

Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held February 20, 2013. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. with a 30-minute public comment period starting at 11:30 a.m. and will adjourn at 3 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be in the BLM's Butte Field Office, 106 N. Parkmont, in Butte, Montana.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This 15-member council advises the Secretary of the Interior on a variety of management issues associated with public land management in Montana. During this meeting the council will participate in/discuss/act upon several topics, including a discussion of proposed fees for the historic Henneberry Homestead near Dillon, and updates from the BLM's Butte, Missoula and Dillon field offices.

All RAC meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the RAC. Each formal RAC meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Abrams, Western Montana Resource Advisory Council Coordinator, Butte Field Office, 106 North Parkmont, Butte, MT 59701, 406-533-7617, [dabrams@blm.gov](mailto:dabrams@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

**Bureau of Ocean Energy Management**  
[OMB Number 1010-0181]

**Information Collection: Southern Alaska Sharing Network and Subsistence Study; Submitted for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**ACTION:** 30-day notice.

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Bureau of Ocean Energy

Management (BOEM) is notifying the public that we have submitted an information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The ICR pertains to conducting a survey on subsistence and sharing networks in coastal Alaska. This notice provides the public a second opportunity to comment on the paperwork burden of this collection.

**DATES:** Submit written comments by February 15, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments on this ICR to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at OMB-OIRA at (202) 395-5806 (fax) or [OIRA\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov) (email). Please provide a copy of your comments to the BOEM Information Collection Clearance Officer, Arlene Bajusz, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, 381 Elden Street, HM-3127, Herndon, Virginia 20170 (mail) or [arlene.bajusz@boem.gov](mailto:arlene.bajusz@boem.gov) (email). Please reference ICR 1010-0181 in your comment and include your name and return address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Arlene Bajusz, Office of Policy, Regulations, and Analysis at [arlene.bajusz@boem.gov](mailto:arlene.bajusz@boem.gov) (email) or (703) 787-1025 (phone). You may review the ICR online at <http://www.reginfo.gov>. Follow the instructions to review Department of the Interior collections under review by OMB.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Control Number:* 1010-0181.

*Title:* Southern Alaska Sharing Network and Subsistence Study.

*Abstract:* The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), under the Department of the Interior (DOI), is the Federal administrative agency that conducts OCS lease sales and monitors and mitigates adverse impacts that might be associated with offshore resource development. Within BOEM, the Environmental Studies Program implements and manages the responsibilities of research. This study will facilitate the meeting of DOI/BOEM information needs on subsistence food harvest and sharing activities in various coastal Alaska areas.

Planning areas for potential resource development in Alaska can include large geographic areas with diverse, abundant, and environmentally sensitive resources. Within these areas, the DOI's Proposed OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program considers that there will be an oil and gas lease sale in the future. These proposed sale areas or adjacent areas support major productive commercial and subsistence fisheries; provide habitat to numerous marine

mammals and land animals, as well as plant harvesting; and are a significant migration and staging area for internationally important waterfowl. Numerous communities in the State of Alaska rely heavily on subsistence fisheries.

This study assesses the vulnerabilities of several coastal communities in southern Alaska as to the potential effects of offshore oil and gas development on subsistence food harvest and sharing activities. It investigates the resilience of local sharing networks that structure contemporary subsistence-cash economies using research methods that involve the residents of these communities most proximate to the future sale area(s).

The BOEM will use the information collected to gain knowledge about local social systems that will help shape development leasing strategies and serve as an interim baseline for impact monitoring to compare against future research in these areas. Without this data, BOEM will not have sufficient information to make informed leasing and development decisions for these areas.

*Survey Instrument:* The research will be collected from a survey administered to each head of household in the communities to collect information about the subsistence (harvest data) and sharing networks of the communities. The information under this collection will be obtained through personal interviews that are voluntary.

*Interview Methods:* The interviews for each study will be conducted in person in a setting most comfortable for the respondents. This personal method is more expensive and time consuming for the researchers, but these drawbacks are outweighed by improvements in the quality of information obtained and the rapport established. Telephone interviews have not been successful in rural Alaska. Each respondent will be paid an honorarium for taking part in the study. Responses are voluntary and confidential.

*Frequency:* One-time event for each study.

*Description of Respondents:* Approximately 548 respondents from southern Alaska coastal communities.

*Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:* The estimated annual hour burden for this collection is 411 hours. We estimate each survey will take about 45 minutes.

*Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Non-Hour Cost Burden:* We have identified no non-hour cost burdens for this collection.

*Public Disclosure Statement:* The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond.

*Comments:* Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) requires each agency “\* \* \* to provide notice \* \* \* and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information \* \* \*”. Agencies must specifically solicit comments to: (a) Evaluate whether the collection is necessary or useful; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of technology.

To comply with the public consultation process, on August 22, 2012, BOEM published a **Federal Register** notice (77 FR 50712) announcing that we would submit this ICR to OMB for approval. The notice provided the required 60-day comment period. We received one comment. The Marine Mammal Commission commended BOEM for including science-based assessments of subsistence food harvest and sharing activities in Alaskan communities as part of its Environmental Studies Program and therefore supports the collection of information. Comments are accepted at any time.

*Public Availability of Comments:* Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: December 6, 2012.

**Deanna Meyer-Pietruszka,**  
Chief, Office of Policy, Regulations, and Analysis.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

#### Notice of Proposed Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing that the information collection request for the requirements for permits and permit processing has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The information collection package was previously approved and assigned control number 1029-0115. This information collection will also seek approval to collect permit processing fees approved under OSM regulations.

This notice describes the nature of the information collection activity and the expected burdens.

**DATES:** OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, public comments should be submitted to OMB by February 15, 2013, in order to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Department of the Interior Desk Officer, via email at *OIRA\_submission@omb.eop.gov*, or by facsimile to (202) 395-5806. Also, please send a copy of your comments to John Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave. NW., Room 203—SIB, Washington, DC 20240, or electronically to *jtrelease@osmre.gov*. Please reference 1029-0115 in your correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To receive a copy of the information collection request contact John Trelease at (202) 208-2783, or electronically at *jtrelease@osmre.gov*. You may also review the information collection request online at *http://www.reginfo.gov*. Follow the instructions to review Department of the Interior collections under review by OMB.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the

public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities [see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)]. OSM has submitted a request to OMB to renew its approval for the collection of information for 30 CFR Part 773—Requirements for Permits and Permit Processing. OSM is requesting a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for this collection, 1029-0115, is listed in 30 CFR 773.3. Individuals are required to respond to obtain a benefit.

As required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), a **Federal Register** notice soliciting comments on these collections of information was published on October 3, 2012 (77 FR 60459). No comments were received. This notice provides the public with an additional 30 days in which to comment on the following collection activity:

*Title:* 30 CFR Part 773—Requirements for Permits and Permit Processing.

*OMB Control Number:* 1029-0115.

*Summary:* The collection activities for this Part ensure that the public has the opportunity to review permit applications prior to their approval, and that applicants for permanent program permits or their associates who are in violation of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act do not receive surface coal mining permits pending resolution of their violations. This collection request includes the submission of processing fees authorized by 30 CFR 736.25 and 750.25 in Federal program states and on Indian lands, respectively.

*Bureau Form Number:* None.

*Frequency of Collection:* Once.

*Description of Respondents:*

Applicants for surface coal mining and reclamation permits and State governments and Indian Tribes.

*Total Annual Respondents:* 892 coal mining applicants and 24 regulatory authorities.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 38,442.

*Total Annual Non-Wage Cost Burden:* \$108,520.

Send comments on the need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated means of collection of the