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## MMS Schedules Public Hearings on Arctic Multi-Sale Draft Environmental Impact Statement

**ANCHORAGE** - The Minerals Management Service (MMS) has scheduled six public hearings on the Arctic Multi-Sale Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The DEIS evaluates the potential impacts from four OCS lease sales in the Beaufort and Chukchi Sea OCS Planning Areas outlined in the MMS 2007-2012 OCS oil and gas leasing program. The proposed sales include Beaufort Sea Sale 209 scheduled in 2010; Beaufort Sea Sale 217 in 2011; Chukchi Sea Sale 212 in 2010; and Chukchi Sea 221 in 2012.

The public hearings will be held in:

- **Nuiqsut** on February 4, 2009, from 7-10 p.m. at the Kisik Community Center
- **Point Lay** on February<sup>24</sup>, 2009, from 7-10 p.m. in the Community Center
- **Barrow** on February 6, 2009, from 7-10 p.m. at the Inupiat Heritage Center
- **Kaktovik** on February 7, 2009 from 7-10 p.m. at the Kaktovik Community Center
- **Wainwright** on February 23, 2009, from 7-10 p.m. at the Robert James Community Center
- **Point Hope** on February 25, 2009, from 7-10 p.m. at Qalgi Center

At the hearings, MMS will describe the proposed sales and alternatives while also taking comments on the DEIS. The comment period closes on **March 16, 2009**.

For additional information about the public hearings, please call MMS at **907-334-5208**, toll-free at **1-800-764-2627**, or via e-mail at **akwebmaster@mms.gov**. Information about the proposed sales can also be found on the MMS Alaska website at **www.mms.gov/alaska**.

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