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MINERALS MANAGEMENT OFFICE

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DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

FOR COOK INLET PLANNING AREA

OIL AND GAS LEASE SALES 191 AND 199

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 (Anchorage, Alaska - 1/28/2003)

3 MR. LIMA: Good afternoon. Minerals  
4 Management Service. Jim Lima speaking.

5 MR. PRIKE: Yes, I'd like to testify in  
6 this oil lease sale.

7 MR. LIMA: Yes, sir. If I could get you  
8 to state your name, please, because we are recording this  
9 for the record.

10 MR. PRIKE: Rocky Prike (ph). I've been  
11 a resident of the territory and state of Alaska for 50  
12 years. I've lived on the Kenai Peninsula now for 22  
13 years and I'd like it to develop with a conservative  
14 outlook on our resources. It's there to be used. It  
15 helps support the schools. It helps support our economy.  
16 People will be paying more taxes and it's a win-win  
17 situation.

18 There's so many people that think it's  
19 all oil spill and everything else, but I've worked up on  
20 the Slope for years and years and we were very careful  
21 around oil and everything else. I've seen caribou come  
22 through a drill camp. One of the noisiest places in the  
23 world, unless a pack of wolves on the other side that was  
24 going to have them for dinner that night. I've seen  
25 caribou bed down underneath the pipeline. So many

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1 arrogant factors. I think it's a plus factor to develop  
2 our resources. I say let's start developing these  
3 various things. I'd like to see them develop the gas  
4 fields up here on the North Fork. They have gas wells  
5 and they have been capped. I know that there's gas some  
6 place up around Knob Hill there. So, I'd just like to  
7 see it up. It would make it a lot easier living here.  
8 We could utilize the gas to heat our homes and develop  
9 for transportation and resources for plastic industry,  
10 medical and everything else. There's so many different  
11 things that we could utilize things here. That's about  
12 all I have to say about it.

13 MR. LIMA: Thank you very much for  
14 calling, sir.

15 MR. PRIKE: You're welcome.

16 MR. LIMA: Have a good evening.

17 MR. PRIKE: I think most people realize  
18 what's happening there. I've been -- for years I've  
19 wanted them to cut some of this here woods around here.  
20 Of course, it doesn't look too good right now, but it's  
21 better than having a raging fire come through here. I'm  
22 glad that there's some benefits being made by individuals  
23 and companies invest money in getting this timber to  
24 market and it will all grow back. I like to seed  
25 different -- I'm trying -- I clear cut a lot around my

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1 property and I still have a lot left, but I'm trying  
2 spruce trees -- or not spruce trees, but sugar pines and  
3 Siberian larch and I think that will all be a benefit to  
4 put these different forests out. Try something new.  
5 Okey-doke. Thank you very much for listening to me.

6 MR. LIMA: Thank you for calling.

7 MR. PRIKE: You're welcome. Bye.

8 (Off record)

9 (On record)

10 MR. LIMA: Good evening. Minerals  
11 Management Service. Jim Lima speaking.

12 MR. ADAMS: Hey, I'd like to make a  
13 comment about the sale you guys are doing, leases in Cook  
14 Inlet.

15 MR. LIMA: Yes, sir. If I could get you  
16 to state your name, please. We are on the record. This  
17 is being recorded.

18 MR. ADAMS: Okay. My name is Scott  
19 Adams. I live in Homer. My address is P.O. Box 2292,  
20 Homer, 99603. I am in favor of the sale of the leases.

21 MR. LIMA: Thank you very much.

22 MR. ADAMS: Okay. You have a nice day.

23 MR. LIMA: Thank you.

24 (Off record)

25 (On record)

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1 MR. LIMA: Good evening. Minerals  
2 Management Service. Jim Lima speaking.

3 MR. DUNNE: Hi. Are you still taking  
4 comments?

5 MR. LIMA: Yes, sir. Could I get you to  
6 state your name for the record, please. This is being  
7 recorded.

8 MR. DUNNE: Sure. My name is William  
9 Dunne, D-U-N-N-E.

10 MR. LIMA: Okay. Thank you.

11 MR. DUNNE: I was unable to comment when  
12 you had the public hearing in Homer, but I have numerous  
13 concerns about the impacts of a lease sale on the  
14 environment. I'm concerned about the scallop beds over  
15 by Augustine Island and was wondering if you had worked  
16 with Department of Fish and Game, which has mapped out  
17 the scallop beds, which they have an annual fishery over  
18 there that supports a number of people, boat owners and  
19 deckhands. I've got concerns about potential --  
20 actually, that wouldn't necessarily be spills, but just  
21 the infrastructure might interfere with the scallop beds.

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23 I also have concerns about the impacts of  
24 a potential spill. I understand there's -- the EIS says  
25 there's a one in five chance of a major oil spill and

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1 I've got concerns about even smaller oil spills. Just  
2 the way the currents are, the gyres off the mouth of  
3 Kachemak Bay, it seems like any spills or any dumping of  
4 drilling waste into the inlet could get trapped in those  
5 gyres and have adverse impact on larvae that are carried  
6 in those gyres. There's been studies done off and on  
7 over the past 30 years showing the importance of those  
8 gyres for holding and transporting larvae, shellfish and  
9 other larvae. I think even if there weren't a spill,  
10 just the impact of discharged wastewaters and drilling  
11 muds would have adverse impacts upon larval forms of life  
12 there.

13                               So I'd really strongly recommend that  
14 there be zero discharge. I understand that the other  
15 platforms in Cook Inlet are allowed to discharge drilling  
16 muds and other produced waters and wastes and I really  
17 strongly recommend that any drilling that be permitted in  
18 this lease sale have a requirement for zero discharge.

19                               Also, I've got pretty strong concerns  
20 about the impacts to the charter fishing industry and the  
21 other commercial fishing industries. There's a growing  
22 fishing industry for Pacific cod with pots that occurs in  
23 the Federal waters out there and it seems like there's  
24 potential for conflicts just from the infrastructure and  
25 any rigs that might be put out there would interfere with

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1 the Pacific cod pot fishery. I guess that's about if for  
2 right now.

3 MR. LIMA: That was the Pacific cod pot  
4 fishery?

5 MR. DUNNE: Correct. It's a Federal  
6 fishery. Actually, it's going on right now. It starts  
7 January 1st and usually goes through until early March.

8 MR. LIMA: Okay. Thank you. I'll pass  
9 that along and make sure they take a look at it. Thank  
10 you very much, sir.

11 MR. DUNNE: Okay. Thank you.

12 (END OF PROCEEDINGS)

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