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MMS Appoints Alaska Offshore Regional Advisory Group

The Minerals Management Service (MMS) has named a new Alaska OCS Region Offshore Advisory Committee to advise MMS for its proposed Sale 176 in the Beaufort Sea.

Members of the AOAC represent a broad spectrum of MMS stakeholders. State members include Patrick Galvin, Director of the Division of Governmental Coordination and Patty Bielawski, Special Assistant, Department of Natural Resources. Industry representatives are Krissel Crandall, Senior Landman for BP Exploration (Alaska), and Carver Richards, Alaska Exploration representative for Phillips Petroleum. Representing Alaska tribal interests and Native groups are Arnold Brower, Jr., President of the Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope, Thomas Napageak, Chair of the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission, Eugene Brower, President of the Barrow Whaling Captains Association, and Fenton Rexford, Native Village of Kaktovik. Pam Miller of Arctic Connections will represent the environmental community. Jack Laasch, President and General Manager of Alaska Petroleum Contractors will represent support industry workers.

For more information about the meeting or the Committee, call MMS at 907-271-6070 or toll free at 1-800-764-2627.

The MMS is the federal agency that manages and regulates the nation's natural gas, oil and other mineral resources on the Outer Continental Shelf, and collects, and last year disbursed about \$6 billion in revenues from offshore federal mineral leases and from onshore mineral leases on federal and Indian lands.

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