DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Notice of Meetings

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act as amended (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) announces meetings of scientific peer review groups. The subcommittees listed below are part of the Agency’s Health Services research Initial Review Group Committee.

The subcommittee meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, section 10(d) of 5 U.S.C., appendix 2 and 5 U.S.C., 552b(c)(6). Grant applications are to be reviewed and discussed at these meetings. These discussions are likely to reveal personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications. This information is exempt from mandatory disclosure under the above-cited statutes.

1. **Name of Subcommittee**: Health Care Research Training
   **Date**: January 25–26, 2001 (Open from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and closed for remainder of the meeting).
   **Place**: AHRQ, Executive Office Center, 6010 Executive Boulevard, 4th Floor Conference Center, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

2. **Name of Subcommittee**: Health Care Quality and Effectiveness Research
   **Date**: February 22–23, 2001 (Open from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and closed for remainder of the meeting).
   **Place**: AHRQ, Executive Office Center, 6010 Executive Boulevard, 4th Floor Conference Center, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

3. **Name of Subcommittee**: Health Care Technology and Decision Sciences
   **Date**: March 1–2, 2001 (Open from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and closed for remainder of the meeting).
   **Place**: AHRQ, Executive Office Center, 6010 Executive Boulevard, 4th Floor Conference Center, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

4. **Name of Subcommittee**: Health System Research
   **Date**: March 5–6, 2001 (Open from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and closed for remainder of the meeting).
   **Place**: AHRQ, Executive Office Center, 6010 Executive Boulevard, 4th Floor Conference Center, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Contact Person: Anyone wishing to obtain a roster of members or minutes of the meetings should contact Ms. Jenny Griffith, Committee Management Officer, Office of Research, Review, Education and Policy, AHRQ, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Suite 400, Rockville, Maryland 20852, Telephone (301) 594–1847.

Agenda items for these meetings are subject to change as priorities dictate.

John M. Eisenberg, Director.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Letters of Authorization To Take Marine Mammals


ACTION: Notice of issuance of a Letter of Authorization to take marine mammals incidental to oil and gas industry activities.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 101(a)(5)(A) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service implementing regulations [50 CFR 18.27(f)(3)], notice is hereby given that a Letter of Authorization to take polar bears incidental to a specific oil and gas industry exploration activity has been issued to the following companies:

**Company, Activity, Site, and Date Issued**

- Phillips Alaska, Inc., Exploration, Nanuq #3, November 16, 2000
- BP Exploration (Alaska), Exploration, NPR–A, November 22, 2000
- Phillips Alaska, Inc., Exploration, Hunter #1, November 29, 2000
- Phillips Alaska, Inc., Exploration, Outlook #1, November 29, 2000
- Phillips Alaska, Inc., Exploration, Oxbow #1, November 29, 2000
- Phillips Alaska, Inc., Exploration, Rendezvous, November 29, 2000
- Phillips Alaska, Inc., Exploration, Sunrise, November 29, 2000

CONTACT: Mr. John W. Bridges at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals Management Office, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, (800) 362–5148 or (907) 786–3810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Letters of Authorization were issued in accordance with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Federal Rules and Regulations “Marine Mammals: Incidental Take During Specified Activities (65 FR 16828; March 30, 2000).”