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Kate Kaufman, Liberty Development Permitting Lead  
Hilcorp Alaska, LLC  
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Dear Ms. Kaufman:

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Alaska Region (BOEM) has reviewed the Hilcorp Alaska, LLC's (HAK) *Notice to Conduct Ancillary Activities Liberty 2015 Shallow Hazard and Strudel Scour Survey, Beaufort Sea* (dated April 2, 2015). The HAK ancillary activities in this notice consist of geophysical survey and aerial reconnaissance activities in support of the Liberty Development (OCS Lease Y -1650 and Y -1585). The notice describes on-lease ancillary activities as defined in 30 CFR 550.105 and 30 CFR 550.207.

BOEM has evaluated the notification under the process outlined in 30 CFR 550.209 and concludes that, subject to the conditions listed below, the ancillary activities described in the notice comply with the performance standards under 30 CFR 550.202(a), (b), (d), and (e). The conditions are:

- Adhere to the Biological Opinion and Conference Opinion for Oil and Gas Activities in the Beaufort and Chukchi Sea Planning Areas (May 8, 2012) prepared by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS);
- Adhere to the NMFS Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7(a)(2) Biological Opinion - Oil and Gas Leasing and Exploration Activities in the U.S. Beaufort and Chukchi Seas, Alaska NMFS Consultation Number: F/AKR/2011/0647 (April 2, 2013);
- Provide BOEM a copy of the Incidental Harassment Authorization for the Liberty 2015 Shallow Hazard and Strudel Scour Survey, Beaufort Sea;
- Notify BOEM in writing at least 15 calendar days before conducting other activities not described in the notification, pursuant to 30 CFR 550.208(b)(1); and
- Report to BOEM all bird strikes within three days of report verification.

Also:

- Inform BOEM of HAK's meetings or consultations with federal agencies, communities, resource organizations;
- Provide BOEM and BSEE with daily operations, safety, and environmental compliance reports;
- Provide to BOEM for submission to the Alaska State Historic Preservation Office (AK SHPO) a report of the geophysical data and of any Pleistocene landforms that may contain archeological sites. This analysis must be performed by a qualified archaeologist and include a summary and analysis of the data obtained or information derived from the ancillary activities; and
- Provide to BOEM a report containing analyses of the geophysical survey data and the aerial reconnaissance data.

HAK is responsible for notifying and complying with all other agencies that have regulatory authority associated with the ancillary activities.

If you have questions, please contact Bill Ingersoll, BOEM AKR Chief of the Plans Section at 907-334-5224, 907-306-4381 or via email at [william.ingersoll@boem.gov](mailto:william.ingersoll@boem.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Johnston', written over a horizontal line.

David Johnston, Regional Supervisor  
Office of Leasing and Plans

cc: North Slope Borough Mayor  
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North Slope Borough Department of Wildlife Management  
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City of Nuiqsut  
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U.S. Coast Guard, Alaska  
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Alaska Ice Seal Committee  
Alaska Beluga Whale Committee  
Alaska Nanuuq Commission