
Leasing Activities Information



U.S. Department of the Interior
Minerals Management Service
Alaska OCS Region

Notice of Sale Beaufort Sea Oil and Gas Lease Sale 195

Enclosed is the Final Notice of Sale for Sale 195 (FNOS 195), Beaufort Sea, scheduled to be held on March 30, 2005, in Anchorage, Alaska.

In addition to the FNOS 195, this package consists of:

- Lease Stipulations for Oil and Gas Lease Sale 195
- Royalty Suspension Provisions for Oil and Gas Lease Sale 195
- Information to Lessees for Oil and Gas Lease Sale 195
- List of Blocks Available for Leasing for Oil and Gas Lease Sale 195
- Bid Form and Envelope
- Telephone Numbers/Addresses of Bidders Form
- Instructions for Making EFT Bonus Payments
- Final Notice of Sale, Beaufort Sea Sale 195 Map (March 2005)

All of the documents listed above are available from the MMS Alaska OCS Region's Public Information Office; telephone 1-800-764-2627 or 1-907-334-5206; or by written request to:

Minerals Management Service
Alaska OCS Region
Public Information Office
3801 Centerpoint Drive, Suite 500
Anchorage, Alaska 99503-5823

All of these documents also may be found on the Internet at: <http://www.mms.gov/alaska>.



Please Note: The terms and conditions for FNOS 195 are generally the same as the September 2003, Alaska OCS Region Beaufort Sea Oil and Gas Lease Sale 186 except for the following noteworthy matters:

Bids Submissions

The Alaska OCS Regional Office has moved to a new location. This Final Notice of Sale includes a change in address and specific instructions regarding bids that are hand delivered or submitted by mail to the Alaska OCS Region. This is needed to minimize the chance of bid receipt delay due to routing changes within the Alaska OCS Regional Office's mail system. Bidders must use the following address if submitting bids in person or if bids and other correspondence associated with this Final Notice of Sale are submitted by courier delivery or by mail, the envelope containing all of the sealed bids must be addressed and marked as follows:

Minerals Management Service
Alaska OCS Region
Attention: Chief, Leasing Activities Section
3801 Centerpoint Drive, Suite 500
Anchorage, Alaska 99503-5823

**Contains Sealed Bids for Oil and Gas Lease Sale 195
Please Deliver to Fred King, Room 525, Immediately.**

Bidders mailing their bid(s) are advised to contact Fred King at 907-334-5271 (Fred.King@mms.gov) or Janet Stan at 907-334-5274 (Janet.Stan@mms.gov) immediately after mailing the bid(s). For general or additional information about this Final Notice of Sale, please call MMS at 907-334-5208 or toll-free at 1-800-764-2627.

Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) Compliance

Bidders must comply with all of the provisions set forth in the Final Notice of Sale and with all applicable regulations including compliance with the U.S. Department of the Interior's nonprocurement debarment and suspension regulations (43 CFR part 42, subpart C, effective November 26, 2003). Bidders may not become a lessee or acquire an interest in a Federal lease if presently excluded or disqualified (as described in 43 CFR 42.335) from participating in transactions covered by the nonprocurement suspension and debarment system requirements, unless MMS grants an exception that permits participation in that particular covered transaction as required under 43 CFR 42.405 and 42.120.

Also, in accordance with the U.S. Department of the Interior's nonprocurement debarment and suspension regulations, an Addendum will be attached to and become part of each lease instrument (Form MMS-2005 (March 1986) as amended) that is issued as a result of this lease sale. Specific language is prescribed and included in the Addendum to modify the lease terms by requiring the lessee's compliance with all applicable debarment and suspension (nonprocurement) regulations as a condition to enter into the lease transaction. The lessee must communicate the requirements to comply with the U. S. Department of the Interior's debarment and suspension (nonprocurement) regulations to other persons with whom the lessee does business as it relates to the lease by including a term or condition in contracts and other covered transactions requiring their compliance with the debarment and suspension (nonprocurement) regulations and which requires them to include a similar term or condition in each of their contracts and other lower-tier covered transactions.

Lease Stipulations

There are seven stipulations which will be made a part of leases resulting from this sale. Bidders should note that Stipulation No. 4 – Industry Site-Specific Bowhead Whale Monitoring Program is applicable to specific blocks during specified time frames. In addition to stipulations applied to leases issued in previous Beaufort Sea OCS sales, two new stipulations are applicable to leases issued as a result of this sale: Stipulation No. 6 – Pre-Booming Requirements for Fuel Transfers and Stipulation No. 7 – Lighting of Lease Structures to Minimize Effects to Spectacled and Steller's Eiders. Please refer to the Lease Stipulations information page.

Bonding Requirements

The regulations at 30 CFR 256.58, "Termination of the period of Liability and cancellation of a bond" were amended on December 3, 2001, and became effective on January 2, 2002. Please see paragraph (z) in the Information to Lessees document.

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Payments

Bidders are reminded that the 1/5th bonus bid deposits for successful bids will be due by 1:00 P.M. Eastern Time the day following bid reading. In addition, certain bid submitters (i.e., those that do NOT currently own or operate an OCS mineral lease OR those that have ever defaulted on a 1/5th bonus payment [EFT or otherwise]) will be required to guarantee (secure) their 1/5th bonus payment **prior** to the submission of bids. Also, when paying the 4/5th bonus and rental payments, it is requested that only one transaction be used. Please refer to Instructions for Making EFT Bonus Payments.

Minimum Bonus Bid Amounts: The blocks offered in Sale 195 have been subdivided into two zones. Zone A is the area that is nearest to existing infrastructure, Zone B is more distant. The minimum bid amount for blocks in Zone A is \$37.50 per hectare, or fraction thereof. For blocks in Zone B, the minimum bid amount is \$25 per hectare, or fraction thereof.

Rentals/Minimum Royalties/Royalty Suspension Provisions: The timing of when rental versus minimum royalty is due has been recently revised. The revised requirement is contained in the Notice of Sale.

Royalty suspensions apply to all blocks in the sale area. Royalty suspensions are prorated by lease acreage and subject to price thresholds. Refer to the paper on Royalty Suspension Provisions included in the Notice of Sale package. All leases resulting from this sale will include an Addendum to modify Section 4, 5, and 6 of the lease instrument to implement these revisions and to address royalty suspension provisions. The minimum royalty rate is \$13 per hectare, or fraction thereof, due at the expiration of each lease year which commences after a discovery of oil and gas in paying quantities and until the start of royalty-bearing production.

Annual rentals are due on or before the first day of each lease year as shown in the table included in the Final Notice of Sale. Bidders are advised that Zone A and Zone B have different rental rates and are lower in the early years and rise in later years.

MMS Inspection and Enforcement of Certain Coast Guard Regulations: On February 7, 2002, the Coast Guard published in the *Federal Register* (67 FR 5912) a final rule authorizing "... MMS to perform inspections on fixed Outer Continental Shelf facilities engaged in OCS activities ...". Bidders are referred to paragraph (w) of the Information to Lessees document.



Statistical Information – Sale 195

Size of Area Offered: Approximately 9.4 million acres comprised of approximately 1800 whole and partial blocks

Range of Water Depths: Approximately 25 feet to 3,000 feet (approximately 99% of the sale area is less than 200 feet deep, a small portion of the outer limits of the sale area north of Harrison Bay drops to approximately 3,000 feet)

Range of Distance from Shore: 3 miles to approximately 60 nautical miles

Initial Period of Leases: 10 years

Royalty Rate: 12 ½ percent applies to all blocks/bidding units

For more information on the materials included in this package, please contact Mr. Fred King at (907) 334-5271 or Mr. Steve Flippen at (907) 334-5268 of the Alaska OCS Region Leasing Activities Section.

Dated: February 2, 2005.

Howard A. Lemm,

Deputy State Director, Division of Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ES-960-1910-BJ-4489; ES-053127, Group No. 39, Illinois]

Eastern States: Filing of Plat of Survey

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Notice of filing of plat of survey; Illinois.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will file the plat of survey of the lands described below in the BLM-Eastern States, Springfield, Virginia, 30 calendar days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153. Attn: Cadastral Survey.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This survey was requested by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The lands we surveyed are:

Fourth Principal Meridian, Illinois

T. 7 S., Rs. 5 and 6 W.

The plat of survey represents the dependent resurvey of portions of the township boundaries, portions of the subdivisional lines and the survey of the Lock and Dam No. 24 acquisition boundary, in Township 7 South, Ranges 5 and 6 West, of the Fourth Principal Meridian, in the State of Illinois, and was accepted on January 28, 2005.

We will place a copy of the plat we described in the open files. It will be made available to the public as a matter of information.

Dated: January 28, 2005.

Stephen D. Douglas,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Outer Continental Shelf Beaufort Sea Alaska, Oil and Gas Lease Sale 195

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Final Notice of Sale OCS Oil and Gas Lease Sale 195, Beaufort Sea

SUMMARY: The MMS will hold OCS oil and gas lease Sale 195 on March 30,

2005, in accordance with provisions of the OCS Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331-1356, as amended), the implementing regulations (30 CFR Part 256), and the OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2002-2007.

DATES: Lease Sale 195 is scheduled to be held on March 30, 2005, at the Wilda Marston Theatre, Z.J. Loussac Public Library, 3600 Denali Street, Anchorage, Alaska. Public reading will begin at 9 a.m. All times referred to in this document are local Anchorage, Alaska times, unless otherwise specified.

ADDRESSES: A package containing the final Notice of Sale and several supporting and essential documents referenced herein are available from: Alaska OCS Region, Information Resource Center, Minerals Management Service, 3801 Centerpoint Drive, Suite 500, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-5823, Telephone: (907) 334-5206 or 1-800-764-2627.

These documents are also available on the MMS Alaska OCS Region's Web site at www.mms.gov/alaska.

Filing of Bids: Bidders will be required to submit bids to the MMS at the Alaska OCS Region Office, 3801 Centerpoint Drive, Fifth Floor, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-5823 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on normal business days, prior to the Bid Submission deadline of 10 a.m., Tuesday, March 29, 2005. If bids are mailed, the envelope containing all of the sealed bids must be marked as follows: **Attention: Mr. Fred King, Contains Sealed Bids for Sale 195.**

If bids are received later than the time and date specified above, they will be returned unopened to the bidders. Bidders may not modify or withdraw their bids unless the Regional Director, Alaska OCS Region receives a written modification or written withdrawal request prior to 10 a.m., Tuesday, March 29, 2005. Should an unexpected event such as an earthquake or travel restrictions be significantly disruptive to bid submission, the Alaska OCS Region may extend the Bid Submission Deadline. Bidders may call (907) 334-5200 for information about the possible extension of the Bid Submission Deadline due to such an event.

Note: Four blocks in the easternmost Beaufort Sea area are subject to jurisdictional claims by both the United States and Canada. This Notice refers to this area as the Disputed Portion of the Beaufort Sea. The section on Method of Bidding identifies the four blocks and describes the procedures for submitting bids for them.

Area Offered for Leasing: MMS is offering for leasing all whole and partial blocks listed in the document "Blocks

Available for Leasing in OCS Oil and Gas Lease Sale 195" included in the FNOS 195 package. All of these blocks are shown on the following Official Protraction Diagrams (which may be purchased from the Alaska OCS Region):

- NR 05-01, Dease Inlet, revised September 30, 1997
- NR 05-02, Harrison Bay North, revised September 30, 1997
- NR05-03, Teshekpuk, revised September 30, 1997
- NR 05-04, Harrison Bay, revised September 30, 1997
- NR 06-01, Beechey Point North, approved February 1, 1996
- NR 06-03, Beechey Point, revised September 30, 1997
- NR 06-04, Flaxman Island, revised September 30, 1997
- NR 07-03, Barter Island, revised September 30, 1997
- NR 07-05, Demarcation Point, revised September 30, 1997
- NR 07-06, Mackenzie Canyon, revised September 30, 1997

Official block descriptions are derived from these diagrams; however, not all blocks included on a diagram are being offered. To ascertain which blocks are being offered and the royalty suspension provisions that apply you must refer to the document "Blocks Available for Leasing in OCS Oil and Gas Lease Sale 195." The Beaufort Sea OCS Oil and Gas Lease Sale 195" Locator Map is also available to assist in locating the blocks relative to the adjacent areas. The Locator Map is for use in identifying locations of blocks but is not part of the official description of blocks available for lease. Some of the blocks may be partially encumbered by an existing lease, or transected by administrative lines such as the Federal/state jurisdictional line. Partial block descriptions are derived from Supplemental Official OCS Block Diagrams and OCS Composite Block Diagrams, which are available upon request at the address, phone number, or internet site given above.

Statutes and Regulations: Each lease issued in this lease sale is subject to the OCS Lands Act of August 7, 1953, 67 Stat. 462; 43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*, as amended (92 Stat. 629), hereinafter called "the Act"; all regulations issued pursuant to the Act and in existence upon the effective date of the lease; all regulations issued pursuant to the statute in the future which provide for the prevention of waste and conservation of the natural resources of the OCS and the protection of correlative rights therein; and all other applicable statutes and regulations.

Lease Terms and Conditions: For leases resulting from this sale the following terms and conditions apply:

Initial Period: Ten years.

Minimum Bonus Bid Amounts: \$37.50 per hectare or a fraction thereof for all blocks in Zone A and \$25 hectare or a fraction thereof for all blocks in Zone B. Refer to the final Notice of Sale, Beaufort Sea Sale 195, March 2005 map and the Summary Table of Minimum Bids, Minimum Royalty Rates, and Rental Rates shown below.

Rental Rates: The lessee shall pay the lessor, on or before the first day of each lease year which commences prior to a discovery in paying quantities of oil or gas on the leased area, then at the expiration of each lease year until the start of royalty-bearing production, a rental at the rate shown below in the Summary Table of Minimum Bids, Minimum Royalty Rates, and Rental Rates. For the time period between discovery in paying quantities until the start of royalty-bearing production, the

lessee shall pay an annual rental of \$13 per hectare (or fraction thereof).

Minimum Royalty Rates: After the start of royalty-bearing production, the lessee shall pay the lessor a minimum royalty of \$13 per hectare, to be paid at the expiration of each lease year with credit applied for actual royalty paid during the lease year. If actual royalty paid exceeds the minimum royalty requirement, then no minimum royalty payment is due.

Royalty Rates: A 12½ percent royalty rate will apply for all blocks.

SUMMARY TABLE OF MINIMUM BIDS, MINIMUM ROYALTY RATES, AND RENTAL RATES

Terms (values per hectare or fraction thereof)	Zone A	Zone B
Royalty Rate	12½% fixed	12½% fixed
Minimum Bonus Bid	\$37.50	\$25.00
Minimum Royalty Rate	\$13.00	\$13.00
Rental Rates:		
Year 1	\$7.50	\$2.50
Year 2	\$7.50	\$3.75
Year 3	\$7.50	\$5.00
Year 4	\$7.50	\$6.25
Year 5	\$7.50	\$7.50
Year 6	\$12.00	\$10.00
Year 7	\$17.00	\$12.00
Year 8	\$22.00	\$15.00
Year 9	\$30.00	\$17.00
Year 10	\$30.00	\$20.00

Royalty Suspension Areas: Royalty suspension provisions apply to first oil production. Royalty suspensions on the production of oil and condensate, prorated by lease acreage and subject to price thresholds, will apply to all blocks. Royalty suspension volumes (RSV) are based on 2 zones, Zone A and Zone B, as depicted on the Map. More specific details regarding royalty suspension eligibility, applicable price thresholds and implementations are included in the document “Royalty Suspension Provisions, Sale 195” in the final Notice of Sale 195 package. Minimum royalty requirements apply during RSV periods. Depending on surface area and zone, leases will receive a RSV as follows:

Hectares	Zone A million barrels RSV	Zone B million barrels RSV
Less than 771	10	15
771 to less than 1541 ...	20	30
1541 or more	30	45

The RSV applies only to liquid hydrocarbon production, *i.e.*, oil and condensates. Natural gas volumes that leave the lease are subject to original lease-specified royalties. The market value of natural gas will be determined by MMS’s Minerals Revenue

Management (MRM) office. The MRM will value the natural gas from Sale 195 based on its potential uses and applicable market characteristics at the time the gas is produced.

Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement): In accordance with regulations pursuant to 43 CFR, part 42, subpart C, the lessee shall comply with the U.S. Department of the Interior’s nonprocurement debarment and suspension requirements and agrees to communicate this requirement to comply with these regulations to persons with whom the lessee does business as it relates to this lease by including this term as a condition to enter into their contracts and other transactions.

Stipulations and Information To Lessees: The documents entitled “Lease Stipulations for Oil and Gas Lease Sale 195” and “Information to Lessees for Oil and Gas Lease Sale 195” contain the text of the Stipulations and the Information to Lessees that apply to this sale. This document is included in the FNOS 195 package.

Method of Bidding: Procedures for the submission of bids in Sale 195 are described in paragraph (a) below. Procedures for the submission bids for the four blocks in the Disputed Portion of the Beaufort Sea will differ as described in paragraph (b) below.

(a) *Submission of Bids.* For each block bid upon, a bidder must submit a separate signed bid in a sealed envelope labeled “Sealed bid for Oil and Gas Lease Sale 195, not to be opened until 9 a.m., Wednesday, March 30, 2005.” The total amount of the bid must be in whole dollars; any cent amount above the whole dollar will be ignored by MMS. Details of the information required on the bid(s) and the bid envelope(s) are specified in the document “Bid Form and Envelope” contained in the final NOS 195 package.

(b) *Submission of Bids in the Disputed Portion of the Beaufort Sea.* Procedures for the submission of bids on blocks 6201, 6251, 6301, and 6361 in Official Protraction Diagram NR 07–06 will differ from procedures in paragraph (a) above as follows:

Separate, signed bids on these blocks must be submitted in sealed envelopes labeled only with “Disputed Portion of the Beaufort Sea,” Company Number, and a sequential bid number for the company submitting the bid(s). The envelope thus would be in the following format: Disputed Portion of the Beaufort Sea Bid, Company No: 00000, Bid No: 1.

On or before March 30, 2010, the MMS will determine whether it is in the best interest of the United States either to open bids for these blocks or to return

the bids unopened. The MMS will notify bidders at least 30 days before bid opening. Bidders on these blocks may withdraw their bids at any time after such notice and prior to 10 a.m. of the day before bid opening. If the MMS does not give notice by March 30, 2010, the bids will be returned unopened. The MMS reserves the right to return these bids at any time. The MMS will not disclose which blocks received bids or the names of bidders in this area unless the bids are opened.

The MMS published a list of restricted joint bidders, which applies to this sale, in the **Federal Register** at 69 FR 61402 on October 18, 2004. Bidders submitting joint bids must state on the bid form the proportionate interest of each participating bidder, in percent to a maximum of five decimal places, e.g. 33.33333 percent. The MMS may require bidders to submit other documents in accordance with 30 CFR 256.46. The MMS warns bidders against violation of 18 U.S.C. 1860 prohibiting unlawful combination or intimidation of bidders. Bidders must execute all documents in conformance with signatory authorizations on file in the Alaska OCS Region. Partnerships also must submit or have on file a list of signatories authorized to bind the partnership. Bidders are advised that MMS considers the signed bid to be a legally binding obligation on the part of the bidder(s) to comply with all applicable regulations, including paying the one-fifth bonus bid amount on all high bids. A statement to this effect must be included on each bid (see the document "Bid Form and Envelope" contained in the FNOS 195 package).

Bonus Bid Deposit: Each bidder submitting an apparent high bid must submit a bonus bid deposit to MMS equal to one-fifth of the bonus bid amount for each such bid submitted for Sale 195. Under the authority granted by 30 CFR 256.46(b), MMS requires bidders to use electronic funds transfer (EFT) procedures for payment of the one-fifth bonus bid deposits, following the detailed instructions contained in the document "Instructions for Making EFT Bonus Payments" included in the final NOS 195 package. All payments must be electronically deposited into an interest-bearing account in the U.S. Treasury (account specified in the EFT instruction) by 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time the day following bid reading. Such a deposit does not constitute and shall not be construed as acceptance of any bid on behalf of the United States. If a lease is awarded, MMS requests that only one transaction be used for payment of the four-fifths bonus bid amount and the first year's rental.

Please Note: Certain bid submitters [i.e., those that do not currently own or operate an OCS mineral lease or those that have ever defaulted on a one-fifth bonus payment (EFT or otherwise)] will be required to guarantee (secure) their one-fifth bonus payment prior to the submission of bids. For those who must secure the EFT one-fifth bonus payment, one of the following options may be provided: (1) A third-party guarantee; (2) an Amended Development Bond Coverage; (3) a Letter of Credit; or (4) a lump sum payment in advance via EFT. The EFT instructions specify the requirements for each option.

Withdrawal of Blocks: The United States reserves the right to withdraw any block from this sale prior to issuance of a written acceptance of a bid for the block.

Acceptance, Rejection, or Return of Bids: The United States reserves the right to reject any and all bids. In any case, no bid will be accepted, and no lease for any block will be awarded to any bidder, unless the bidder has complied with all requirements of this Notice, including the documents contained in the associated final NOS Sale 195 package and applicable regulations; the bid is the highest valid bid; and the amount of the bid has been determined to be adequate by the authorized officer. The Attorney General of the United States may also review the results of the lease sale prior to the acceptance of bids and issuance of leases. Any bid submitted which does not conform to the requirements of this Notice, the OCS Lands Act, as amended, and other applicable regulations may be returned to the person submitting that bid by the Regional Director and not considered for acceptance. To ensure that the Government receives a fair return for the conveyance of lease rights for this sale, high bids will be evaluated in accordance with MMS bid adequacy procedures.

Successful Bidders: As required by MMS, each company that has been awarded a lease must execute all copies of the lease (Form MMS-2005 (March 1986) as amended), pay by EFT the balance of the bonus bid amount and the first year's rental for each lease issued in accordance with the requirements of 30 CFR 218.155, and satisfy the bonding requirements of 30 CFR 256, Subpart I.

Affirmative Action: The MMS requests that, prior to bidding, Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action Representation Form MMS 2032 (June 1985) and Equal Opportunity Compliance Report Certification Form MMS 2033 (June 1985) be on file in the Alaska OCS Region. This certification is

required by 41 CFR part 60 and Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended by Executive Order No. 11375 of October 13, 1967. In any event, prior to the execution of any lease contract, both forms are required to be on file in the Alaska OCS Region.

Jurisdiction: The United States claims exclusive maritime resource jurisdiction over the area offered. Canada claims such jurisdiction over the four easternmost blocks included in the sale area. These blocks are located in Official Protraction Diagram NR 07-06 as block numbers 6201, 6251, 6301, and 6351. Nothing in this Notice shall affect or prejudice in any manner the position of the United States with respect to the nature or extent of the internal waters, the territorial sea, the high seas, or sovereign rights or jurisdiction for any purpose whatsoever. Bid submission procedures pertaining to blocks in this Disputed Portion of the Beaufort Sea are described in paragraph (b) under Method of Bidding.

Notice of Bidding Systems: Section 8(a)(8) (43 U.S.C. 1337(a)(8)) of the OCS Lands Act requires that, at least 30 days before any lease sale, a Notice be submitted to Congress and published in the **Federal Register**. This Notice of Bidding Systems is for Sale 195, Beaufort Sea, scheduled to be held on March 30, 2005.

In Sale 195, all blocks are being offered under a bidding system that uses a cash bonus and a fixed royalty of 12½ percent with a royalty suspension of up to 30 million barrels of oil equivalent per lease in Zone A of the sale area or with a royalty suspension of up to 45 million barrels of oil equivalent per lease in Zone B of the sale area. The amount of royalty suspension available on each lease is dependent on the area of the lease and specified in the Sale Notice. This bidding system is authorized under 30 CFR 260.110(a)(7), which allows use of a cash bonus bid with a royalty rate of not less than 12½ percent and with suspension of royalties for a period, volume, or value of production, and an annual rental. Analysis performed by MMS indicates that use of this system provides an incentive for development of this area while ensuring that a fair sharing of revenues will result if major discoveries are made and produced.

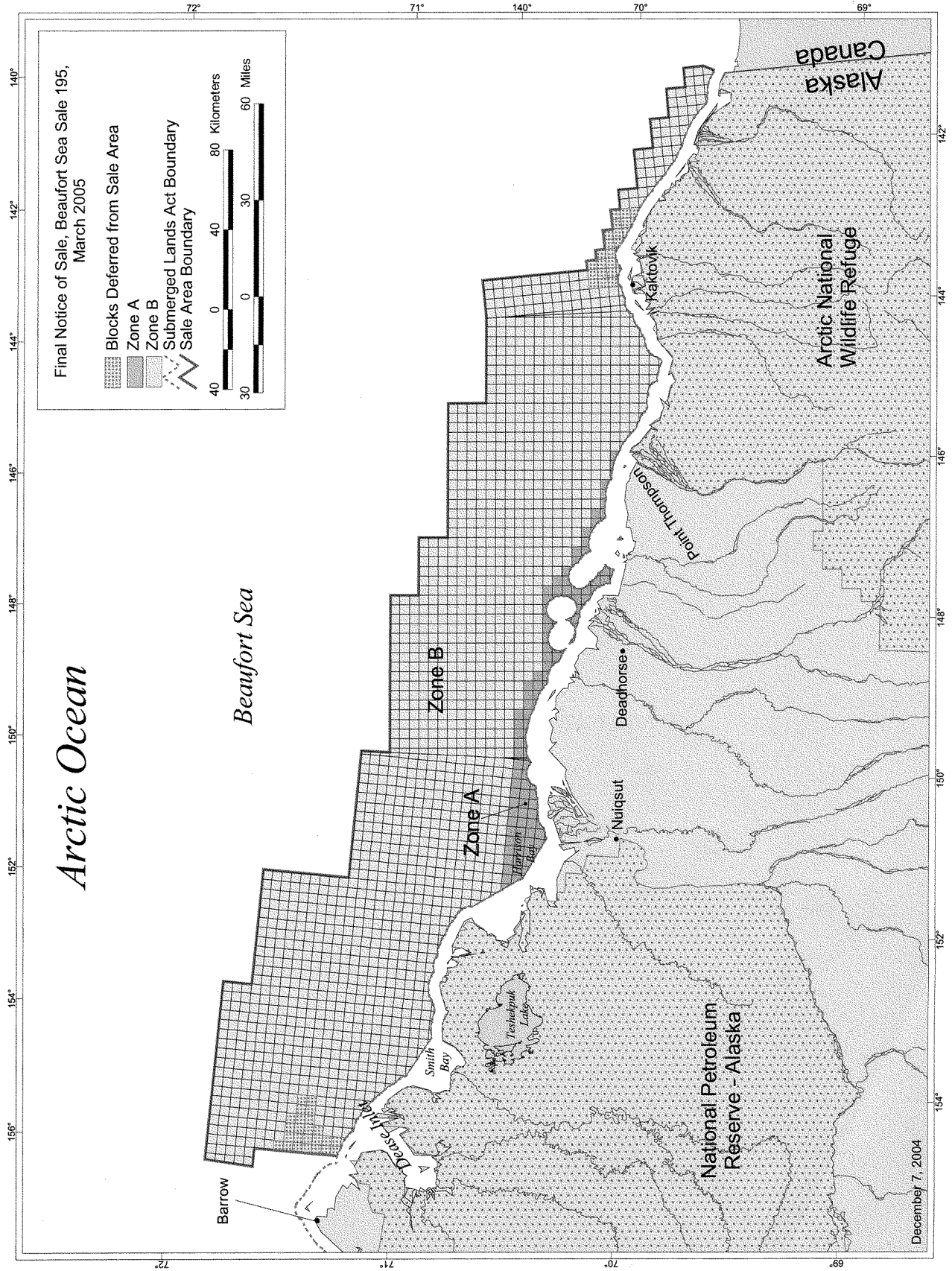
Specific royalty suspension provisions for Sale 195 are contained in the document "Royalty Suspension Provisions, Sale 195" included in the FNOS 195 package.

Dated: February 16, 2005.

R.M. "Johnnie" Burton,

Director, Minerals Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Outer Continental Shelf Official Protraction Diagrams

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Availability of revised North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83) Outer Continental Shelf Official Protraction Diagrams.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that effective with this publication, the following NAD 83—based Outer Continental Shelf Official Protraction Diagrams last revised on the date indicated are available for information only, in the Gulf of Mexico OCS Regional Office, New Orleans, Louisiana. Copies are also available for download at <http://www.mms.gov/ld/atlantic.htm>. The Minerals Management Service in accordance with its authority and responsibility under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act is updating and depicting the ambulatory Submerged Lands Act boundary and Limit of "8 (g) Zone" for the entire Continental United States and Alaska, except where fixed under a Supplemental Decree of the United States Supreme Court. This effort is being conducted under a joint project with the NOAA National Ocean Service and the Department of State's Interdepartmental Baseline Committee to develop a new National Baseline for the United States. These diagrams constitute the basic record of the marine cadastre in the geographic area they represent.

Description	Date
NK19-04 (Boston)	19-JAN-2005
NK19-05 (Cashes Ledge)	19-JAN-2005
NK19-07 (Providence)	19-JAN-2005
NK19-08 (Chatham)	19-JAN-2005

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of Official Protraction Diagrams are \$2.00 each. These may be purchased from the Public Information Unit, Information Services Section, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Minerals Management Service, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, telephone (504) 736-2519 or (800) 200-GULF.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Official Protraction Diagrams may be obtained in two digital formats: .gra files for use

in ARC/INFO and .pdf files for viewing and printing in Adobe® Acrobat.

Dated: February 16, 2005.
Robert P. Labelle,
Acting Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan (GMP) for Fort Pulaski National Monument, Savannah, GA

AGENCY: National Park Service, DOI.
SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, requirements of the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-625, and National Park Service Policy in Director's Order Number 2 (Park Planning) and Director's Order Number 12 (Conservation Planning, Environmental Impact Analysis, and Decision-making) the National Park Service (NPS) will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan for Fort Pulaski National Monument located near Savannah, Georgia. The authority for publishing this notice is contained in 40 CFR 1506.6. The statement will assess potential environmental impacts associated with various types and levels of visitor use and resources management within the National Monument.

The NPS is currently accepting comments from interested parties on issues, concerns, and suggestions pertinent to the management of Fort Pulaski. Suggestions and ideas for managing the cultural and natural resources and visitor experiences at Fort Pulaski are encouraged. Comments may be submitted in writing to the address listed at the end of this notice or through the GMP Web site, which is linked to the park's Web site at <http://www.nps.gov/fopu>.

The NPS will publish periodic newsletters on the GMP Web site to present scoping issues and preliminary management concepts to the public as they are developed. Public meetings to present draft management concepts will be conducted in the local area. Specific locations, dates, and times will be announced in local media and on the GMP Web site.

If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail

comments to Superintendent, Fort Pulaski National Monument, U.S. Highway 80 East, P.O. Box 30757, Savannah, Georgia 31410, Telephone: 912-786-5787. You may also comment via the Internet to <http://www.planning.den.nps.gov/parkweb/comments.cfm?RecordID=165>. Please submit Internet comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include your name and return address in your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your Internet message, contact us directly at 404-562-3124, ext. 685. Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to Fort Pulaski National Monument, Cockspar Island, U.S. Highway 80 East, Savannah, Georgia 31410. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the rulemaking record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the rulemaking record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.
DATES: Locations, dates, and times of public meetings will be published in local newspapers and may also be obtained by contacting the NPS Southeast Regional Office, Division of Planning and Compliance. This information will also be published on the General Management Plan Web site for Fort Pulaski.

ADDRESSES: Scoping suggestions should be submitted to the following address to ensure adequate consideration by the Service: Superintendent, Fort Pulaski National Monument, U.S. Highway 80 East, P.O. Box 30757, Savannah, Georgia 31410, Telephone: 912-786-5787.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Draft and Final General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement