

## Alaska Oil and Gas Association

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Mr. Craig Perham  
U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
1011 East Tudor Road  
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Petition for Promulgation of Regulations Pursuant to  
Section 101(a)(5) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act

Dear Mr. Perham:

The Alaska Oil and Gas Association (AOGA) is a private, nonprofit trade association whose member companies account for the majority of oil and gas exploration, development, production, transportation, refining and marketing activities in Alaska.

AOGA is submitting a petition (attached) to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service to renew regulations, pursuant to Section 101(a)(5) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act, for the non-lethal, unintentional taking of small numbers of polar bears and Pacific walrus incidental to oil and gas exploration, development and production operations and all associated activities in the Beaufort Sea and adjacent northern coast (North Slope) of Alaska for the period of five years beginning August 3, 2011 extending through August 3, 2016. The requested regulations would be the eighth in a series dating from 1993 to the present.

We appreciate your consideration of this petition and look forward to discussing it with you. Please contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

MARILYN CROCKETT  
Executive Director

Attachment

Cc: Terry DeBruyn, USFWS  
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