and local governments and the general public have the opportunity to help
BOEM determine significant resources and issues, impacting factors, reasonable alternatives, and potential mitigating measures to be analyzed in the
WPA 248 Supplemental EIS and to provide additional information. BOEM
will also use the NEPA commenting process to initiate the Section 106
consultation process of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C.
470f), as provided for in 36 CFR
800.2(d)(3).
Pursuant to the regulations
implementing the procedural provisions
of NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), BOEM
will hold public scoping meetings in
Texas and Louisiana on the WPA 248
Supplemental EIS. The purpose of these
meetings is to solicit comments on the
scope of the WPA 248 Supplemental EIS.
BOEM’s scoping meetings will be held
at the following places and times:

• Houston, Texas: Tuesday, April 14,
2015, Houston Airport Marriott at
George Bush Intercontinental, 12000
John F. Kennedy Boulevard, Houston,
Texas 77032, one meeting beginning at
1:00 p.m. CDT; and
• New Orleans, Louisiana: Thursday,
April 16, 2015, Bureau of Ocean Energy
Management, Gulf of Mexico OCS
Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard,
New Orleans, Louisiana 70123, one
meeting beginning at 1:00 p.m. CDT.

Cooperating Agency: BOEM invites
other Federal, State, Tribal, and local
governments to consider becoming
cooperating agencies in the preparation
of the WPA 248 Supplemental EIS. We
invite qualified government entities
to inquire about cooperating agency status
for the WPA 248 Supplemental EIS.
Following the guidelines from the
Council on Environmental Quality
(CEQ), qualified agencies and
governments are those with
"jurisdiction by law or special
expertise." Potential cooperating
agencies should consider their authority
and capacity to assume the
responsibilities of a cooperating agency,
and remember that an agency’s role in
the environmental analysis neither
enlarges nor diminishes the final
decisionmaking authority of any other
agency involved in the NEPA process.

Upon request, BOEM will provide
potential cooperating agencies with a
written summary of ground rules for
cooperating agencies, including time
schedules and critical action dates,
milestones, responsibilities, scope and
detail of cooperating agencies’
contributions, and availability of
predecisional information. BOEM
anticipates this summary will form the
basis of a Memorandum of Agreement
between BOEM and any cooperating
agency. Agencies should also consider
the “Factors for Determining
Cooperating Agency Status” in
Attachment 1 to CEQ’s January 30, 2002,
Memorandum for the Heads of Federal
Agencies: Cooperating Agencies in
Implementing the Procedural
Requirements of the National
Environmental Policy Act. These
documents are available at the following
doe.gov/nepa/regs/cooperating/.html;
and http://ceq.hss.doe.gov/nepa/regs/
cooperating/.html.

BOEM, as the lead agency, will not
provide financial assistance to
cooperating agencies. Even if an
organization is not a cooperating
agency, opportunities will exist to
provide information and comments to
BOEM during the normal public input
stages of the NEPA/EIS process. For
further information about cooperating
agencies, please contact Mr. Gary D.
Goeke at 504–736–3233.
Comments: All interested parties,
including Federal, State, Tribal, and
local governments, and other interested
parties, may submit written comments
on the scope of the WPA 248
Supplemental EIS, significant issues
that should be addressed, alternatives
that should be considered, potential
mitigating measures, and the types of oil
gas activities of interest in the
proposed WPA 248 lease sale area.

Written scoping comments may be
submitted in one of the following ways:

1. In an envelope labeled “Scoping
Comments for the WPA 248
Supplemental EIS” and mailed (or hand
delivered) to Mr. Gary D. Goeke, Chief,
Environmental Assessment Section,
Office of Environment (GM 623E),
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management,
Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201
Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans,
Louisiana 70123–2394;

2. Through the regulations.gov web portal:
Navigate to http://www.regulations.gov
and search for “Oil and Gas Lease Sales:
Gulf of Mexico, Outer Continental Shelf;
Western Planning Area Lease Sale 248”
(Note: It is important to include the
quotation marks in your search terms).
Click on the “Comment Now!” button to
the right of the document link. Enter
your information and comment, then
click “Submit”; or

3. Through BOEM’s email address: wpa248@boem.gov.

Petitions, although accepted, do not
generally provide useful information to
assist in the development of
alternatives, resources, and issues to be
analyzed, or impacting factors. BOEM
does not consider anonymous
comments; please include your name
and address as part of your submittal.

BOEM makes all comments, including
the names and addresses of
respondents, available for public review
during regular business hours.
Individual respondents may request that
BOEM withhold their names and/or
addresses from the public record;
however, BOEM cannot guarantee that
we will be able to do so. If you wish
your name and/or address to be
withheld, you must state your
preference prominently at the beginning
of your comment. All submissions from
organizations or businesses and from
individuals identifying themselves as
representatives or officials of
organizations or businesses will be
made available for public inspection in
their entirety.

Authority: This NOI is published pursuant
to the regulations (40 CFR 1501.7)
implementing the provisions of NEPA.

Dated: March 25, 2015.
Abigail Ross Hopper,
Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy
Management.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered Species; Marine
Mammals; Receipt of Applications for
Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for
permit.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and
Wildlife Service, invite the public to
comment on the following applications
to conduct certain activities with
endangered species, marine mammals,
or both. With some exceptions, the
Endangered Species Act (ESA) and
Marine Mammal Protection Act
(MMPA) prohibit activities with listed
species unless Federal authorization is
acquired that allows such activities.

DATES: We must receive comments or
requests for documents on or before
April 29, 2015. We must receive
requests for marine mammal permit
public hearings, in writing, at the
address shown in the ADDRESS
section by April 29, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Brinda Tapia, U.S. Fish and
Wildlife Service, Division of
Management Authority, Branch of
Permits, MS: IA, 5275 Leesburg Pike,
Falls Church, VA 22041; fax (703) 358–2281; or email DMAFR@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Tapia, (703) 358–2104 (telephone); (703) 358–2281 (fax); DMAFR@fws.gov (email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Comment Procedures

A. How do I request copies of applications or comment on submitted applications?

Send your request for copies of applications or comments and materials concerning any of the applications to the contact listed under ADDRESSES. Please include the Federal Register notice publication date, the PRT-number, and the name of the applicant in your request or submission. We will not consider requests or comments sent to an email or address not listed under ADDRESSES. If you provide an email address in your request for copies of applications, we will attempt to respond to your request electronically.

Please make your requests or comments as specific as possible. Please confine your comments to issues for which we seek comments in this notice, and explain the basis for your comments. Include sufficient information with your comments to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include.

The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) Those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations. We will not consider requests or comments sent to an email or address not listed under ADDRESSES. If you provide an email address in your request for copies of applications, we will attempt to respond to your request electronically.

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B. May I review comments submitted by others?

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the street address listed under ADDRESSES. The public may review documents and other information applicants have sent in support of the application unless our allowing viewing would violate the Privacy Act or Freedom of Information Act. 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.

II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), and the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.), along with Executive Order 13576, “Delivering an Efficient, Effective, and Accountable Government,” and the President’s Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies of January 21, 2009—Transparency and Open Government (74 FR 4685; January 26, 2009), which call on all Federal agencies to promote openness and transparency in Government by disclosing information to the public, we invite public comment on these permit applications before final action is taken. Under the MMPA, you may request a hearing on any MMPA application received. If you request a hearing, give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Service Director.

III. Permit Applications

A. Endangered Species

Applicant: Houston Zoo Inc., Houston, TX; PRT–45248B

The applicant requests a permit to export one female curassow (Crax alberti) from Houston Zoo, Houston, Texas to Nago Zoological and Botanical Gardens, Okinawa, Japan, for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Disney’s Animal Kingdom, Bay Lake, FL; PRT–53174B

The applicant requests a permit to export feathers from captive-bred pink pigeons (Nesoenas mayeri) for the purpose of scientific research.

Applicant: Tom Smith, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT; PRT–225854

The applicant requests renewal of the permit to authorize harassment of polar bears (Ursus maritimus) by adjusting the video camera equipment, conducting aerial surveys, and conducting ground-truth surveys with snowmobiles near dens for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over the remainder of the 5-year period of the permit.

Concurrent with publishing this notice in the Federal Register, we are forwarding copies of the above applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

Brenda Tapia,
Program Analyst/Data Administrator, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337–TA–951]
Certain Lithium Metal Oxide Cathode Materials, Lithium-Ion Batteries for Power Tool Products Containing the Same, and Power Tools Products With Lithium-Ion Batteries Containing the Same; Institution of Investigation


ACTION: Notice.