

Testimony registration deadline for leasing in Lower Cook Inlet

Mid-August is the 'deadline for people registering to testify at the late August public hearing about the federal proposal for oil and natural gas leasing in the lower Cook Inlet. Those wishing to appear at either the Anchorage or Homer sessions should notify the Alaska Outer Con-

tinental Shelf (OCS) Office by Aug. 17, 1976.

Lists of witnesses for both locations will be available the day before the start of the hearing in both Anchorage and Homer. Two days on hearing commence at 9 a.m. ADT in Anchorage on Aug. 24, 1976.

A third day of hearing begins at the same hour on Aug. 26 in Homer.

Written testimony and comments on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), according to Edward J. Hoffman, manager of the Alaska OCS Office, will be received

until Sept. 10, 1976. This 10-working-day interval, between the hearing and this September date, is available, he pointed out, for those wishing to submit supplemental material—in addition to an oral testimony.

Written material should be mailed to the BLM Alaska OCS Office, P. O. Box 1159, Anchorage, AK 99510.

An oral statement, he said, can be supplemented by a more complete written statement, presented to the hearing officer at the time of the hearing (either at the Endeavor Room of the Captain Cook Hotel or at the high school gymnasium

in Homer). These oral and written statements, presented in person at the time of the hearing, will be considered for inclusion in the hearing record.

Those persons wishing to testify should either call the office at 907-276-2955 or write to the address just mentioned. Witnesses are asked to limit their remarks to 10 minutes, or less, unless advance permission to make a longer statement has been requested and granted by the presiding officer prior to the commencement of the public hearing.