

Minerals Management Service to hold hearings on Sale 109

The Minerals Management Service's Alaska Outer Continental Shelf Region is holding public hearings on the draft environmental impact statement for the Chukchi Sea/Sale 109.

The draft statement was issued March 6 and covers some 29.5 million acres of the outer continental shelf offshore Alaska. The 5,448 blocks are located between three and 239 miles offshore Alaska's Northwest coast in the eastern Chukchi Sea, in water depths ranging from about 26 to 263 feet.

Public hearing will be held in Barrow April 10 at 7 p.m. in the North Slope Borough Assembly Chambers; in Point Hope April 13 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center; in Point Barrow

April 14 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center; in Wainwright April 15 at 7 p.m. in the City Office Building; and in Anchorage April 22 at noon in Room 601 of the University Plaza Building, 949 East 36th Ave.

Those wishing to testify at the hearings are asked to contact Laura Yoesting at 261-4659. Oral statements will be limited to 10 minutes, and speakers are asked to provide a written copy of their testimony.

Written comments must be submitted by May 5 to the Regional Director, Minerals Management Service, Alaska OCS Region, Room 110, 949 East 36th Ave., Anchorage 99508. Attn: Laura Yoesting.