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## **SECTION 5.0 CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION**

### **5.1 PREVIEW OF THIS SECTION**

This section presents a discussion of the agency and public consultation and coordination process and activities that have been conducted in association with the ASDP DEIS. The section does the following:

- Summarizes the scoping process conducted for the preparation of the DEIS
- Describes the government-to-government consultation efforts accomplished during completion of the DEIS
- Lists the interested groups contacted during the scoping process
- Lists the individual contributors and their areas of expertise and/or responsibility

### **5.2 FORMAL SCOPING**

Formal scoping began when the BLM published a Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register on February 18, 2003, announcing the intent to begin preparation of the ASDP EIS. Publication of the NOI began a 45-day public scoping period. The scoping period provided an opportunity for the public to submit comments and relevant information for the preparation of the EIS and informed agencies on issues relevant to the Plan Area and analysis within the EIS.

To encourage maximum participation during the scoping process, the public was invited to submit comments on the ASDP in several ways:

- Open public meetings held in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Barrow, and Nuiqsut
- Traditional mail
- Hand delivery
- Facsimile
- Directly through a web site on the Internet

All comments received equal consideration regardless of how they were submitted.

Public meetings were held in Anchorage, Barrow, Nuiqsut, and Fairbanks between March 6 and March 20, 2003. The meetings were facilitated and all proceedings recorded. One hundred and twelve individuals signed in at the four public meetings. Each meeting was preceded by a 1.5-hour “open house” period designed to give people a chance to take an in-depth look at the materials—maps, handouts, etc.—and ask questions of the planning team, agencies, and applicant. For the Barrow and Nuiqsut meetings, the comment sheet and meeting agenda were translated into Inupiaq, and a translator was available at the Barrow and Nuiqsut meetings. Handouts at the scoping meetings included a comment form that could be returned to the project team by fax or mail. Scoping comments were requested by meeting handouts, advertisements in the *Anchorage Daily News*, the *Fairbanks Daily News-Miner*, the *Alaska Journal of Commerce*, the *Arctic Sounder*, the EIS project web site ([www.alpine-satellites-eis.com](http://www.alpine-satellites-eis.com)), and a newsletter distributed by the project team using the BLM’s *NPRA-Report* newsletter mailing list. During the scoping period, February 18, 2003, through March 31, 2003, 36 comments were received through the following media:

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- Telephone 1
  - Facsimile 8
  - Web site form 12
  - Traditional mail 12
  - Comment forms 3

Scoping methods and comments received are summarized in the Scoping Summary Report prepared in May 2003 and which is available at [www.alpine-satellites-eis.com](http://www.alpine-satellites-eis.com).

### **5.3 PROJECT NEWSLETTERS**

The BLM is periodically circulating project newsletters designed to keep the public informed on the status of the NEPA process for the ASDP EIS. The first newsletter was circulated in February 2003 and provided information on the scoping and public participation process. The second newsletter was circulated in June 2003 and provided information on the major issues and concerns that were voiced by the public during scoping meetings and through written comments. Project newsletters are circulated to all interested parties of record who have expressed interest in proposed ASDP oil and gas activities. These newsletters are available on the ASDP EIS web site.

### **5.4 GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION**

Federal agencies and the State of Alaska work on a government-to-government basis with Alaska Native tribes. The government-to-government relationship was formally recognized by the state government on September 29, 2000, with Alaska Administrative Order No. 186. The federal government reaffirmed government-to-government consultation requirements on November 6, 2000, with Executive Order 13175. The BLM and the cooperating agencies—the USEPA, USACE, USCG, and the State of Alaska—have undertaken consultation with Native tribes on the ASDP EIS.

The agencies undertook a proactive approach to consultation with three Native governments on the ASDP EIS—the Native Village of Barrow, the Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope, and the Native Village of Nuiqsut. The BLM and the original federal cooperating agencies (the USGC became a cooperating agency in October 2003) invited these tribes to engage in formal consultation in February 2003. All three tribes accepted this invitation and began formal consultation in June 2003. The state of Alaska also contacted the three Native governments identified above soliciting formal consultation. Letters were mailed to each tribal entity on May 20, 2003, and again on June 16, 2003. All three tribal entities responded, stating their desire to formally participate in this EIS and assigned tribal contacts for direct consultation.

The agencies, concurrent with public scoping meetings, met with tribal leaders in Barrow and Nuiqsut to introduce the lead and cooperating agency personnel involved in the EIS preparation and obtain initial tribal input. The BLM followed up with telephone calls to solicit input and provide opportunity for discussion of the EIS alternatives, analysis, and schedule. In early June, the BLM met with the leadership of the tribes in Barrow and Nuiqsut to update them on formulation of alternatives and to solicit comments. In August the agencies began monthly teleconferences with the tribes to answer questions and identify concerns to address in the DEIS. These monthly teleconferences are ongoing.

Throughout the DEIS preparation, the BLM and the cooperating agencies provided special presentations or further information exchange (see Table 5.4-1).

**TABLE 5.4-1 GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION SUMMARY**

Activity	Period in EIS Process	Date
Mailed ASDP newsletter, Volume 1, to tribes	Scoping	February 28, 2003
Mailed certified Letters to Native Village of Nuiqsut (NVN), Native Village of Barrow (NVB), and the Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope (ICAS), notifying them of BLM, USACE, and USEPA commitment to government-to-government consultation and soliciting formal consultation.	Scoping	March, 2003
Held meetings with NVN, NVB, and ICAS	Scoping	March 17-18, 2003
<p>Mailed second invitation for formal consultation to NVN, NVB, and ICAS</p> <p>NVN, NVB, and ICAS accept invitation to formal consultation</p> <p>BLM met with NVN, NVB and ICAS</p> <p>Mailed ASDP newsletter, Volume 2, to tribes</p>	<p>DEIS Preparation</p> <p>DEIS Preparation</p> <p>DEIS Preparation</p> <p>DEIS Preparation</p>	<p>April 25, 2003</p> <p>May 2003</p> <p>June 2003</p> <p>June 12, 2003</p>
Communicated with NVN, NVB, and ICAS about monthly consultation meeting to discuss tribal issues	DEIS Preparation	July 11, 2003
<p>Monthly teleconference with NVN, NVB, and ICAS</p> <p>USACE and USEPA met with NVN</p>	<p>DEIS Preparation</p> <p>DEIS Preparation</p>	<p>August 6, 2003 and Ongoing</p> <p>August 21, 2003</p>

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## **5.5 AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS CONTACTED DURING THE SCOPING AND DEIS PROCESS**

In addition to the cooperating agencies (including a number of state departments and agencies), this EIS process has involved contact and/or consultation with the following agencies.

### **Federal Agencies**

- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Minerals Management Service
- U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- U.S. Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory
- U.S. Department of Energy
- U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service

### **Elected Officials**

- U.S. Senator Ted Stevens
- U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski
- U.S. Representative Don Young
- Governor Of Alaska Frank Murkowski
- Alaska State Senators
- Alaska State Representatives

### **North Slope Municipal Governments**

- North Slope Borough
- City of Barrow
- City of Nuiqsut
- City of Atkasuk
- City of Anaktuvuk Pass
- City of Kaktovik
- City of Point Hope
- City of Wainwright

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### **Tribal Governments**

- Native Village of Barrow
- Native Village of Nuiqsut
- Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope
- Native Village Of Atqasuk
- Native Village Of Barter Island
- Native Village Of Kotzebue
- Native Village Of Noatak
- Native Village Of Point Hope
- Native Village Of Point Lay

### **Other Native Alaska Organizations:**

- Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission
- Arctic Slope Native Association
- Arctic Slope Regional Corporation
- Atqasuk Inupiat Corporation
- Baan Oyeel Kon Corporation
- Barrow Tribal Council
- Barrow Whaling Captains Association
- Bering Straits Native Corporation
- Cully Corporation
- Doyon Limited
- Eskimo Walrus Commission
- Eskimos Inc.
- Kaktovik Inupiat Corporation
- Kikiktagruk Inupiat Corporation
- Kotzebue IRA
- Kuukpik Corporation
- Maniilaq Association
- Nagragmiut Tribal Council
- CIRI Inc.
- NANA Regional Corporation
- Nunamiut Corporation
- The Aleut Corporation
- Olgoonik Corporation Inc.
- Tihteet'all Incorporated
- Wainwright Traditional Council
- Sitnasauk Native Corporation
- Tanana Chiefs Conference

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Following is a partial list of other organizations that were notified that the ASDP EIS was being developed (For a complete mailing list, contact: Bureau of Land Management, Office of External Affairs (912), 222 W. 7th Ave., Anchorage, AK 99513).

- Alaska Conservation Foundation
- Alaska Center for the Environment
- Alaska Forest Association Inc.
- Alaska Miners Association
- Alaska Natural Heritage Program
- Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
- Alaska Public Radio Network
- Alaska Quiet Rights Coalition
- Alaska State Chamber of Commerce
- Alaska Support Industry Alliance
- Alaska Wilderness Council
- Alaska Adventures Unlimited
- Alaska Air Forwarding
- Alaska Air Guides
- Alaska Miners Association
- Alaska Oil & Gas Association
- Alaska Outdoor Council
- Alaska State Library
- Alaska Wildlife Alliance
- American Petroleum Institute
- Anadarko Petroleum Corporation
- Arctic Audubon Society
- Arctic Connections
- Arctic Research Commission
- Armstrong Oil & Gas
- Barrow Cable TV
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- BP America Inc.
- BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc.
- Bristol Bay Native Corporation
- Calista Corporation
- Halliburton Geo Services Inc.
- Indigenous Peoples Council
- Institute of Northern Forestry
- International Association of Drilling Contractors
- International Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies
- Marathon Oil Company
- Matanuska-Susitna Borough
- McMoran Freeport Oil
- Municipality of Anchorage
- National Audubon Society
- National Environmental Satellite
- National Outdoor Leadership School
- National Park Service
- National Wetlands Tech Council
- National Fish & Wildlife Foundation
- National Parks Conservation
- National Public Lands Council
- Natural Resource Defense Counsel
- Northern Alaska Environmental Center
- North American Native Fisheries Association
- North Pacific Mining Corporation
- Northern Alaska Tour Company
- Northern Land Use Research, Inc.
- Petro Star Inc.
- Petro-Hunt
- Polar Bears Futures
- Prudhoe Bay Community Council
- Regional Citizens Advisory Council
- Resource Advisory Council
- Rocky Mountain Oil & Gas Association

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- Canadian Wildlife Service
  - Chandalar River Outfitters
  - Chevron USA Inc.
  - Chukchi Community College
  - City of Wasilla
  - Colville Village
  - Cominco Alaska Inc.
  - Concerned Alaskans for Resources and Environment
  - ConocoPhillips Alaska Inc.
  - Copper Country Alliance
  - Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory
  - Center for Biological Diversity
  - Center for Northern Studies Library
  - Defenders of Wildlife
  - Ducks Unlimited Inc.
  - Ecological Society of America
  - ExxonMobil USA
  - Fairbanks Industrial Development Corporation
  - Fairbanks Native Association
  - Forest Oil Corporation
  - Emerson Exploration Inc.
  - EnCana Petroleum
  - ENSTAR Natural Gas Company
  - Environment Directorate
  - Equinox Wilderness Expeditions
  - Evergreen Resources Alaska
  - General Energy Corporation
  - Serrano Strategic Environment Mgmt Inc.
  - Shell Western E&P Inc.
  - Sierra Club
  - Sun-West Oil & Gas Inc.
  - Taiga Mining Co. Inc.
  - Tesoro Refining and Marketing
  - The Alliance
  - The Conservation Fund
  - The Delta Wind
  - The Nature Conservancy
  - The Northern Miner
  - Tigara Corporation
  - TotalFina Elf E&P
  - Trading Bay Energy Corporation
  - Trapper School Community Library
  - Trustees for Alaska
  - University of Alaska Anchorage
  - University of Alaska Fairbanks
  - Udelhoven Oil Field System Services
  - Umiat Commercial Company
  - Umiat Enterprises Inc.
  - Union Texas Alaska LLC
  - Unocal Alaska
  - Usibelli Coal Mine Incorporated
  - Wetlands for Wildlife Inc.
  - Wilderness Society
  - Wildlife Information Center
  - Wildlife Management Institute
  - World Wildlife Fund

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