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NOT ONE POLAR BEAR, WALRUS, SEAL OR ANY OTHER WILDLIFE SHOULD BE KILLED BY OIL AND GAS PROFITEERS. ITS TIME FOR THEIR DEVASTATION OF THE ARCTIC TO STOP. THEY CAN ONLY BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE IF THEY WILL NOT CAUSE THE DEATH OF ANY OF THE WILDLIFE, INCLUDING WHALES, SEALS, WALRUSES, BIRDS, ETC WHEN THEY DRILL. WE DO NOT NEED TO INVADE THE ARCTIC AT ALL FOR OUR ENERGY NEEDS SO THAT ANY KILLING OF WILDLIFE IS OUT OF CONTROL AND NEEDS TO BE STOPPED BY A \$25 MILLION DOLLAR FINE FOR THE KILLING OF ANY ONE OF THE SPECIES AS A FIRST OFFENSE UPGRADING TO \$120 MILLION DOLLARS FOR A SECOND OFFENSE OF THE KILLING OF ANY ANIMALS. WE NEED TO STOP THESE PROFITEERS WHO MAKE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF POLLUTANT DISCHARGES EVERY SINGLE YEAR STOP THEIR MENDACIOUS DESTRUCTIVE PRACTICES.

AND WE NEED A GOVT AGENCY SERIOUS ABOUT THIS STOPPING OF EARTH DEVASTATION. I FIND THAT USFWS IS TOO EASY ON POLLUTERS. IT HAS BECOME A SWAMP FAT CAT BUREAUCRACY THAT PAYS NO ATTENTION TO PROTECTION AT ANY TIME. IT WORKS FOR ANIMAL KILLERS FAR FAR TOO OFTEN. THIS COMMENT IS FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD. PLEASE RECEIPT. JEAN PUBLIC JEANPUBLIC1@YAHOO.COM

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Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

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Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY:

We (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection (IC) described below. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and as part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent Start Printed Page 3351burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this IC. This IC is scheduled to expire on March 31, 2017. We may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

DATES:

To ensure that we are able to consider your comments on this IC, we must receive them by March 13, 2017.

ADDRESSES:

Send your comments on the IC to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS BPHC, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803 (mail); or tina_campbell@fws.gov (email). Please include "1018-0070" in the subject line of your comments.
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

To request additional information about this IC, contact Tina Campbell at tina_campbell@fws.gov (email) or 703-358-2676 (telephone).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This information collection includes requirements associated with specified oil and gas industry activities and their incidental taking of polar bears (*Ursus maritimus*) and Pacific walruses (*Odobenus rosmarus divergens*) in the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas. The Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) of 1972, as amended ([16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.](#)), imposed, with certain exceptions, a moratorium on the taking of marine mammals. Section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA directs the Secretary of the Interior to allow, upon request by citizens of the United States, the taking of small numbers of marine mammals incidental to specified activities (other than commercial fishing) if the Secretary makes certain findings and prescribes specific regulations that, among other things, establish permissible methods of taking.

Applicants seeking to conduct activities must request a Letter of Authorization (LOA) for the specific activity and submit monitoring reports of polar bear and Pacific walrus observations and a final summary report of the monitoring and the impacts of the activity upon polar bears and Pacific walruses to the Secretary. This is a nonform collection. Regulations at [50 CFR 18.27](#) outline the procedures and requirements for submitting a request. Specific regulations governing authorized activities in the Beaufort Sea are in [50 CFR 18](#), subpart J. Regulations governing authorized activities in the Chukchi Sea are in [50 CFR 18](#), subpart I. These regulations provide the applicant with a detailed description of information that we need to evaluate the proposed activity and determine whether or not to issue specific regulations and, subsequently, LOAs. We use the information to verify the findings required to issue incidental take regulations, to decide if we should issue an LOA, and, if issued, what conditions should be in the LOA. In addition, we analyze the information to determine impacts to polar bears and Pacific walruses and the availability of those marine mammals for subsistence purposes of Alaska Natives.

Holders of an LOA seeking to carry out onshore activities in known or suspected polar bear denning habitat during the denning season, must make efforts to locate occupied polar bear dens within and near proposed areas of operation. They may use any appropriate tool, such as, forward-looking infrared (FLIR) imagery and/or polar bear scent-trained dogs in concert with denning habitat maps along the Alaskan coast. In accordance with [50 CFR 18.118\(a\)\(6\)\(ii\)\(A\)](#) and [18.128\(a\)\(2\)\(ii\)](#), LOA holders must report all observed or suspected polar bear dens to us prior to the initiation of activities. We use this information to determine the appropriate terms and conditions to be used in an individual LOA in order to minimize potential impacts and d