estimates should consider costs associated with generating, maintaining, and disclosing or providing the information. You should include descriptions of methods used to estimate major cost factors, including system and technology acquisition, expected useful life of capital equipment, discount rate(s), and period over which costs will be incurred. Capital and startup costs include, among other items, preparations for collecting information such as purchasing computers and software; monitoring, sampling, drilling, and testing equipment; and record storage facilities. Generally, estimates should not include purchases of equipment or services made: before October 1, 1995; to achieve regulatory compliance with requirements not associated with the information collection; for reasons other than to provide information or keep records for the government; or as part of customary and usual business or private practices.

Bureau Clearance Officer: Carole A. deWitt (703) 878–1242.

Dated: April 2, 1996.

Henry G. Bartholomew,

Deputy Associate Director for Operations and Safety Management.

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Outer Continental Shelf, Alaska Natural Gas and Oil Lease Sales

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Request for Indications of Continuing Interest and Comments for Oil and Gas Lease Sales: Beaufort Sea, Sale 144; Cook Inlet, Sale 149; and Gulf of Alaska/Yakutat, Sale 158.

The Minerals Management Service (MMS) is requesting information on natural gas and oil lease sales in the Alaska OCS Region. These sales are included in the 5-Year Program for 1992–1997 and are in various stages of the pre-sale process. The areas currently being considered for offering are shown on the maps for each area included in this Notice. Larger scale maps are also available for use at the Alaska OCS Region, 949 East 36th Avenue, 3rd Floor, Anchorage, Alaska 99508–4302, telephone (907) 271–6691. All indications of interest and comments containing confidential information will be deemed to be proprietary information.

Beaufort Sea Sale 144 is currently scheduled for late September 1996. The final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is due to be filed next month. Potential bidders are asked to indicate whether they have a continuing interest in leasing and conducting oil and gas operations in any portion of the sale area and to specifically identify those areas of interest by outlining groups of blocks using MMS's Beaufort Sea Sale 144 maps.

Cook Inlet Sale 149 is currently scheduled for late June 1996. Governor Knowles of Alaska recently indicated that he believed that industry interest in a lease sale in this area was uncertain. Potential bidders are asked to indicate whether they have a continuing interest in leasing and conducting oil and gas operations in any portion of the sale area and to specifically identify those areas of interest by outlining groups of blocks using MMS's Cook Inlet Sale 149 maps.

Preparations for Sale 158, Gulf of Alaska/Yakutat have been proceeding toward a proposed mid-1997 sale date. However, recent information from industry showed much less interest in the area among companies which had earlier supported the proposal. Comments on Sale 158 will help MMS determine whether preparations should continue or the area be deferred for consideration in the 1997–2002 5-Year Program. Also, note that the comment period for the draft EIS for Sale 158 is hereby extended to May 25, 1996.

Responses are requested within 15 days of the publication of this notice. Letters and/or maps should be mailed or delivered to the Regional Supervisor, Leasing and Environment, Alaska OCS Region, 949 East 36th Avenue, 3rd Floor, Anchorage, Alaska 99508–4302. Responses may also be sent by fax to (907) 271–6805. Telephone inquiries may be made to Mr. Tom Warren at (907) 271–6691. Additionally, respondents may request a meeting with MMS to discuss, in a confidential manner, the specific areas of interest.

Dated: April 5, 1996.

Thomas Gernhofer,

Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management.

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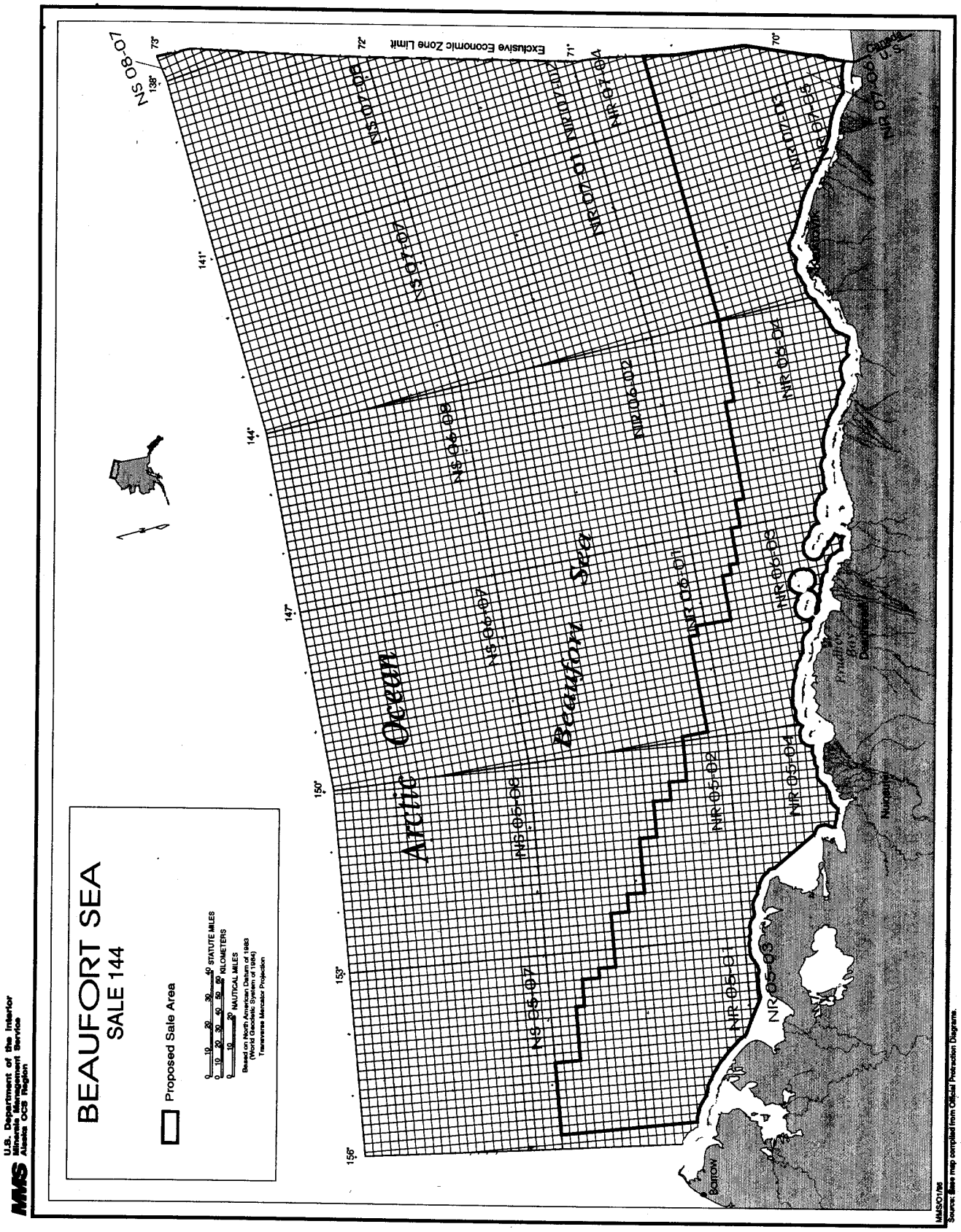
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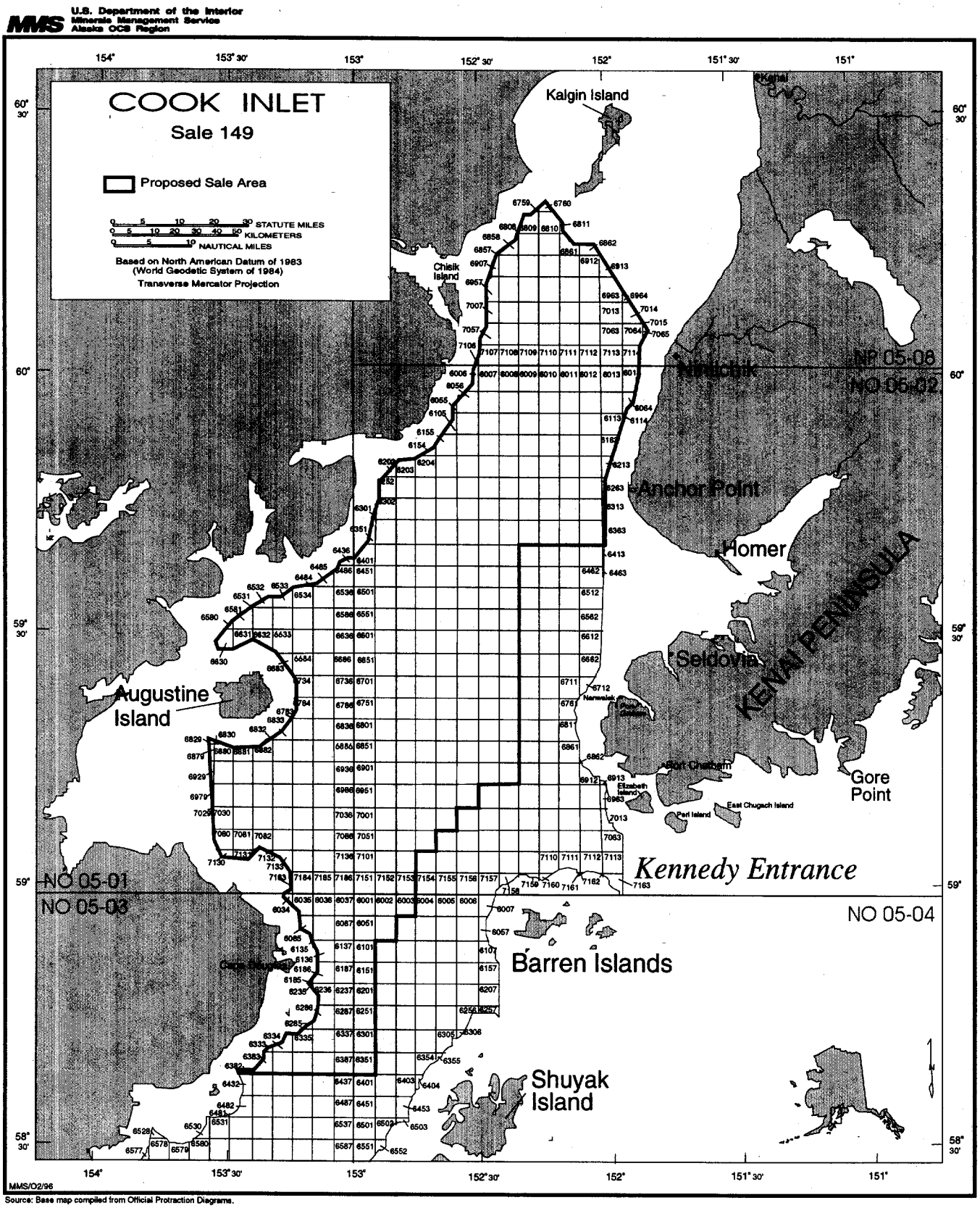

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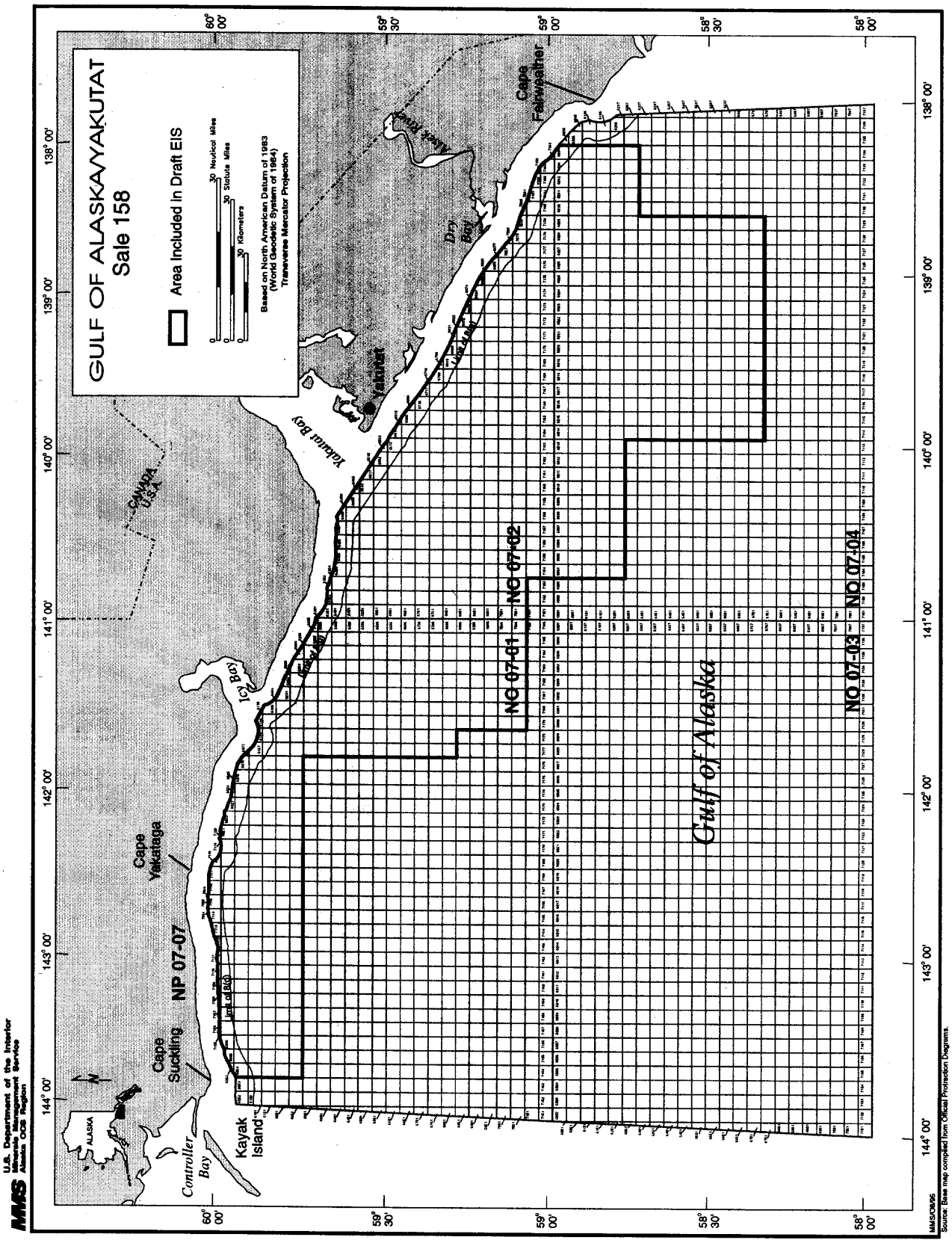

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