

Division, which borders the St. Croix River and Canada, and the 8,754-acre Edmunds Division, located along Cobscook Bay. Within the existing refuge boundary, 7,462 acres (30 percent) are designated part of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Land cover on the refuge includes approximately 15 percent in wetlands and 85 percent in uplands. Generally, refuge lands are characterized by rolling hills, large rock outcrops, scattered boulders, second-growth northern hardwood-conifer forest, and some pockets of pure spruce-fir. Numerous streams, beaver flowages, bogs, marshes, and scrub-shrub and forested wetlands are imbedded within the forested landscape.

We estimate that 54,000 refuge visitors annually engage in hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and/or interpretation. Over 65 miles of trails and roads closed

to vehicular traffic provide access for these activities on refuge lands. Special events, environmental education and interpretive programs and self-guided interpretive trails, observation platforms, and photography blinds enhance visitor experiences.

Dated: November 9, 2006.

**Richard O. Bennett,**

*Acting Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Hadley, Massachusetts.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Letters of Authorization to Take Marine Mammals

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (MMPA) as amended, notice is hereby given that Letters of Authorization to take polar bears incidental to oil and gas industry exploration activities in the Beaufort Sea and adjacent northern coast of Alaska have been issued.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Craig Perham at the Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals Management Office, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, (800) 362-5148 or (907) 786-3810.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A Letter of Authorization has been issued to the following companies in accordance with Fish and Wildlife Service Federal Rules and Regulations (see "Marine Mammals; Incidental Take During Specified Activities" at 71 FR 43926; August 2, 2006) under section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA and the Fish and Wildlife Service implementing regulations at 50 CFR 18.27(f)(3):

Company	Activity	Location	Date issued
Shell Offshore, Inc. ....	Exploration .....	Open water seismic .....	Aug 15, 2006
BP Exploration Alaska, Inc. ....	Production .....	Greater Prudhoe Bay, Milne Point, Badami, Endicott, and Northstar Oil Field Units.	Aug 15, 2006
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. ....	Production .....	Kuparuk and Alpine Oil Field Units .....	Aug 15, 2006
FEX L.P. ....	Exploration .....	NPR-A .....	Sept 26, 2006
Ukpeagvik Inupiat Corporation ...	Development .....	Cape Simpson Industrial Port .....	Sept 22, 2006
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. ....	Exploration .....	Pike Shallow Hazard Survey .....	Sept 26, 2006

Dated: October 19, 2006.

**Thomas O. Melius,**

*Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Availability, Preassessment Screen

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), on behalf of the Department of the Interior (DOI) as a natural resource trustee, announces the release to the public of the Natural Resource Damages Preassessment Screen for Onondaga Lake, Onondaga County, New York.

Federal regulations at 43 CFR 11.23(a) require Natural Resource Trustees to complete a preassessment screen (PAS) and make a determination as to whether a Natural Resources Damages Assessment (NRDA) shall be carried out

at a site, before assessment efforts are undertaken under the regulations. The Onondaga Lake PAS document fulfills that requirement for the Onondaga Lake Superfund Site and follows the structure of Federal Regulations at 43 CFR part 11.

The purpose of the PAS is to provide a rapid review of the readily available information on releases of hazardous substances and potential impacts on natural resources in Onondaga Lake and sub-sites for which the DOI may assert trusteeship under section 107(f) of CERCLA.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for copies of the PAS may be made to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New York Field Office, 3817 Luker Road, Cortland, NY 13045. The public is also invited to view copies of the PAS at the Service's New York Field Office at 3817 Luker Road, Cortland, NY 13045.

Additionally, the PAS will be available for viewing at the following Web site link: <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/nyfo/ec/OnondagaLakePAS.pdf>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ken Karwowski, at address under

**ADDRESSES,** by phone at 607-753-9334 or by e-mail at [Ken\\_Karwowski@fws.gov](mailto:Ken_Karwowski@fws.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The PAS is being released in accordance with the CERCLA of 1980 as amended, commonly known as Superfund (42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*), the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Regulations found at 43 CFR part 11, and the National Environmental Policy Act.

**Author:** The primary author of this notice is Ken Karwowski, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New York Field Office, 3817 Luker Road, Cortland, NY 13045.

**Authority:** The authority for this action is the CERCLA of 1980 as amended, commonly known as Superfund, (42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*), and the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Regulations found at 43 CFR part 11.

Dated: October 24, 2006.

**Richard O. Bennett,**

*Acting Regional Director Region 5, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, DOI Designated Authorized Official, U.S. Department of the Interior.*

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