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PLAN CONFORMANCE / NEPA COMPLIANCE RECORD

CX # AK-023-2009-002

Arctic Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

Applicant: Olgoonik Development, LLC
360 West Benson Blvd., Ste. 302
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Serial Number: F-95473

Casetype: 2984.01

Proposed Action: Bathymetric Survey of Wainwright Inlet, NPR-A Permit (2984.01)

Description of Proposed Action: Olgoonik Development, the village corporation for Wainwright, Alaska is looking for gravel sources for future development in the Wainwright area and as part of that search they propose to conduct a bathymetry study in the off shore waters around the village. Part of the survey will be within the barrier islands and Wainwright Inlet which are within BLM jurisdiction.

Specifically, a small vessel with a crew of two will slowly cruise a four or five mile stretch of coastline. Using sonar equipment they will attempt to follow ten fathom (60 feet) of water depth. Using a GPS they will record the locations of that depth. Upon reaching the mouth of Wainwright Inlet the vessel will enter a known channel. Heading northeast around the Inlet toward the Wainwright Dewline Station (LIZ-3), the vessel will “zig-zag” (moving from the channel edge to the opposite channel edge) with the objective of identifying the full length of the channel or the length that extends to LIZ-3, whichever occurs first.

The vessel to be used is an Andale, 32' landing craft powered by two 225 HP outboard motors. The survey should require two days to complete and it will commence upon receiving a permit.

Location: Sec. 4, 7 & 8, T. 14 N., R. 31 W., UM; Sec. 2-3, 10, 12 & 14, T. 14 N., R. 32 W., UM; Sec. 29-30 & 33, T. 15 N., R. 31 W., UM; Sec. 25-26 & 30, T. 15 N., R. 32 W., UM, totaling approximately 52 acres of water surface.

Part I: Plan Conformance Review

The proposed action is subject to the following environmental planning document:

Record of Decision, Northwest National Petroleum Reserve – Alaska, Integrated Activity Plan / Environmental Impact Statement, dated January 22, 2004.

Date October 8, 2008

/s/Mike Worley
Realty Specialist, Arctic Field Office

Part II: NEPA Review

Categorical Exclusion Review.

This proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 6, Appendix 4.J.6.

A single trip in a one month period for data collection or observation sites.

The proposed action has been reviewed to determine if any of the exceptions described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply.

Date October 8, 2008

/s/Mike Worley
Realty Specialist, Arctic Field Office

Part III: Decision

I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the approved land use plan and that no further environmental analysis is required.

The evaluation and finding done to comply with Section 810 of ANILCA found no significant restrictions to subsistence use.

See e-mails attached to this document concerning consultation with National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). These discussions covered polar bears, walrus and whales. John Hopson, of Olgoonik Development, is responsible for making contact with the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission and the Whaling Captains Association of Wainwright.

Previous rental screenings for similar Land Use Authorizations have determined that the rental established by Instruction Memorandum AK-020-2003-001 should be applied. Therefore, rent for this proposed activity shall be \$250.

It is my decision to implement the project, as described, with the mitigation measures identified and attached below.

Date October 8, 2008

/s/Lon Kelly, Manager
Arctic Field Office
