyte file size. Information on this project can also be found on the Protected Resources Web page at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/eis/arctic.htm>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Candace Nachman, Jolie Harrison, or Michael Payne, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, at (301) 427-8401 or via email at [arcticeis.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:arcticeis.comments@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Additional information on the content of the DEIS can be found in the Notice of Availability (76 FR 82275, December 30, 2011).

**Public Meetings**

Comments will be accepted at public meetings and during the public comment period, and must be postmarked by February 28, 2012 (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). We request that you include in your comments: (1) Your name, address, and affiliation (if any); and (2) background documents to support your comments as appropriate.

The dates, times, and locations of the DEIS public meetings (incorrectly

described as scoping meetings in the Notice of Availability **Federal Register** document (76 FR 82275, December 30, 2011)) will be announced in local media. Public meetings will be held in the communities of Barrow, Kaktovik, Kivalina, Kotzebue, Nuiqsut, Point Hope, Point Lay, and Wainwright between January 30 and February 10, 2012. The exact dates, times, and locations will be announced in advance through local media. A DEIS public meeting will also be held in Anchorage at the Loussac Public Library in the Wilda Marston Theater located at 3600 Denali Street, Anchorage, AK on Monday, February 13, 2012, from 12–2 p.m. Comments will be accepted at all public meetings, as well as during the public comment period and can be submitted via the methods described earlier in this document (see **ADDRESSES**).

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or auxiliary aids should be directed to Erin Green by telephone at (907) 562-3366 or by email at [erin.green@urs.com](mailto:erin.green@urs.com) at least 7 days before the scheduled meeting date.

Dated: January 11, 2012.

**James H. Lecky,**

*Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

**National Ocean Council—National Ocean Policy Draft Implementation Plan**

**AGENCY:** Council on Environmental Quality.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** On July 19, 2010, President Obama signed Executive Order 13547 establishing a National Policy for the Stewardship of the Ocean, our Coasts, and the Great Lakes (National Ocean Policy). As part of the President’s charge for Federal agencies to implement the National Ocean Policy, the National Ocean Council developed actions to achieve the Policy’s nine priority objectives, and to address some of the most pressing challenges facing the ocean, our coasts, and the Great Lakes. Collectively, the actions are encompassed in a single draft *National Ocean Policy Implementation Plan (Implementation Plan)*. The draft

*Implementation Plan* describes more than 50 actions the Federal Government will take to improve the health of the ocean, coasts, and Great Lakes, which support tens of millions of jobs, contribute trillions of dollars a year to the national economy, and are essential to public health and national security.

The draft *Implementation Plan* will ensure the Federal Government targets limited resources more effectively to deliver demonstrable results for the American people, including predictability for users, more efficient and coordinated decision-making, and improved sharing of data and technology. For each action, the *Implementation Plan* outlines key milestones, identifies responsible agencies, and indicates the expected timeframe for completion.

Experts from the National Ocean Council’s member departments, agencies, and offices developed the actions in the draft *Implementation Plan* with significant input from national, regional, and local stakeholders and the general public. The development process included public comment periods from January through April 2011 and June through July 2011, and 12 regional listening sessions around the country.

Next, public comments on the draft *Implementation Plan* will inform the preparation of the final plan. We welcome your general input, and also pose the following questions:

- Does the draft *Implementation Plan* reflect actions you see are needed to address the nine priorities for the ocean, coasts, and the Great lakes?

- What is the most effective way to measure outcomes and to detect whether a particular action in the *Implementation Plan* has achieved its intended outcome? Would a report card format be useful?

Comments received will be collated and posted on the National Ocean Council Web site. The final *Implementation Plan* is expected in the spring of 2012.

**DATES:** The National Ocean Council must receive comments by midnight, February 27, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** The draft *Implementation Plan* and additional information can be found at <http://www.WhiteHouse.gov/oceans>. Comments should be submitted electronically to <http://www.WhiteHouse.gov/oceans>.

Comments may also be sent in writing to “ATTN: National Ocean Council” by fax to (202) 456-0753, or by mail to National Ocean Council, 722 Jackson Place NW., Washington, DC 20503. Heightened security measures in force

may delay mail delivery; therefore, please allow at least two (2) to three (3) weeks of additional time for mailed comments to arrive. We encourage you to also submit comments through the National Ocean Council Web site.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Questions about the content of this request may be submitted through the National Ocean Council Web site at <http://www.WhiteHouse.gov/administration/eop/oceans/contact> or by mail to National Ocean Council, 722 Jackson Place NW., Washington, DC 20503. Please note, heightened security measures in force may delay mail delivery; therefore, we encourage you to also submit questions through the National Ocean Council Web site.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On July 19, 2010, President Obama signed Executive Order 13547 establishing a National Policy for the Stewardship of the Ocean, our Coasts, and the Great Lakes. That Executive Order adopts the Final Recommendations of the Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force and directs Federal agencies to take the appropriate steps to implement them. The Executive Order creates an interagency National Ocean Council to strengthen ocean governance and coordination and identifies nine priority objectives for the National Ocean Council to pursue.

The National Ocean Policy provides a comprehensive approach, based on science and technology, to uphold our stewardship responsibilities and ensure accountability for our actions to present and future generations. The Obama Administration intends, through the National Ocean Policy, to provide a model of balanced, productive, efficient, sustainable, and informed ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes use, management, and conservation.

The National Ocean Policy describes a clear set of priority objectives, listed below, that our Nation should pursue to address some of the most pressing challenges facing the ocean, our coasts, and the Great Lakes. Additional information about each priority may be found at <http://www.WhiteHouse.gov/oceans>.

**Ecosystem-Based Management:** Adopt ecosystem-based management as a foundational principle for the comprehensive management of the ocean, our coasts, and the Great Lakes;

**Inform Decisions and Improve Understanding:** Increase knowledge to continually inform and improve management and policy decisions and the capacity to respond to change and challenges. Better educate the public through formal and informal programs

about the ocean, our coasts, and the Great Lakes;

**Observations, Mapping, and Infrastructure:** Strengthen and integrate Federal and non-Federal ocean observing systems, sensors, data collection platforms, data management, and mapping capabilities into a national system and integrate that system into international observation efforts;

**Coordinate and Support:** Better coordinate and support Federal, State, Tribal, local, and regional management of the ocean, our coasts, and the Great Lakes. Improve coordination and integration across the Federal Government and, as appropriate, engage with the international community;

**Regional Ecosystem Protection and Restoration:** Establish and implement an integrated ecosystem protection and restoration strategy that is science-based and aligns conservation and restoration goals at the Federal, State, Tribal, local, and regional levels;

**Resiliency and Adaptation to Climate Change and Ocean Acidification:** Strengthen resiliency of coastal communities and marine and Great Lakes environments, and their abilities to adapt to climate change impacts and ocean acidification;

**Water Quality and Sustainable Practices on Land:** Enhance water quality in the ocean, along our coasts, and in the Great Lakes by promoting and implementing sustainable practices on land;

**Changing Conditions in the Arctic:** Address environmental stewardship needs in the Arctic Ocean and adjacent coastal areas in the face of climate-induced and other environmental changes; and

**Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning:** Implement comprehensive, integrated, ecosystem-based coastal and marine spatial planning and management in the United States.

The draft *Implementation Plan* addresses each of these priority objectives through actions and milestones Federal agencies will undertake to deliver tangible results to the American people on the vitality and availability of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources. The National Ocean Council will assess and review the *Implementation Plan* on a regular basis, and modify it as needed based on the success or failure of the agreed upon actions.

The National Ocean Policy neither establishes any new regulations nor restricts any ocean uses or activities. The National Ocean Policy does not supersede or alter any existing Federal, State, Tribal, or local authority. Accordingly, the *Implementation Plan*

will be carried out under existing domestic legal authority and in accordance with customary international law, including as reflected in the Law of the Sea Convention, and with treaties and other international agreements to which the United States is a party.

Dated: January 11, 2012.

**Nancy H. Sutley,**

*Chair.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Air Force**

[Docket ID USAF-2012-0001]

**Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Air Force, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice to Alter a System of Records.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Air Force proposes to alter a system of records in its inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

**DATES:** This proposed action will be effective on February 17, 2012 unless comments are received which result in a contrary determination.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

\* *Federal Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

\* *Mail:* Federal Docket Management System Office, 4800 Mark Center Drive, East Tower, 2nd Floor, Suite 02G09, Alexandria, VA 22350-3100.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Charles J. Shedrick, U.S. Air Force Privacy Officer, Department of the Air Force Privacy Office, Air Force Privacy Act Office, Office of Warfighting Integration and Chief Information officer, Attn: SAF/CIO A6, 1800 Air Force Pentagon, Washington DC 20330-