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5-YEAR OCS OIL AND GAS
PROPOSED LEASING PROGRAM
FOR 2007-2012
Point Hope, Alaska

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1 MR. COWLES: Well, thank you for coming
2 everybody. My name is Cleve Cowles with Minerals
3 Management Service. And Dorcas will be our
4 translator tonight, if you would like to have that
5 service. I'm with the Minerals Management Service,
6 and we're here for a public hearing and meeting, as
7 shown on this handout you have. But before we get
8 started we're --

9 MR. BENNETT: Cleve --

10 MR. COWLES: -- very honored to have Ely give a
11 blessing and appreciate that very much.

12 (Prayer was said in Inupiaq.)

13 MR. COWLES: Thank you.

14 Okay. Again, my name is Cleve Cowles. And I am
15 the acting regional supervisor for the Minerals
16 Management Service, Alaska office for -- I supervise
17 the office of Leasing and Environments. So I'm with
18 the Anchorage office.

19 And as I mentioned, the purpose of our meeting
20 is, on this first slide we're talking tonight about
21 aspects of the next five-year OCS oil and gas
22 proposed leasing program and also a draft EIS for
23 Sale 193.

24 I'd like to just ask a couple of things. We
25 have, there's a sign-in sheet, if you would please

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1 sign in, particularly if you're going to make a

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2 statement about these items that are on our purpose.

3 And we also have some people with us tonight who
4 will help in discussing these matters. And I would
5 like to introduce them.

6 To my left is Mr. Jim Bennett from our
7 Washington office. Mr. Bennett is the branch chief
8 for the Branch of Environmental Assessments. Mr.
9 Michael Salyer, sitting here is an EIS coordinator
10 in our office in Anchorage. Mr. Peter Johnson is
11 with our resource evaluation section office in our
12 Anchorage organization. And they are the group that
13 do the estimates of hydrocarbons that are on the
14 federal Outer Continental Shelf. Mr. Al Barros,
15 sitting at the back table there with the handouts,
16 is our community liaison specialist. And Britney
17 Chonka here is our transcriptionist, she will be
18 taking a record of your statements about these
19 matters.

20 And, in relation to that, we appreciate very
21 much if, when you do have a statement, you would
22 identify yourself for the record. What I thought we
23 would do tonight is to, very briefly, go through
24 this handout to give you kind of an overview of what
25 we are going to do.

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1 Does anybody need that translated to this point,
2 and then I can start? Okay. Looks like we're okay
3 so far.

4 On the front page, page 1, the second panel,
5 there is a map, and it's similar to this map here.
6 And that shows you the areas that are in the
7 proposed five-year program for 2007-2012, that we
8 are seeking testimony on, or comment, depending on
9 your -- how you might want to do that. And these
10 have been formulated as a result of previous
11 information and analyses that we have done within
12 the Minerals Management Service, Department of the
13 Interior. And they are part of a national program
14 that plans a process for providing opportunity to
15 the oil and gas industry to lease, potentially,
16 explore and -- and if they were to discover oil and
17 gas, to develop.

18 But these are just large areas for which we are
19 setting or -- or proposing a schedule for future
20 lease sales between 2007 and 2012. So it is not
21 decided yet. It is, however, open for discussions
22 and -- and commentary.

23 And that's summarized on the second page as to
24 what we are receiving public comments for on the
25 top. Because in addition to the five-year program,

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1 which has a schedule out for comment and a
2 environmental document, or draft EIS for those two
3 things, we also have a EIS, a draft EIS for a lease
4 sale that has been scheduled for the Chukchi Sea.

5 So there's these things on our agenda tonight and
6 these are our main purposes.

7 Now, there's three different things. And they
8 actually are part of this process, on the second
9 panel on page 2 of the handout. And I would just
10 like to talk about that briefly. What this is is
11 a -- a summary of the key steps for how MMS goes
12 through and how the Department of the Interior
13 approaches these questions about how best to provide
14 energy for the nation.

15 And, as you know, the demand for fuel is
16 increasing. Production is not keeping up. So the
17 Department of the Interior has goals under the laws
18 to have a process like this to find out and see
19 where industry might get an opportunity to explore
20 and go through the variety of environmental reviews
21 that this summarizes.

22 So the first line, the yellow line, is the
23 process for the five-year program. And we are, at
24 this point in time, in the third, middle block that
25 says Proposed Program and Draft EIS. And then just

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1 past that, it says there's a comment period. And
2 that is the stage for the five-year program in this
3 schedule.

4 And that will eventually move to a secretarial
5 decision in, I think, roughly July of 2007.

6 MR. BENNETT: Or May.
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7 MR. COWLES: Now, if this schedule is adopted,
8 as shown here, where there are lease sales proposed
9 to be held in those blue zones on that map, then we
10 would go down to this next row, which is a
11 sale-by-sale process. And that is a process of
12 focusing.

13 MR. TIMETHY: Excuse me.

14 MR. COWLES: Yes, sir?

15 MR. TIMETHY: You jumped to the middle where
16 there's a 45-day area, there was 60-day period. It
17 jumped to the 90, so we must be on the third part
18 right now?

19 MR. COWLES: I just -- I'm trying to give you a
20 sense for how the Department of the Interior of
21 Minerals Management Service provides a number of
22 different places for reviews and opportunities to
23 comment. So again, I will talk about all these
24 things as we get down on this chart. So I wanted to
25 explain, for the five-year program, we're on this

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1 first row in the comment period, right after the
2 third block.

3 Now, if we proceed --

4 MR. TIMETHY: The 45-day and the 60-day period
5 already passed, right?

6 MR. BENNETT: Yes, they are already past. The
7 process began for the solicitation of comments from

North Aleutian Basin Public Hearing (POINT HOPE) 2.txt
8 August of 2005. And we put a draft proposed program
9 together. And then issued it and distributed it in
10 February of 2006. The draft EIS and the proposed
11 program, which is on the street now is what we're
12 looking for comments for.

13 MR. TIMETHY: So after this meeting will be
14 another 90-day comment?

15 MR. BENNETT: We're in the 90-day comment period
16 now. And it's going to be closing next week.

17 MR. COWLES: And we'll talk about those
18 specifics a little later. I just wanted you to
19 realize that these are processes and procedures that
20 we must follow according to different rules and
21 regulations that are within the National
22 Environmental Policy Act or the OCS Lands Act, for
23 example.

24 Then as we talk about these things in more
25 detail, we can give you some more of the information

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1 on dates. And before I forget, for the safety --

2 MR. TIMETHY: Jackie Timethy.

3 MR. COWLES: Thank you.

4 Anyway, and then if an oil company bids on a
5 lease and is awarded a lease, they might explore and
6 then they go through the next line. And if they
7 find oil and gas, then they have to go through more
8 reviews for a development plan. And this whole
9 process takes quite a while and has a lot of

10 opportunity for us to get ideas, suggestions,
11 comments from the public, and communities, all the
12 organizations, the tribes, subsistence groups.
13 Everybody that's interested in this gets a chance to
14 say what they think all through this before the
15 decisions are made. And this may take 10, 12 years.

16 MR. TIMETHY: Sir, Jakie Timethy again. But
17 with the democrats being voted in, do you think this
18 is -- they might not let it pass or --

19 MR. COWLES: This process will -- won't change
20 depending on the party that's in the executive
21 branch. These are -- this is how the Department of
22 the Interior does this. There has to be changes in
23 the laws for -- and right now, this is a way things
24 are being done.

25 MR. TIMETHY: Governor Hammond, like -- Governor

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1 Murkowski, like, in trial for (inaudible) -- it's
2 all over the news, trying to open up --

3 MR. COWLES: There are places where the Governor
4 of the states can make comments in here, yes, sir.

5 MS. ROCK: Excuse me, wasn't that the time that
6 you had the meeting and you came here and you talked
7 about that and we did all those -- put questions and
8 answers on it. I think that's the meeting, you
9 missed it. Maybe if you hadn't missed it, you
10 wouldn't be asking these questions, because they

11 have been here before. And I have interpreted for
12 them before.

13 (Interpreter interpreting.)

14 MR. COWLES: Thank you. One point, couple
15 points that are important about this, then I'll get
16 done with this. The first portion, which -- the
17 first two rows are under the government's influence,
18 as far as schedules. And we try to follow along
19 with the schedule, the time allowed for each step.

20 However, once a lease sale is held and then
21 leases are awarded to a company that would bid and
22 have -- be the highest bidder. It's then up to them
23 to decide when they might want to submit an
24 exploration plan. That's their business decision.

25 So that's why I said this may take a range of

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1 time, because we don't know how long it would take a
2 company to -- to put forth an exploration plan.

3 The second thing is that this goes from large
4 areas to small areas. Usually we have these areas,
5 that you see here in the Beaufort Sea recently, for
6 example, when we had a lease sale a couple of years
7 ago, only about six percent of that Beaufort area
8 shown there was actually bid -- was awarded for
9 leases.

10 So even though you see these large areas, the
11 company's are more interested in smaller portions of
12 it. So we don't have, usually, that large an area

13 that is awarded as leases. And so then the
14 companies will pick within what they've bid on and
15 it will even be a smaller amount that they actually
16 will explore.

17 So --

18 MR. E. KINGIT: Excuse me, do you have a map of
19 other -- do these -- the lease part already? You
20 know, we know that there's already some red marks
21 that have already been leased a few years back.

22 MR. COWLES: There is in this -- there is in
23 here. And Mr. Bennett will talk a little bit more
24 about the five-year program and then Mr. Salyer will
25 talk about that map that you just asked about. So,

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1 if that's okay, we can move through this.

2 MR. SALYER: What's your name, sir?

3 MR. E. KINGIT: Earl Kingit.

4 MS. ROCK: Earl Kingit.

5 MR. COWLES: Mr. Bennett will now talk a little
6 bit more about the schedule for the proposed
7 program.

8 (Interpreter interpreting.)

9 MR. BENNETT: Thank you.

10 MS. ROCK: Oh, excuse me.

11 (Interpreter interpreting.)

12 MR. BENNETT: Thank you. Again, my name is Jim
13 Bennett. I'm with the Minerals Management Service

North Aleutian Basin Public Hearing (POINT HOPE) 2.txt
14 of the U.S. Department of the Interior. We're a
15 federal agency. I'm out of our headquarters office
16 in Washington. I just want to take just a couple of
17 brief moments to talk to you about the five-year
18 plan.

19 As Cleve pointed out, we're talking now about
20 two things, basically, the five-year plan for Outer
21 Continental Shelf and Lease Sale 193, which is
22 specifically in the Chukchi Sea.

23 The five-year plan for, which an EIS is
24 currently on the street for your review, identifies
25 those areas which we will consider further for

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1 Leasing over the next five-year period, 2007 to
2 2012. Only those areas that are included in this
3 five-year plan will be candidates for a sale over
4 that five-year period. And any area that is
5 included in the five-year plan is subject to a
6 detailed environmental review for that specific
7 lease sale, which is what Lease Sale 193, the EIS
8 for Lease Sale 193 addresses.

9 And finally, the inclusion of an area in the
10 five-year plan does not guarantee that there will be
11 a lease sale. It just means that that area will
12 receive further consideration.

13 The proposed five-year program is a national
14 program. It includes eleven sales in the Gulf of
15 Mexico, one sale in the Atlantic and nine sales in

16 Alaska, including the Beaufort Sea, Chukchi Sea,
17 North Aleutian Basin and Cook Inlet.

18 The first sale in the Chukchi Sea, Sale 193,
19 which Mike is going to talk about, is scheduled for
20 2007, late 2007. The EIS that has been prepared on
21 the five-year plan is out for review right now. We
22 want your comments on it, whether it fully addresses
23 the anticipated impacts that may result from the
24 national program that we're dealing with.

25 Comments -- the comment period closes on

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1 Wednesday the 24th, the day before Thanksgiving next
2 week. We can receive comments either in written
3 form, via the web at MMS.gov or the testimony that
4 you provide tonight.

5 MR. E. KINGIT: What about flyers?

6 MR. BENNETT: I'm sorry?

7 MR. E. KINGIT: Flyers.

8 MR. BENNETT: You mean like comment cards?

9 Do we have any of those, Albert?

10 MR. BARROS: No.

11 MR. E. KINGIT: We're going to -- the flyers, is
12 it okay to give flyers out?

13 MR. BENNETT: Yeah, if you want -- if you
14 want -- we don't have comment cards, per se. But if
15 you want to just write a comment on a piece of paper
16 and give it to us, we'll be happy to receive it.

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We'll be happy to do so.

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MR. E. KINGIT: Okay.

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MR. BENNETT: Okay.

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MR. NASHOOKPUK: So this meeting is documented.

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This lady that's taking it?

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MR. BENNETT: That's a good point. Everything

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that's said tonight goes on the record. And

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anything you say, the comments on either of the

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draft EISs or on the program will be addressed in

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that process.

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MR. NASHOOKPUK: Can we get a copy of, whatever

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she's writing on there?

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MR. BENNETT: Well, you wouldn't want a copy of

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that. It wouldn't make much sense. But we'll get

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you a copy of a transcript that's created and we'll

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be happy to provide that upon request.

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On page 4, slide one, identifies a list of sales

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that I just talked about. And the process that

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we've been -- that we've been involved in for the

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five-year, in addition to, approximately, 20 scoping

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meetings, we're also in the process of conducting 19

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public hearings, one of which is this hearing

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And we've had four hearings this week up on the

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North Slope, or actually three because we were not

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able to get to Wainwright on Monday. But we are

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here tonight and we have a hearing in Barrow

19 tomorrow. We had a couple of hearings over in
20 Beaufort and Nuiqsut and Kaktovik last week.

21 The schedule right now is for us to prepare a
22 final EIS for publication and in spring 2007,
23 probably April. And a decision will be made by the
24 director, by the Secretary of the Interior on what
25 sales will continue on in this process. And -- and

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1 that would be, I think in May and in July, the new
2 program will take effect. So that's the five-year
3 program and then -- yes, sir?

4 MR. NASHOOKPUK: Could you give us definite date
5 before for the Secretary of Interior?

6 MR. BENNETT: We don't have the definite date
7 right now. We know that it's going to occur.

8 MR. NASHOOKPUK: But you do have a deadline,
9 though.

10 MR. BENNETT: I'm sorry?

11 MR. NASHOOKPUK: What is your deadline --

12 MR. BENNETT: Oh, our deadline.

13 MR. NASHOOKPUK: -- for the Secretary?

14 MR. BENNETT: We don't have a deadline in the
15 sense that -- we have a target to get a program in
16 place by July of 2007, that would require an action
17 by the secretary in May of 2007.

18 MR. NASHOOKPUK: What is the deadline for the
19 comments?

20 MR. BENNETT: Deadline for the comments on the
21 draft EIS is November 24th, Wednesday, November
22 24th.

23 MS. KINNEEVEAUK: But didn't we ask for an
24 extension?

25 MR. BENNETT: We have a request for an extension

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1 but we have to evaluate that and determine whether
2 or not we're going to be able to grant it.

3 I encourage you to get your comments to us even
4 if they're not exactly on Wednesday, get them in by
5 mail Wednesday, and we'll receive them, or send them
6 by the web, that would be very helpful.

7 Yeah, that's it for me on the schedule. I'm
8 going to turn it over to Mike.

9 MR. G. KINGIT: On your EIS, on the comments on
10 EIS, we're going to comment on what you -- that big
11 thick book what you gave us, especially in the
12 ordinance hazard. There is no such thing as
13 ordinance hazard within your book, it says, but we
14 all know when you open up this area, our neighbors
15 from Russia had spill out, some contaminants in the
16 Arctic. But I was surprised to see they were in
17 your ordinance hazards, there is no such thing as
18 contaminants in OCS.

19 MR. BENNETT: Okay. Well -- we'll --

20 MR. G. KINGIT: Some of the comments (inaudible)
21 some of the comments, we like to fix things within

22 the book.

23 MR. BENNETT: That's exactly the kind of
24 comments that we need to have. If we don't have the
25 appropriate information and you provide it to us, we

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1 can research it and make sure it's what -- what is
2 appropriate.

3 MR. G. KINGIT: It's kind of embarrassing,
4 because we all know, back in them days, you know how
5 much the Russians spill over there --

6 MR. BENNETT: Okay.

7 MR. G. KINGIT: -- in the Arctic Region
8 (inaudible). I was kind of surprised.

9 MR. BENNETT: If you have specific information
10 to provide, we'd be happy to work with that.

11 MR. G. KINGIT: Thank you.

12 MR. BENNETT: Thank you.

13 MR. E. KINGIT: Earl Kingit, for the record. We
14 just have a hearing in 2002 and we have another
15 hearing in 2005 with MMS. Our comments are still
16 recognizable and our elders, afterwards, that were
17 here during our comment period. You should have
18 records of all the activities that we want, and more
19 important, the environmental issues under your
20 five-year plan, you know. You shouldn't -- you just
21 come here and we only got how many days before the
22 deadline of the comments?

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MR. BENNETT: Well, we --

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MR. E. KINGIT: Majority of our people haven't

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even seen a copy (inaudible). And our tribal office

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(inaudible) places (inaudible) they just sent them

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out a couple weeks ago. Why is that? You know,

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this is very serious issue. (Inaudible)

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MR. BENNETT: We sent the documents out at

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the end of August.

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MR. E. KINGIT: (Inaudible) the Russian.

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MS. KINNEEVEAUK: That -- I only got the, excuse

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me, a copy of that EIS, the draft EIS in October.

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And what he's saying is we need an extension.

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That's why we requested one in our Native Village

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meeting. The copy you sent us, it's very hard for

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our council members to look at it. It's this thick.

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And then, you know, I -- it's impossible for my

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office to make copies for everybody. Not everybody

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has access to the Internet where you can go over it.

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MR. BENNETT: Okay.

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MS. KINNEEVEAUK: So that's why they're -- they

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are making these comments. You need an extension.

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MR. BENNETT: We'll -- we'll -- we'll take the

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request back, and we'll see what we can work out.

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MS. ROCK: Dorcas Rock, for the record.

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If I remember right, I think the meeting started

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with the MMS in 2001, 2002, probably missed on -- or

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a year, or whatever, last year, 2005, 2006, two

25 times this year. Last year we had a meeting. And

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1 if I remember right, most of the people I see here
2 were not here.

3 Now, if you were here and we were concerned
4 about that and we have mentioned it, they were
5 talking about the sale, the past -- maybe less than
6 ten years ago. And I've -- the reason why I know is
7 I always had to interpret.

8 (Interpreter interpreting).

9 MS. ROCK: I interpreted what you were saying.

10 MR. E. KINGIT: Earl Kingit, for the record.
11 You know, thank you, Dorcas, for interpreting that
12 pretty good. But, you know, there might be a few
13 people here, all right, but we do have over 50
14 strong that opposing our -- the MMS lease sale. And
15 we were stronger in 2002 when our elders took the
16 fight and you guys listened. So thank you, Dorcas.

17 MS. ROCK: One more, I forgot. I'm sorry.

18 (Interpreter interpreting).

19 MR. G. KINGIT: I still got one more. You know,
20 like -- like about your EIS, we just got our EIS two
21 weeks ago. And that's a big, big book to read. And
22 that's the reason why they wanted an extension. I
23 have not yet presented it to my council because it's
24 so darn thick. But some of the things we see in
25 that EIS, what I go through just a little bit,

1 there's some things we'd like to say about, because
2 we like to comment on your EIS, too. That's why she
3 asked for extension.

4 MR. BENNETT: Okay.

5 MR. G. KINGIT: My name is George Kingit.
6 I'm Native Village of Point Hope.

7 MS. ROCK: (Speaking in Inupiaq.)

8 MR. SALYER: Okay. My name's Mike Salyer. I'm
9 a wildlife biologist, and I function as an
10 environmental impact statement coordinator for the
11 Minerals Management Service and the U.S. Department
12 of the Interior. And what we've been talking about
13 up until now is the program environmental impact
14 statement.

15 And these gentlemen have discussed a little bit
16 about how, within that program, we have specific
17 lease sales that we also conduct environmental
18 impact statements on. And that brings us to Lease
19 Sale 193 Chukchi Sea Environmental Impact Statement.
20 And that you can find over on page 5 in your
21 handouts beginning with the slides that I'm just
22 going to talk about briefly.

23 Corresponding with these slides, we also have
24 the map on the left-hand -- my left-hand side over
25 here, where it shows the lease sale area. We began

1 scoping for this process, we discussed it a little
2 bit, September of 2005 where the villages --
3 everybody went to the different communities and
4 spoke with folks and tried to get everyone's input.

5 During that time, we took that input and we used
6 that to develop our alternatives that also get
7 analyzed along with the proposed action. Now, the
8 proposed action for Lease Sale 193, you can see in
9 the map in your handout, as well as this map over
10 here, would be the area that's outlined in green, in
11 bold green. And this map occurs in your package, as
12 well, back in the back. Okay. That's the Chukchi
13 Sea Lease Sale area for 193, that this environmental
14 impact statement that's out there right now is on.
15 That was the analysis.

16 Now, the comment period for the draft
17 environmental impact statement, the comment -- the
18 deadline for those comments are -- is December 19th,
19 okay. December 19th for the environmental impact
20 statement for Lease Sale 193.

21 As a result of the scoping process that we had,
22 we took those comments and that's where we came up
23 with the deferrals. You can see the different
24 colors. You can see them a little better in your
25 packet. We have two deferral areas as alternatives.

1 Now, those aren't our decisions, but we're going to
2 take the information that you've given us so that we
3 can present that to the decision-makers in that
4 document so that they will choose a plan.

5 And the first one -- the corridor 1, we call it
6 in the document, that's out there in the
7 environmental impact statement, is the largest area.
8 And it occurs nearly 60 miles out from the coast.
9 And that's the, sort of the purple area that you see
10 on that map. It's also in your packet. Okay.

11 And then we have another corridor, you really
12 can't see too well on this map, you can see it's
13 kind of got lines through it. And it's in blue.
14 And that's alternative, that's corridor 2. And that
15 was a result of some information at the time that we
16 had in coordination with National Marine Fisheries
17 Service. And then, like I said, the proposed action
18 is the entire project ID area, which is the area in
19 green.

20 So at this time, that's where we want to open up
21 for any comments, we would like you guys to respond.
22 Clearly it's been made known that there's some
23 communication breakdown and we certainly want to
24 work on communicating better so that you're able to
25 get the information you need to comment. So that's

1 Lease Sale 193, Environmental Impact Statement.

2 MR. G. KINGIT: In other words, you gave them
3 more from 33 -- 33 to 40 something?

4 MR. BENNETT: I'm sorry, sir?

5 MR. G. KINGIT: You gained more since the last
6 time in 2000? 2002 to 2007? You'll gain more --
7 more land on the lease sale.

8 MR. SALYER: In the program area Jim was talking
9 about, it goes further up. The environmental impact
10 statement I'm referring to is just the green ID area
11 was done, the analysis. So for that next go-around
12 in the Chukchi, clearly there will have to be more
13 analysis done on that one when it comes to that
14 point in the process.

15 MR. FRANKSON: Are you open for comments now?

16 MR. SALYER: Yes, sir.

17 MR. FRANKSON: My name is Ernie Frankson. And
18 I'm a whaling captain here in Point Hope, member of
19 one of the two oldest family clans in the history of
20 North America. And the comment I would like to
21 give, and the information following up the comment,
22 is that I do not want to see oil drilling offshore.
23 And I'll tell you why. Because anywhere in -- in
24 that lease area that you drill, and if one of those
25 wells happens to break and some of the oil spills

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1 out, there's no way you can go to that piece of ice

2 where all the ice flows up -- or all the oil flows
3 up, and it's carried to who knows to where, if a oil
4 spill happens.

5 And the reason I say that is because we have
6 seen what the oil spill in Anchorage has done. And
7 it hasn't been cleaned up. And there's no ice
8 there. And not only that, the people that worked
9 for cleaning up the place that worked there,
10 cleaning up the oil are now dying of cancer from
11 exposure from cleaning up the oil. There's -- some
12 are dying of cancer.

13 So we know what kind of things to expect in the
14 event that you have to clean up oil up here. And as
15 far as I'm concerned, there is no such plan for
16 cleaning oil in the arctic because of the ice. The
17 ice will migrate, as you know, recedes about 500
18 miles north of here, the polar cap recedes. And all
19 of that -- all that oil is going to remain under
20 that ice and it's going to be disbursed.

21 And then environmental hazards you have from
22 that are tremendous, judging from what we have seen
23 in Valdez oil spill, because this area here is --
24 feeds roughly one-fourth of the world in fish.
25 One-quarter of the world's fish that people eat

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1 comes through here. Where the Arctic Ocean pours
2 out at the Atlantic and where it pours out into the
3 Pacific, one-quarter of the world's fish. And this

4 is the area that I feel that will have the greatest
5 impact, should a -- should a disaster occur.

6 And because you are here for the comments, I
7 would like for you to consider that there is no
8 drilling offshore for these leases, but drill
9 diagonally from land. You can drill and sell these
10 areas that you can reach from land by drilling
11 diagonally. That's the only safest thing I can say.

12 Because you're sitting here in Point hope, the
13 oldest continuously occupied settlement in North
14 America known today and what you do here, and if you
15 don't consider what we have to say, you become a
16 party as Department of the Interior and also Marine
17 Mammal Services, you have become a party to a
18 destruction of an oldest, oldest continuously known
19 people. You're looking at them. You're sitting
20 here at the oldest place in North America.

21 What risk is that, then? All the problems that
22 comes from oil when it is spilled from the cleanup,
23 they're all devastating. Exxon already showed us.
24 People are dying of cancer. They can't clean it.
25 It will never be the same again. And because

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1 offshore drilling has been opposed by the elders
2 when I was living in Barrow and they wanted to know
3 why they're go offshore. Because someone gave them
4 consent to go offshore. The consent was already

6 But the point is that you're taking comments and
7 I want to go on record as a whaling captain and as a
8 member of the oldest known community in North
9 America that's still occupied by saying I oppose any
10 offshore drilling, because of the impact of seismic
11 studies has on animals.

12 And recently, right off of Australia, a whale
13 was dead where the oil companies were doing seismic
14 work. So these are some of the effects that -- that
15 you are having to deal with. And I would like to
16 put those on record, because seismic study kills
17 animals. Because oil that's been spilled kills
18 animals and because the oil that was cleaned --
19 being cleaned up also kills the people that cleans
20 it up.

21 And here I have never seen a plan where there's
22 a plan to take oil away from the ocean. How are you
23 going to do that? That entire ocean is covered with
24 ice. And oil will seep right up to the top, it will
25 be carried and released. And the destruction,

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1 they -- destruction everywhere.

2 Because of those reasons, because of the
3 one-quarter of the world's fish that you eat every
4 day when you go into restaurants or you're at home
5 having a sandwich, comes from here. These are some
6 of the things that I would like to see, no offshore

7 drilling, no pads offshore. If there is any
8 drilling, it should be diagonally done from the
9 shore.

10 And so that -- I just wanted to comment that, I
11 just want to know if you were open for our comment.

12 MR. SALYER: Thank you for your comment, sir.
13 Appreciate that.

14 Yes, sir?

15 MR. E. KINGIT: You have any wildlife out there
16 where you have the lease sale, any animals?

17 MR. SALYER: Yes.

18 MR. E. KINGIT: I am concerned about the -- Earl
19 Kingit, for the record.

20 I'm concerned about the walruses, the beluga,
21 all that.

22 MR. SALYER: Yes, sir.

23 MR. E. KINGIT: Once you apply oil out there,
24 how you going to take it out and where is it in a
25 map, or where are your staging areas, where are your

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1 cleaning areas? We want to -- we would like to see
2 that. We asked for that in 2002 and 2005 to MMS.
3 And while you're in the wildlife thing, too, you
4 know, I love wildlife, too, because I depend on
5 wildlife and I'm glad you're a wildlife man, too.

6 Under the Department of the Interior's
7 direction, she's got trust responsibility to

8 endangered species, animals, we all know that. Got
9 trust responsibility. And the one that really will
10 be affected is the bowhead whale. Like what our, my
11 nephew over here said, we are the oldest and active
12 community in the Arctic.

13 Where does the Secretary of Interior stand on
14 the endangered species animals? Pretty quick the
15 polar bears will be listed on the endangered species
16 list. We heard in record that there's only 1500
17 left. We are concerned. We already got some
18 seismic operation going on right now. Those poor
19 animals out there in the ocean that we depend on,
20 are they going to come back? Are they going to
21 really show up next year, like we always expected
22 them for 20,000 years? We are concerned.

23 Department of the Interior, you all work for the
24 tribes of Point Hope. Work for them. The
25 Department of the Interior have a responsibility to

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1 the tribe. So there's very few of us out here. So
2 I went out and picked up some flyers in which I'll
3 read, there's over 50 of them, we had such a short
4 time to collect more, but this flyer, reads: Dear
5 Mr. Gall, it concerns me that noise and pollution
6 from oil activity and Beaufort and Chukchi Sea
7 planning area of the Arctic OCS will harm water,
8 land, whales and other wildlife. Well, both
9 wildlife, that are very important. That are

10 important to sustain our culture.

11 People in the Prince William Sound which Ernie
12 commented on, were told they would not be a big
13 spill and there was -- the oil industry could clean
14 it up and it still hasn't been cleaned up. There
15 was a long-lasting harm to water, land and
16 subsistence food from Exxon spill. There were
17 long-lasting emotional trauma to individuals and
18 just to the communities of Exxon spill, cleanup and
19 litigation. Yet none of these long-lasting harms
20 are recognized or addressed in the draft of EIS.

21 Once again, yet, none of these long-lasting
22 harms are recognized and addressed in the draft EIS
23 for the five-year plan. Chukchi Sea Sale 193, other
24 lease sale we do not want (inaudible) to our ocean
25 and culture. I oppose oil and gas leasing in the

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1 Beaufort and Chukchi Sea and we remove these areas
2 from your plan. Thank you. We're 50 strong here,
3 over 50. Thank you.

4 MR. SALYER: Thank you.

5 Yes, sir.

6 MR. SCHAEFER: For the record, my name is Jack
7 Schaefer. I am the grandson of Jimmy Killagook
8 (phonetic). My Inupiaq name is (in Inupiaq). My
9 grandfather caught 23 whales in his lifetime and
10 that is quite a few. And I was raised by my

11 grandparents and we had to eat. We were all poor,
12 all of us. You were considered rich if you had a
13 box of Sailor Boy crackers and tea and coffee and
14 sugar and canned milk. You were considered rich
15 during the time that he was alive.

16 Now things have changed a little bit from
17 Prudhoe Bay and we have infrastructure here, add a
18 bunch of jobs and they're going through a whole
19 bunch of cuts. And we do now have a very high
20 unemployment rate. And we are bound to eat our food
21 in the ocean and on the land because we have no
22 money.

23 As they have said, we are the oldest continued
24 people inhabiting here. We had a federally
25 recognized tribe, the Native Village of Point Hope.

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1 It has a government-to-government relationship with
2 the United States government. And we've always been
3 very patriotic to the United States government. The
4 United States government has listened to us because
5 of what we believe. And we have been diplomatic
6 with them, indicating our concerns and we have been
7 listened to.

8 Things have changed during the Bush
9 Administration and dealing with the desires to catch
10 up and fill the pockets that have been empty as a
11 result of the scams that have taken place by major,
12 big companies who have stolen and lost their retired

13 benefits for the citizens of the United States in
14 the Lower 48, which considered -- a considerable
15 economic impact to them. As a massive type of rush
16 to try to save those people and prevent a revolution
17 from occurring, they created this energy crisis.

18 Now that administration has been changed as a
19 result of the control of congress and senate from
20 republicans to democrat, you can see on the face of
21 Bush that things have changed. He can no longer try
22 to push and create this scare tactic that there is a
23 very shortage of oil. OPEC has agreed that it will
24 not increase production in order to maintain and
25 lower the price of fuel.

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1 They are the ones that control the supply of
2 oil, all these countries. By creating this illusion
3 of an oil shortage, that was how they were able to
4 get their way in pushing for all these things to
5 occur in a very quick time. That has changed.

6 Even the reports from credible people have
7 extended the oil existence for more than 120 years.
8 There is no oil crisis. It has been a thing to
9 recover for those citizens who have lost their money
10 from major oil companies that have misspent their
11 retirement funds, like Enron, for example.

12 Now that they have recovered from that and
13 things have changed and a loss of our citizens that

14 have had to go to war to try to protect this thing
15 have been overwhelming. And now we're seeing these
16 changes.

17 In regards to the environmental impact
18 statement, on October 23 and 24, there was a meeting
19 in Anchorage that involved the North Slope Borough,
20 the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission, the oil
21 companies, the federal government in relation to the
22 Chukchi Sea and what was going on. Tribes were not
23 invited to attend.

24 And so they were not able -- we were not able to
25 see what the reports have been given in relation to

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1 the monitoring, nor have we been given any
2 information in regards to the seismic activities
3 that took place over a ten-year period, which was
4 referred to as 2D seismic activities. Now they're
5 doing a 3D seismic activities.

6 And all this time we had thought that the
7 impacts on those animals, ocean animals were from
8 the Red Dog Mine in 1989 when it reached a peak near
9 the end of that seismic activity. Just recently we
10 found out that the seismic activity had occurred and
11 so we were able to put pieces together and be able
12 to understand why there were gray whales and animals
13 washing up on the beach during that time period.

14 All this time we thought it was from Red Dog Mine.

15 To this day, despite the millions of dollars

16 that was spent and given to the North Slope Borough
17 Wildlife Management Department, we do not have any
18 documentation in regards to the results of those
19 impacts. For what reason, is very unclear. But
20 I'll say this, because that information has not been
21 provided to us, we are not able to adequately voice
22 and provide evidence to you about the impacts of oil
23 and gas activities, because it's been withheld from
24 us.

25 During that meeting in Anchorage on the 23, 24,

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1 25, the oil companies had requested that NOAA
2 comply, along with what the Mineral Management
3 Service had already committed to, in preventing the
4 monitoring data to be none FOIA-ble, Freedom Of
5 Information Act requestible. We can't ask for that
6 information under the Freedom of Information Act
7 request, which is something that we have a right to
8 know.

9 How can we respond to an environmental impact
10 statement and respond to oil and gas activities when
11 we don't have access to that information? And we
12 are considered as uncredible people in reference to
13 what we're saying in dealing with the animals that
14 we have noticed because we are grassroots, we are a
15 small community. We don't have that college degree.
16 We don't have a salary that labeled us as a monitor

17 or a wildlife biologist to prove those impacts that
18 we have seen and that have been withheld. And so we
19 are unable to provide a clear response as to the
20 impacts.

21 And the industry is using that to their
22 advantage, as the United States has done before in
23 the past, in regards to the problem with the nuclear
24 legacy. You don't have any information, you don't
25 have any evidence, let's study it. Let's gather

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1 this information. During that time we'll go ahead
2 and do this development. By the time you get that
3 information, there may or may not be a disaster.
4 And it might be too late.

5 And then having the government respond: We'll
6 try to accommodate you on this, so that no Tom, Dick
7 and Harry can be able to have access to that
8 information, using the excuse they might find out
9 where the location of those ships are. So what? We
10 don't -- what do we care about where the ships are?
11 What kind of excuse is that? We're trying to gather
12 information in relation to impacts on animals, not
13 just whales.

14 We have been told that the tribe cannot deal
15 with the government because there's an arrangement
16 with the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission, which is
17 only responsible for whales, not for seal, not for
18 fish, not for ducks, not for ugruks, not for marine

19 mammals. They are only responsible for whales.

20 And that has precluded us from having this
21 government-to-government relationship. And we have
22 been forced to go to court as a tribe to fight for
23 our people to ensure and to gather that information
24 and to provide it to you as an accurate response and
25 to show the truth about the impacts. Without that

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1 information, it's very difficult for us to provide
2 that information as we seen in regards to the
3 seismic environmental assessment, which had a
4 finding of no significant impacts, because the oil
5 company said there's no data out there, even though
6 there were millions of dollars that were spent by
7 the North Slope -- through the North Slope Borough
8 for wildlife studies.

9 And so it's very difficult for us to provide you
10 with evidence. And we don't know how long it will
11 take us to gather that information through a
12 discovery process as we continue through the
13 litigation stages on the different stages of oil and
14 gas development. We just started on this, just on
15 the seismic, we're going to be getting into other
16 things as time goes on. These seismic things and
17 these agreements with the Whaling Commission is on a
18 seasonal basis every year.

19 So it makes it very difficult for us to get our

20 ruling by a federal judge in time. By the time a
21 judge re-rules on it, the seismic period will be
22 over. At two percent per year, that's how much they
23 will be covering, it will be a lot of years for them
24 to complete it. It took them ten years to cover
25 from the Canadian border all the way to Point Hope.

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1 And we didn't even know it happened. We didn't even
2 know that there were five wells that were drilled
3 off of Cape Lisburne. They didn't have very many
4 public hearings, because we always said no.

5 Last time we made our strong comment in regards
6 to the Chukchi Sea Lease Sale was in 1995 in
7 Anchorage, referring to a code that we had passed,
8 which is the Offenses Against the Peace and Security
9 of the Inupiat of Point Hope, which is international
10 code. And that stalled and had stopped it for a
11 while. And then here you are again, back.

12 You do a five-year lease period and then you do
13 another five-year lease period. The oil companies
14 don't want to provide the monitoring data until the
15 next lease period. We've gone through two lease
16 periods over a ten-year period in a very short time.
17 The 2002 to 2007, and the 2007 to 2012, two lease
18 periods, bang, one right after another.

19 And we haven't received that data yet. There is
20 no communication between the oil companies. We have
21 not received any information in dealing with the

22 monitoring and the impacts. The monitoring
23 requirements said that you can only look at one side
24 of the book, not on the other. One oil company
25 wants to eliminate the monitoring all together,

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1 wants to increase the decibel levels, wants to
2 eliminate the buffer zone because they say it costs
3 too much and it's a danger to their personnel to
4 fly.

5 And now they're going to use drones to do that.
6 Completely 180-degree turn from the Conflict
7 Avoidance Agreements that were signed that had these
8 mitigation measures, that company want to wipe them
9 out. And that's why we went to court. The judge
10 made a ruling today saying that it is moot, we'll
11 throw it out. By the time I make a decision here,
12 the seismic activities for this season will be over,
13 after my decision will be made, after they're done.

14 So what's the use? That is what has been
15 published today to the world. And it gives the
16 impression that we have lost our fight. We have
17 been in court for some time, several times since the
18 early 80s when we fought for the ocean, for title in
19 determining the boundary of Alaska. Had some lousy
20 attorneys. Lost those cases. Had cases that were
21 decided on and not published and not provided to,
22 from the Ninth Circuit court in San Francisco. And

23 then had our regional tribe doors closed as a result
24 of those expenses that were paid out of the pocket
25 of that tribe.

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1 They closed the door. You misspent your money.
2 They didn't have any money to go to court. They had
3 to get it from somewhere. And now we're stuck with
4 a nonprofit law firm that does its own thing at its
5 own discretion and has not helped us in regards to
6 our concerns for endangered species. Specifically,
7 the right whale has not been included. It's an
8 endangered species. The Internet says that they
9 only go as far as Nome. They go all the way up
10 here.

11 The same things goes for the killer whale. We
12 don't eat them, but we respect them. There are
13 tribes in Alaska that really respect the killer
14 whale. They travel from Southeast Alaska, go all
15 the way up here and turn around and go back. But on
16 the Internet they say there isn't any. And we are
17 not credible. What we see with our eyes is not the
18 same was on paper and we can't prove that unless we
19 have photography. But that is something that we are
20 trying to tell you. There are only 550 killer
21 whales. If that isn't an endangered species, I
22 don't know what is.

23 You know, that -- these -- there's a discussion
24 about federal law, the Endangered Species Act, the

25 habitat, but the information is being controlled.

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1 And we are unable to prove what is -- what is the
2 truth. And it might be too late for us to get it.

3 I am just hoping, as a government-to-government
4 relationship, that there will be people that will
5 blow the whistle, that there will be people that
6 will pass on the message and correct some of these
7 inadequacies and the lack of this
8 government-to-government thing. Because the tribe
9 is considerably handicapped because there's this
10 agreement and arrangement between the Minerals
11 Management Service and a nongovernmental organization
12 that does not perform governmental functions and has
13 a semi-authorization to do that, but has veered away
14 from its mission in protecting the whale.

15 MR. COWLES: Sir --

16 MR. SCHAEFER: This a comment I'm making. The
17 comment period was open by this -- the previous
18 person.

19 MR. COWLES: Might I suggest we take a break and
20 you could resume? I think the other thing I'm a
21 little concerned about is I'd like to make sure the
22 elders and parents who might need to go home would
23 have a chance --

24 MR. SCHAEFER: I'm almost done.

25 MR. COWLES: Okay. Thank you.

1 MR. SCHAEFER: I am almost done.

2 And by interrupting, you had disrupted my
3 thought. I might have to start over. Have you ever
4 thought of that.

5 This government-to-government relationship has
6 to stay within the tribe and the federal government.
7 We have a constitution. We have a
8 government-to-government relationship. We have not
9 benefited whatsoever. There has been an arrangement
10 in Canada where they will receive 85 percent of the
11 royalties from oil and gas development from the same
12 companies. And what do we have? Nothing. We are
13 highly unemployed. We survive on the animals. If
14 we lose the animals, we are gone, we are wiped out.
15 And the views of outsiders and others, it may be
16 considered classified as an ethnic cleansing. As
17 was stated by our whaling captain, we are the
18 oldest, continually occupied people in North America
19 here. By having information that's not Freedom of
20 Information Act obtainable has been a very big blow
21 to our tribe and our community to prove that there
22 are impacts.

23 There is no contingency plan. There is no
24 cleanup plan. There is no way to clean up an oil
25 spill up here. There is no infrastructure for

1 transportation of that, aside from tankers. And how
2 is that going to be done? And how is the
3 maintenance going to be done with that?

4 We have been opposing oil and gas development
5 for a very long time because there has been no
6 answers in dealing with how you clean up a mess and
7 the long-term affects of oil and gas pollution from
8 an accident or disaster.

9 And hopefully, with the extension of time, we
10 will be able to gather some of that information so
11 that we could prove that there are impacts. They're
12 saying there's no impacts from seismic activities.
13 There is some information in relation to that, it's
14 hard to have access to it.

15 The International Whaling Commission had
16 indicated they are concerned about seismic
17 activities, but didn't go beyond that point, saying
18 that they need further study. The oil and gas
19 activities offshore is far too soon. There are
20 other massive oil and gas deposits in Canada and the
21 Lower 48 that can continue to hold us aside from
22 those other countries.

23 We are the Last Frontier. We are the sanctuary
24 for animals and fish up here. There's very little
25 traffic up here. You can't imagine how relieved

1 those killer whales feel when they come up here with
2 all the openness and peacefulness. You know,
3 one-third of our fisheries is from up here and
4 passes through here, and that's not ever talked
5 about. The only people that had recognized that was
6 the U.S. Department of Defense in dealing with their
7 cleanup of the DEW Line sites. That's what forced
8 them to clean up the DEW Line sites, was because of
9 the impact on fisheries because of the PCBs that
10 were leaching into the ocean from those DEW Line
11 sites.

12 I strongly urge that you extend time. I
13 strongly urge that there is bonafide
14 government-to-government relationship with the
15 tribe, not with a nongoverning organization. A
16 nongoverning organization is not a tribe, it's not a
17 government.

18 MS. KINNEEVEAUK: And not only that, there's
19 communication issues. My name is Emma Kinneveauk,
20 for the record. I'm the EPA manager.

21 Like Jack had mentioned, there's communication
22 issues. And it's bad. I tried calling up north
23 about the EIS I received on October 23, and I
24 received a e-mail later on that afternoon about
25 these meetings they're having down in Anchorage.

1 And the lady I talked to at EAWC (phonetic) she got
2 upset with my questions. I told her we have a right
3 to know. We're being impacted directly. And she
4 just asked me, what does EPA Department have to say
5 about all this? I said we want to know. And she
6 hung up on me. That, to me, is uncalled for. And
7 if we can't communicate, we're not going to find out
8 what's important for us to hear to give you an
9 effective comments.

10 I want to know, and I want to see that Conflict
11 Avoidance Agreement made with the industry and AEWC.
12 I have a right to know. I'm being impacted
13 directly. My way of life -- everybody's way of life
14 around here, we all live off the land, we all live
15 off the ocean. We live -- we catch whales, you
16 know, ugruk, everything from the ocean.

17 And that was -- that was such a big
18 miscommunication. And that's uncalled for. And I'm
19 not going to work with anybody that has that feeling
20 against us. We are the tribe, like he said. You
21 guys need to have a government-to-government. We're
22 a federally recognized tribe.

23 And I appreciate you guys coming out here to get
24 comments and everything, but I agree with most of
25 the comments that were made. A lot's happened way

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1 too fast.

2 And we just found out about what happened on the
3 other side of Cape Lisburne, or whatever. We didn't
4 even know about those seismic testing. I've never
5 heard of that and I've lived here most of my life.

6 MR. COWLES: Thank you very much. I appreciate
7 all of these comments that are being made for the
8 record. And I think we would like to take a break
9 so that the people can go to the bathroom, have some
10 coffee. And then we will resume in ten minutes.
11 Thank you.

12 (Thereupon, a brief recess was taken, after
13 which the following proceedings were had:)

14 MR. COWLES: Thank you once again for coming.
15 I'd like to resume the matters about the Outer
16 Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Program, proposed
17 program, Sale 193. Because it is getting late and I
18 know there are some people who have not had a chance
19 to speak who would like to and I want everybody to
20 have an opportunity and feel welcome to speak. I'd
21 like to ask you to, perhaps, try to limit your
22 testimony to maybe five minutes so that everybody
23 gets a chance. And then when we seem to have gone
24 through all those who would like to present, then
25 for those who would like to add a few things

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1 compared to what they may have said previously, we
2 can certainly provide that opportunity.

3 The other thing at this time, because we do have

4 three things on the subject matter, the five-year
5 program, the DEIS of the five-year program and Sale
6 193, if you would be so kind as to mention not only
7 your name, but what you are presenting a testimony
8 on, that would be helpful to us. Otherwise we will
9 take your comment and consider it in relation to all
10 of the items we have brought to your attention
11 tonight.

12 So if there is anybody else who would like to
13 make testimony relative to these matters --

14 MR. SCHAEFER: Can I finish what I was saying
15 before we went on break? This is Jack Schaefer, for
16 the record, Vice President of the Native Village in
17 Point Hope.

18 In regards to the seismic activities that were
19 done during the ten-year period ending 1989, the
20 tribe was inactive, the State of Alaska and
21 congressmen and the senators had indicated that
22 there were no tribes in Alaska, the Native Village
23 of Point Hope was in limbo. They had no funding,
24 they had no contract with the BRA (phonetic). They
25 were inactive tribal government until NOAA said to

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1 the AFN, we recognize federal tribes in Alaska.

2 Then we were able to get a contract and to have
3 a government-to-government relationship revised,
4 before then. After Alaska Native Claims Settlement

5 Act was passed, the regional corporation's nonprofit
6 took over the tribal actions as the nonprofit to
7 Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The tribes had
8 to fight for their recognition and to be recognized
9 by the federal government to perform services for
10 its people. And it took that long for that to
11 occur.

12 In the meantime, these things had occurred and
13 so the tribe was left out and were unable to make
14 comments. And this is before the executive orders
15 that were issued on the government-to-government
16 relationships that were issued by Clinton. I can't
17 remember the other one, Carter? No? There was a
18 few executive orders. We had a long, long struggle
19 to regain recognition because of our responsibility
20 to our people and to have this
21 government-to-government relationship that exists
22 and still exists today.

23 The United States has a responsibility to help
24 our people in Alaska for self-governments for the
25 United Nations Charter in 1946 and '48 under the

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1 Contract of Free Association under the United
2 Nations on Pacific policy. Alaska and Hawaii were
3 included in that. United States was responsible for
4 the indigenous peoples to become their own nation.
5 Instead they had military come up here and vote to
6 become a state and circumvented that process,

7 although that responsibility still exists today.

8 And so that was one of the reasons why we would
9 fought so hard to revive ourselves because of our
10 fears. In the meantime, the Inupiat community went
11 to court and had their doors shut because they had
12 no money to pay for their legal costs. And we are
13 in that boat right now. We're using a nonprofit law
14 firm, because we have no money. And it's a hard
15 struggle to try to protect our renewable resources
16 as a government.

17 And we don't have the resources to apply for
18 grants to do the biology studies and stuff like
19 that. We're still kind of young. And -- and -- and
20 being eligible and we've been circumvented and
21 precluded from applying for those, because the
22 municipalities, nonprofits and other entities have
23 been eligible for them.

24 The National Science Foundation only provides
25 grants to institutions and you municipalities.

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1 Tribes are not eligible for National Science
2 Foundation funding. And so we have been prevented
3 from being able to participate and to train our
4 people to do this, to make it easier for you to make
5 clear decisions.

6 Instead there are those that have been delegated
7 to do this in our place. And we have given full

8 faith and credit to them. So we credit the North
9 Slope Borough for not providing that information and
10 withholding it. We don't know if they are
11 accountable for their work, you know.

12 There's so much information that's gathered.
13 This is a large area that we're covering, from
14 Canada all the way to Point Hope, Chukchi Sea and
15 the five-year plan. The animals go from here all
16 the way to Canada and back. We all eat the same
17 food. And so it's hard for us to provide you with
18 this adequate information because of those things
19 that have prevented it and the barriers that have
20 been created, and that we're just now starting to
21 overcome.

22 And to hear that we don't have representation
23 and that the Minerals Management Service only has
24 this arrangement with the nonprofit, nongoverning
25 organization, which is kind of strange. And that's

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1 a question that I have; is that true?

2 MR. COWLES: Sir, I don't know the answer to
3 that question exactly. I do know that the
4 Department of the Interior, particularly the
5 agencies in Anchorage, are trying to work together
6 to better address some of the matters and types of
7 things that you're talking about, in terms of how
8 our department can provide capacities to other
9 organizations to respond to the many requests we

10 make for information. And those sorts of
11 discussions within the Department of the Interior
12 agencies are underway. And I don't know much more
13 than that. But I think you will be hearing more
14 from the Department along those lines at some time.

15 Are there any other comments? Yes, sir?

16 MR. E. KINGIT: Earl Kingit, for the record.
17 I'd be requesting for a 45-day extension for the
18 comment period. The main reason I'm calling for 45
19 day comment period is because that October 23, 24
20 meeting you had with AWC and the North Slope Borough
21 Wildlife Department without the tribe, without the
22 main people that will be impacted. It is sad that
23 MMS is planning an organization that almost heard a
24 few years back.

25 When IWC says we are not going to hunt bowhead

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1 whales anymore, who is the people that were
2 representing us? Alaska small whaling commission.
3 I have seen my people sad when they announce that we
4 might -- won't be able to hunt whales. I could see
5 my people sad when the oil companies can do the
6 seismic operation and do some exploration and the
7 ocean (inaudible) the bowhead whales.

8 It is sad to hear that the oil companies are
9 giving money to Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission and
10 Point Hope Whale Association. For what? Are they

11 going to be bought out, or what? We are not aware
12 of what's going on at the community with the AWC,
13 like our EPA director said.

14 And when you shut down our vice president during
15 his comments, is very rude. Put that on record.
16 The Secretary of Interior ought to take a good
17 thought about that, the time you had stopped our
18 vice president of our tribe during his comment
19 period.

20 But I request on behalf of the bowhead whale,
21 the walrus, the belugas, the shrimps, the crabs and
22 all these species I named, the (inaudible). We have
23 our man here from the wildlife. He knows all the
24 activities that's going on in the wildlife or the
25 ocean. On behalf of those animals and behalf of the

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1 20,000-year-old community, I request for a 45
2 recommendati on -- extensi on. Thank you.

3 MR. COWLES: Thank you.

4 MS. FRANKSON HENRY: For the record, my name is
5 Aggie Frankson Henry, and I am a tribal member of
6 the Native Village of Point Hope. And I am a direct
7 descendant of my people. I've lived here all of my
8 life. I am a United States citizen. I am Inupiat
9 mother, a daughter, a sister, a friend. I'm a
10 hunter. I'm whaler. I'm a sewer. I'm a provider.
11 I would like to see this passed onto my -- my future
12 generation. I would like to see my grandchildren go

13 out whaling. I would like to see my children go out
14 hunting and gathering food for their families.

15 Like it says: In God we trust. That's what I
16 put my trust in, in God. Because he provides for me
17 from the ocean, from the land and from the sea. And
18 with the Minerals Management Service, the Chukchi
19 Sea Planning Area Oil and Gas Lease Sale 193 and
20 seismic surveying activities in the Chukchi Sea, to
21 the Secretary of Interior, I oppose this matter,
22 because it will affect us spiritually, mentally and
23 physically.

24 A lot of our elders and our community members
25 are hurting from cancer. Up today I wonder why

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1 it's -- it's been in our community. We were
2 affected from the atomic bomb that was going to be
3 placed at Project Chariot. With our voice, we
4 stopped that activity. And with our voice today, I
5 oppose this project -- I mean gas -- oil and gas
6 Lease Sale 193.

7 I take pride in what I do as an Inupiat. My
8 Inupiaq name is (in Inupiaq). And these names were
9 given to me by my parents. I respect my culture. I
10 respect my elders. I respect my community. And God
11 has provided for us, the nutrition we need to
12 nourish our body, which is from the animals we use
13 as harvest to feed our community.

14 We not only feed our community, we feed our
15 neighbors. We have two clans, (given in Inupiaq).
16 Those are the only two clans I know of that exist
17 here in the North Slope Borough.
18 I respect our government. I represent our
19 people. We are a voice for today. And I pray that
20 the Secretary of Interior will hear our voice to
21 keep our heritage alive, to keep our culture alive
22 for subsistence, that will be a very big impact from
23 what I am hearing with -- with our landscape.
24 We live here in Alaska. Alaska is a very cold
25 place. We have permafrost. We are a rich culture.

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1 And I hope that Minerals Management Services will
2 hear us today. And I hope that the Secretary of
3 Interior will come back again, like he did a few
4 years ago and was here for us. Not very many
5 Secretaries of Interiors come to Point Hope, but he
6 did before. And I thank him, that he will hear us
7 today as a voice.

8 Our Mayor, George Ahmaogak, is here with us
9 today, and I thank him for coming in to Point Hope.
10 He knows what impact it has for us. And we do need
11 to hear from you regarding these testimonies.
12 We oppose offshore drilling along the Chukchi Sea,
13 because as a child and as an adult, I've always
14 respected the ocean. I tell my children, never to
15 put their feet in the ocean, because that is where

16 our -- or throw any trash in the ocean, or anything,
17 to harm our ocean, to respect the animals, respect
18 our nature. And I hope my children and their
19 children will continue to live this lifestyle that
20 we've inherited as Inupiat. Thank you.

21 MR. COWLES: Thank you.

22 MR. SCHAEFER: I have a comment. My name is
23 Jack Schaefer, Vice President of Native Village of
24 Point Hope.

25 Apparently our understanding is that the

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1 Conflict Avoidance Agreements are seasonal. With
2 that, we request that the next agreements be with
3 tribes. The existing agreements, seasonal
4 agreements, the explanation we were given was that
5 they wanted one agreement between the Alaska Eskimo
6 Whaling Commission and the oil companies and the
7 government. One agreement, for convenient purposes
8 so that they won't have to deal with five agreements
9 with each whaling community, each whaling
10 federally-recognized tribe to have one agreement.
11 And that was -- we were told that's why it was done
12 that way, one agreement.

13 Later on we found out that there are five
14 agreements for those very same communities, which
15 goes against the reasoning and the response in the
16 one agreement arrangement that we were told in the

17 last meeting that we had with ConocoPhillips and
18 Shell. There was no federal representation at that
19 time, but that was what we were told.

20 Later on we found out there were five
21 agreements. That goes against the one agreement
22 that was specified. So I request the next series of
23 agreements be done with federally-recognized tribes
24 and this not only deals with whales, it deals with
25 marine mammals and fish, our renewable resources.

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1 We can't afford to have irreparable damages.

2 And we can see that there will be irreparable
3 damages if there is an accident. So that is a
4 formal request. Because there is no accountability,
5 no reporting, as stated by our EPA officer.
6 Nothing.

7 We are a government. We don't have to -- we
8 don't have to go to a nongovernment organization and
9 to beg for information. They are supposed to honor
10 us and respect and respond to our requests. They
11 have not done that. And it's very hard to conceive
12 that this arrangement is done under the auspices of
13 the bowhead whale and taking that as the sole source
14 of food for us when there are all these other
15 animals that we depend on. It's illusory. And
16 it shouldn't be that way.

17 There's a government-to-government
18 responsibility, not a government to a nongovernment

19 organization. Thank you.

20 MR. COWLES: Thank you.

21 MR. ATTUNGANE: (Speaking in Inupiaq).

22 MS. ROCK: His name is Ely Attungane. He
23 mentioned that he lived here in Point Hope all his
24 life and he's Eskimo and Inupiat, and we were like
25 flowers.

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1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Could you have her talk a
2 little bit louder, we're recording it. Could you
3 read it a little bit louder? We can understand him
4 but we need to hear --

5 MS. ROCK: They're recording it.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: She's recording it.
7 I can't understand you.

8 MS. ROCK: Okay.

9 Ely Attungane just mentioned that he lived here
10 in Point Hope all his life. And then that he's
11 Eskimo, like all the rest of us and we are like
12 flowers. And then like flowers we don't like to be
13 hurt. And our land, we have to keep our land clean.
14 And our animals are like having roads, that if --
15 we're like a flower. And then you -- we take care
16 of them, as we do like our land, our ocean.

17 And then here in Point Hope, that's how we
18 should be, that we should have no way to hurt our
19 land or the water. Because the sea is where all the

20 animals come. And that we have to take care of
21 them. And we don't want it to spoil or anything.
22 I hope I got it all right. That's what he
23 mentioned about being like flowers. That's how we
24 should treat our land and our people and our
25 animals.

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1 MR. COWLES: Thank you.
2 MS. ROCK: That's Ely Attungane's testimony.
3 MR. COWLES: Yes, ma'am?
4 MS. SAGE: Daisy Sage, for the record.
5 I just -- this is all new to me, but I just
6 wanted to put in my two cents. I -- I really oppose
7 this oil drilling here. I hunt whales with my
8 sister's family. And I just wanted to let you all
9 know that I oppose to it, too.
10 And, you know, everybody asking for an
11 extension. I really would recommend that -- that
12 you put an extension, because it's -- it's just too
13 close. I mean, we need -- we need more time.
14 That's all I wanted to say. Thank you.
15 MR. OOMITTUK: For the record, Steve Oomittuk.
16 I would like to oppose the Lease Sale of 193. Like
17 everybody said, you know, we -- we lived here all
18 our lives, you know. We hunt the whale, everything
19 in the ocean, you know. That's the migrating route
20 of all the animals. You take those animals away
21 from us, that's our identity. That's who we are.

22 You know, without those animals, you know, what
23 are we going to do, you know? From the fish, to the
24 whale to the seal, walrus, beluga, everything that
25 goes through that current that's right out there,

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1 right in the area.

2 The animals are our identity. It makes us who
3 we are. That's what we've always been all our
4 lives. If that goes away, we go away. You know,
5 we're nothing without the animals. It's what keeps
6 us going and it's what keeps us alive. Our dances,
7 our songs, our traditions are all around the
8 animals.

9 Like they said, we are the oldest continuing
10 inhabitants in North America. We are an endangered
11 species also, along with the animals. The animals
12 go, we go with them. We don't -- we want to see our
13 kids -- our grandkids, their grandkids do the same
14 things we're doing.

15 We still hunt the whale. We still do all our
16 ceremonial songs and dances. We celebrate the born
17 of the ice. We do all these traditions. We are
18 Tikiqamuit people. We are still peak of the land,
19 sea and sky. We don't want to lose that.

20 We oppose the Lease Sale 193. We don't want
21 nothing to happen, you know. There's, like they
22 say, there's other places to look for oil or gas on

23 land, you know. We don't want to disturb that area.

24 MR. COWLES: Thank you.

25 MR. BRYANT: My name is Tony Bryant. I have a

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1 question. If 100 percent of the people in this room
2 were to say, yes, go ahead with this plan, what
3 would the outcome be? The plan would be going
4 ahead, or would there be a power-that-be up there in
5 DC, or somewhere saying, no, there's no plan?

6 We're all saying here as, from what I see, that
7 we all oppose it. And will the plan go forward with
8 or without our approval? Is this a seeking approval
9 here, or what -- what's -- that's a big question I
10 have. And it's a question we've been dancing with
11 all night, but can we get to that point right there?

12 MR. COWLES: I think the way I would answer your
13 question is that when we talked about these
14 processes of bringing all the information from many
15 different sources together, that will be taken into
16 consideration. And the Secretary of the Interior
17 makes these decisions in these cases. So I cannot
18 speculate on what the secretary would do.

19 MR. BRYANT: So our words aren't blow into the
20 wind, then?

21 MR. COWLES: No. They are not. We very much
22 appreciate your testimony and your words.

23 MS. KINNEEVEAUK: Emma Kinneeveauk, for the
24 record. You guys mentioned having meetings for

25 these -- Dorcas mentioned 2001, 2005, 2002,

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1 whatever. This is a very small percentage of our
2 village, very small, not even close to ten percent
3 of everybody in town. You need to publicize your
4 meetings better. You're not getting a very good
5 outcome here.

6 I did not see not even one public notice about
7 your guys' meeting here. The reason why you have
8 such a small group here, it's not publicized well.
9 And I have worked, I've worked with public -- public
10 events where we had numerous outcomes, because it
11 was well publicized, you got the mail system, you've
12 got all the public areas to post up a sign. Use
13 them. Let people know so they could come in and
14 bring their other comments.

15 We're not the only people that oppose this. You
16 ask just about every household, they oppose it as
17 well, because our way of life is too important to us
18 before we think of money. At least that's how I
19 feel. There's no price you could pay for seeing my
20 grandparents catch and harvest how many whales. I
21 would never ask for no dollar amount to trade that
22 in. So you need to publicize your meetings better.

23 If you want to hear, if you want to hear the
24 true comments from the community, you've got to
25 include everybody. This is a small percentage. I'm

1 even stunned we have less than ten percent here and
2 I am even more stunned I didn't see not one public
3 notice.

4 MR. COWLES: There are some. But thank you for
5 that suggestion.

6 MS. ROCK: Excuse me. I do have a question.
7 I'd like to ask you who you contact before you go to
8 the meetings? I mean, like, if you're going to go
9 to Point Hope, who is your contact person? Who are
10 the ones that you ask? Those are the people that
11 should be posting up the meetings. Who did you -- I
12 want to know who?

13 MR. COWLES: Mr. Barros could probably address
14 that question.

15 MS. ROCK: Pardon?

16 MR. COWLES: Al Barros, our community liaison.

17 MS. ROCK: No. Who do you contact in Point Hope
18 about having the meeting?

19 MR. COWLES: He knows.

20 MR. BARROS: Yeah, I worked with the secretaries
21 here to get the information out, to send out flyers.
22 They couldn't open the flyer, I found out today.
23 They changed programs. They couldn't get it open.
24 I sent flyers out to -- to the Native Village and
25 then also, we send it to the AWC, and there are

1 announcements in the Sounder for two weeks in a row
2 about the meetings. And then we asked for them to
3 be broadcast on the CB today, or the VHS.

4 MS. ROCK: So you got ahold of the City of Point
5 Hope, the IRA.

6 The person to contact at IRA is the executive
7 director --

8 MS. KINNEEVEAUK: I know. I asked them.

9 They said city was going to --

10 MS. ROCK: -- they're supposed to post the
11 meeting, not just them. That's how I feel about it.
12 If it's like that, then City should have posted it
13 and notified everybody, the Native Village of Point
14 Hope executive director --

15 MS. KINNEEVEAUK: If they asked us to, we would
16 have.

17 MS. ROCK: Should have put up notices, then you
18 would have known.

19 I am just saying that because that's how strong
20 I feel about this, too. Dorcas Rock, for the
21 record.

22 I'm opposed to this lease and so forth because
23 of our hunting tradition. I'm a whaling captain's
24 wife. And we are either berry picking or we're out
25 hunting or my children, my grandchildren, everybody,

1 practically everybody I know here have been out
2 hunting, all the women. I see lot of women go down,
3 they go fishing, everything. And I am opposed to
4 that.

5 And I know that you have posted signs or
6 informed them about the meetings. So I'm not going
7 to blame you guys for, you know, not letting us
8 know, because I remember that -- that we had
9 mentioned that, I think, back in 2001, 2002, get a
10 hold of the Native Village of Point Hope, get a hold
11 of the, you know, the City of -- the mayor.

12 So I know that it's not somebody's fault that's
13 doing that, and I know you guys posted it. And then
14 if it does, then whoever is in charge of that should
15 have informed them on the radio and so forth about
16 that. And that's how it should be. Like the
17 Secretary of the Interior, he's powerful, well we're
18 powerful too, because we're Inupiat and we have our
19 voice heard.

20 I'm not trying to put anybody down. I am just
21 saying that. And I really appreciate you guys
22 coming here. And I hope a lot of you make the
23 comments that you should do. Because it's the
24 Secretary of the Interior that's -- that does sale
25 lease, not them. They're only here working. They

1 are only trying to help us. Thank you.

2 MS. KINNEEVEAUK: And if you guys notify us,
3 we're willing to help. It's just, you know, I
4 thought you guys had it covered. That's all I'm
5 saying from my end of the deal. We thought you guys
6 had that covered.

7 MR. COWLES: Thank you. Thank you.

8 It's 9:30, would you like to take another break?
9 Are there any other comments?

10 MS. KINNEEVEAUK: With all these requests for
11 extensions, are you guys going to come back?

12 MR. COWLES: We will consider that request.

13 MS. KINNEEVEAUK: Because that's -- that's,
14 again, we've heard it time and time again -- my name
15 is Emma Kinneeveauk, for the record. We've heard it
16 all evening, this is really -- we need -- we need
17 more time. And I got your guys' EIS, like a
18 mentioned earlier, on October 23rd, the same day I
19 found out about the meetings down in Anchorage. And
20 the same day I tried to call AWC for the Conflict
21 Avoidance Agreement, and that was too short of a
22 notice.

23 And by then I was just starting to familiarize
24 myself with the other EIS, the wrong one you sent
25 before.

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1 MR. COWLES: We will -- we will consider that.

2 You are not the only individual that it took a while
3 to get to. So thank you for bringing that to our
4 attention.

5 MS. KINNEVEAUK: You're welcome.

6 MR. COWLES: Well, if there are no other
7 comments --

8 Yes, ma'am?

9 MS. MILLER: My name is Pam Miller. I'm from
10 Fairbanks from the Northern Alaska Environmental
11 Center. I'm here to listen to the comments. And
12 there wasn't a hearing in Fairbanks. And since I
13 couldn't get to Anchorage, I came to the closest
14 community. And I'm pleased to be here.

15 This is the first meeting about the five-year
16 plan in this community. I believe the earlier
17 hearing was on the Chukchi Sea sale. It's all
18 complicated. The procedural steps in this are very
19 confusing. And I think the maps, especially about
20 what area you are planning to lease in the Chukchi
21 Sea is very confusing.

22 And I wish to request that the Chukchi Sea area
23 be excluded from the upcoming five-year plan. In
24 looking at the environmental impact statement for
25 the five-year plan, there's very little information

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1 on the impact of climate change, both nationally as
2 part of our policy, as well as in the Alaska section
3 in Lease Sale 193 EIS, there's very little

4 information about climate change, the combination of
5 affects to the wildlife, to the communities along
6 the coast, to the changes in the environment and how
7 oil and gas development impacts would add to the
8 impacts that are already going on because of climate
9 change.

10 And to open up a huge new frontier area, to
11 creates a new source of greenhouse gas omissions
12 doesn't make sense in terms of our national energy
13 policy. I think we, in terms of the national energy
14 policy, can get far more oil -- or far more energy,
15 cleaner, quicker more safely through energy
16 efficiency, a few miles per gallon in our cars and
17 through renewable energy.

18 And it used to be that the MMS would say: We
19 can't consider renewable energy, this is only about
20 oil. But Congress gave MMS the responsibility for
21 renewable energy in the offshore. And there's not
22 one word in either of these documents about the
23 potential for renewable energy offshore.

24 Probably MMS will say: Well, our regulations
25 for that aren't done yet. Well, I say wait. Let's

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1 wait and see until those regulations are done, and
2 we can look at all our national energy policy,
3 renewables and oil and gas at the same time.

4 There's no need, other than to meet the needs of

5 an oil company or two, for this lease sale to go
6 forward in this five-year plan. The MMS is relying
7 on wildlife data that's quite old, for the most
8 part. Back in the early -- late 1970s there was a
9 whole lot of studies and a whole ocean that were --
10 that looked at wildlife and the environment
11 together. None of that's being done out in the
12 Chukchi Sea recently.

13 And this is a huge program, it's complicated.
14 And people deserve to understand more about the
15 risks to the wildlife that they depend on from
16 climate change alone. And the document indicates:
17 Well, we don't have the capability of assessing the
18 combination. Well, then why add to the risk to the
19 wildlife?

20 I'll speak just a couple more minutes on the
21 whole five-year plan, because there's a protected
22 ocean in Alaska today, it's Bristol Bay. After the
23 Exxon Valdez oil spill, the governor came out, the
24 people came out and said: Why are we risking our
25 nation's biggest fisheries with the oil lease sale?

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1 And the leases were sold, but they bought them back.
2 The federal government, the American people bought
3 those leases back, said we want to protect this
4 area.

5 President George Herbert Walker Bush made it a
6 protected area, moratoria area, by executive order.

7 Our current president extended that order until
8 2012. But they're saying we're going to study it
9 anyway and maybe the president will lift that order
10 because of our Governor Murkowski, who got 18
11 percent of the vote in the primary. I don't think
12 his recommendation to lease Bristol Bay is credible.

13 And I think we're pushing too far too fast in
14 Alaska. The risks of the combination of the
15 cumulative effect of leasing the whole, almost the
16 whole NPR-A already, how does that interact with the
17 ocean? The barges that are coming through there,
18 the increased shipping?

19 And I just want to make those comments now. And
20 I'll be taking a harder look and presenting some
21 comments in writing. But thank you for this
22 opportunity to comment.

23 MR. COWLES: Thank you.

24 MS. ROCK: So you're saying this is the first
25 sale lease of the Chukchi Sea?

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1 MS. MILLER: It's the first lease sale in over
2 ten years. There were leases that were done right
3 before Exxon Valdez, I think it was about 1988.

4 MS. ROCK: It says right here: Two sales have
5 been held in the Chukchi Sea planning area.

6 MS. MILLER: Right. And then they had another
7 one in the early 1990s. And, but there hasn't been

8 one since then. And there wasn't industry
9 interests --

10 MS. ROCK: And that's what you've been fighting
11 all this time, Pam. You've been fighting it.

12 MS. MILLER: Right. And it's been successful.
13 And some of the interior secretaries have listened
14 to communities and to the recommendation of the
15 governor and sales have been dropped.

16 MR. COWLES: Thank you for your comments. Are
17 there any others?

18 Yes, sir.

19 MR. KOONOOK: For the record, my name is Henry
20 Koonook. I'm a hunter, I'm a whaler. And I also
21 strongly oppose the sale of 193 Chukchi Sea. I feel
22 that if the oil companies start coming in, start
23 setting up oil rigs out in the ocean, on the land,
24 on the beach, wherever they may be, it's going to
25 have a deepest effect on the migration routes of the

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1 animals that we hunt.

2 We depend on the whale. We depend on the
3 beluga, we depend on the walrus, the ugruks and the
4 seals. In order to get the beluga whale, the
5 bowhead whale, there's a long process of work that's
6 involved, starts out with the seal hunt that we can
7 have rope, fuel for the stoves, skin for clothing,
8 muklaks, the ulu which, provides the (inaudible) the
9 skins that come in the fats and also food. This is

10 a lot of hard work for us but we live and love doing
11 it today. We've done it for thousands of years. I
12 would like to see my nephews continue this work, our
13 lifestyle. I would like to see my nephew's children
14 continue this lifestyle. I strongly oppose this.
15 Thank you.

16 MR. COWLES: Thank you, sir.

17 Well, if there are no other comments, we could
18 consider the meeting -- yes, sir?

19 MR. HENRY, JR.: My name is Jack Henry. And I
20 oppose oil and gas lease Sale 193, because I will be
21 a hunter. Thank you.

22 MR. COWLES: Thank you.

23 MS. KINNEEVEAUK: Emma Kinneeveauk, for the
24 record. I am very grateful you guys are here to
25 hear our comments. Don't get me wrong, I feel

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1 strongly about our way of life, but I appreciate you
2 guys taking the time to come in and gather our
3 comments on how we feel about certain issues. And
4 clearly we all oppose. And I hope that you guys
5 plan on coming back again.

6 MR. COWLES: Thank you. We have been very
7 pleased to come and have felt privileged to spend
8 this time with you.

9 MS. KINNEEVEAUK: Thank you.

10 MR. COWLES: Thank you. If there are no other

11 North Aleutian Basin Public Hearing (POINT HOPE) 2.txt
12 comments, then I would recommend we call it a night
13 and adjourn the meeting. Thank you.
14 (Whereupon, the public hearing was
15 concluded.)
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