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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

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#### Indian Gaming

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Approved Tribal-State Class III Gaming Compact.

**SUMMARY:** This notice publishes the approval of the Compact between the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone (Tribe) and the State of Nevada (State) Governing Class III Gaming.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* October 23, 2014.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Paula L. Hart, Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary—Policy and Economic Development, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219–4066.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) Public Law 100–497, 25 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.*, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish in the **Federal Register** notice of approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. As required by 25 CFR 293.4, all compacts are subject to review and approval by the Secretary. The Compact allows the Tribal Gaming Commission to determine the number of casinos, mix of games, number of gaming devices, wager, and prize limits. The Compact allows the Tribe to operate “Slots Only Locations” totaling 300 slot machines, provided that no more than 65 slot machines are operated at each location. The term of the Compact is 20 years, and the term can be amended to be coterminous with a financing agreement. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, is publishing notice that the Tribal-State Compact between the State and the Tribe is now in effect.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

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#### Outer Continental Shelf, Alaska Region, Cook Inlet Program Area, Proposed Oil and Gas Lease Sale 244

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement and hold public scoping meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Consistent with the regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is announcing its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for proposed Lease Sale 244 in the Cook Inlet Program Area. The EIS will focus on the potential effects of leasing, exploration, development and production of oil and natural gas in the proposed lease sale area. In addition to the no-action alternative (i.e., not holding the lease sale), other alternatives may be considered, such as deferring additional areas within the Cook Inlet proposed lease sale area.

**DATES:** Comments should be submitted by December 8, 2014 through <http://www.regulations.gov/>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on the Lease Sale 244 EIS, the submission of comments, or BOEM’s policies associated with this notice, please contact Michael Rolland, Regional Supervisor, BOEM, Alaska OCS Region, 3801 Centerpoint Drive, Suite 500, Anchorage, AK 99503, telephone (907) 334–5271.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 27, 2012, the Secretary of the Interior approved the June 2012 *Proposed Final Outer Continental Shelf Oil & Gas Leasing Program 2012–2017* (Five Year Program). The Five Year Program includes proposed Lease Sale 244.

There are currently no Federal leases in the Cook Inlet Planning Area. The proposed Lease Sale 244 leasing area is located offshore of the State of Alaska in the northern portion of the Federal waters of Cook Inlet and consists of 224 lease blocks and covers roughly 437,613 hectares (approximately 1.07 million acres of the total Cook Inlet Planning Area of 5.3 million acres). The lease sale area was identified in the November 27, 2013, Area Identification (Area ID) available at [www.boem.gov/Sale-244/](http://www.boem.gov/Sale-244/). While including most of the areas identified by industry in their responses to the March 27, 2012, Request for

Interest, the proposed lease sale area in the Area ID also:

- Excludes the majority of the designated critical habitat areas for beluga whale and northern sea otter, and excludes the critical habitat areas for Steller sea lions and the North Pacific right whale;
- reduces potential effects to parks, preserves, and wildlife refuges by placing a buffer between the area considered for leasing and the Katmai National Park and Preserve, the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, and the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge; and
- excludes many of the subsistence use areas for the Native Villages of Nanwalek and Port Graham identified during the Cook Inlet Lease Sale 191 process.

This notice of intent is not an announcement to hold a proposed lease sale, but is a continuation of the information gathering process and is published early in the environmental review process in furtherance of the goals of NEPA. The comments received during scoping will help inform the content of the Lease Sale 244 EIS. If, after completion of the EIS, the Department of the Interior’s Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management chooses to hold the proposed lease sale, that decision and the details related to the lease sale (including, the lease sale area and any mitigation) will be announced in a Record of Decision and Final Notice of Sale.

**Scoping Process:** This notice of intent also serves to announce the scoping process for identifying key issues for the Lease Sale 244 EIS. Throughout the scoping process, Federal, State, Tribal and local governments and the general public have the opportunity to provide input to BOEM in determining significant resources, issues, impacting factors, reasonable alternatives, and potential mitigation measures to be analyzed in the Lease Sale 244 EIS. BOEM will evaluate additional alternatives, deferral and/or mitigation suggestions identified during scoping meetings and the comment period initiated by this notice of intent in the preparation of the EIS.

BOEM will use the NEPA process to satisfy the public comment requirements of section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f), as provided for in 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3).

**Scoping Meetings:** Pursuant to the regulations implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA, BOEM will hold public scoping meetings. The purpose of these meetings is to solicit