

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT  
OIL AND GAS LEASE OF SUBMERGED LANDS  
UNDER THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF LANDS ACT

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Office <b>Alaska Regional Office</b>	Serial number <b>OCS-Y-02448</b>
Cash bonus <b>\$63,983.00</b>	Rental rate per acre, hectare or fraction thereof <b>See Addendum</b>
Minimum royalty rate per acre, hectare or fraction thereof <b>\$24.00 per hectare</b>	Royalty rate <b>18 3/4 percent</b>
	Profit share rate

This lease is effective as of **APRIL 01 2023** (hereinafter called the "Effective Date") and shall continue for a primary term of **ten** years (hereinafter called the "Primary Term") by and between the United States of America (hereinafter called the "Lessor"), by the **Regional Director, Alaska Regional Office, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)**, its authorized officer, and

**Hilcorp Alaska, LLC**

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(hereinafter called the "Lessee"). In consideration of any cash payment heretofore made by the Lessee to the Lessor and in consideration of the promises, terms, conditions, and covenants contained herein, including the Stipulation(s) numbered **1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10** attached hereto, the Lessee and Lessor agree as follows:

**Sec. 1. Statutes and Regulations.** This lease is issued pursuant to the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act of August 7, 1953; 43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*, as amended, (hereinafter called "the Act"). This lease is subject to the Act, regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, and other statutes and regulations in existence upon the Effective Date of the lease, and those statutes enacted (including amendments to the Act or other statutes) and regulations promulgated thereafter, except to the extent they explicitly conflict with an express provision of this lease. It is expressly understood that amendments to existing statutes and regulations, including but not limited to the Act, as well as the enactment of new statutes and promulgation of new regulations, which do not explicitly conflict with an express provision of this lease may be made and that the Lessee bears the risk that such may increase or decrease the Lessee's obligations under the lease.

In accordance with the regulations at 2 CFR, parts 180 and 1400, the Lessee must comply with the U.S. Department of the Interior's debarment and suspension (nonprocurement) requirements and must communicate this requirement to comply with these regulations to all persons with whom the Lessee does business as it relates to this lease by including this term as a condition when entering into contracts and transactions with others.

**Sec. 2. Rights of Lessee.** The Lessor hereby grants and leases to the Lessee the exclusive right and privilege to drill for, develop, and produce oil and gas resources, except helium gas, in the submerged lands of the Outer Continental Shelf containing approximately **2,304.000000** hectares (hereinafter referred to as the "leased area"), described as follows:

**All of Block 6255, OCS Official Protraction Diagram, NO05-02, Seldovia, revised July 5, 2004.**

This lease is amended by addendum pursuant to the Final Notice of Sale for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Lease Sale 258. The addendum shall become a part of the lease and supersede any inconsistent provisions of the lease form.

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These rights include:

(a) the nonexclusive right to conduct within the leased area geological and geophysical explorations in accordance with applicable regulations; (b) the nonexclusive right to drill water wells within the leased area, unless the water is part of geopressured-geothermal and associated resources, and to use the water produced therefrom for operations pursuant to the Act free of cost, on the condition that the drilling is conducted in accordance with procedures approved by the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary's delegate (hereinafter called the "Secretary"); and

(c) the right to construct or erect and to maintain within the leased area artificial islands, installations, and other devices permanently or temporarily attached to the seabed and other works and structures necessary to the full enjoyment of the lease, subject to compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

**Sec. 3. Term.** This lease shall continue from the Effective Date of the lease for the Primary Term and so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced from the leased area in paying quantities, or drilling or well reworking operations, as approved by the Lessor, are conducted thereon, or as otherwise provided by regulation.

**Sec. 4. Rentals.** ~~The Lessee shall pay the Lessor on or before the first day of each lease year before the discovery of oil or gas on the lease, then on or before the last day of each full lease year in which royalties on production are not due, a rental as shown on the face hereof.~~

(See Lease Addendum for Rentals under Sec. 4.)

**Sec. 5. Minimum Royalty.** The Lessee shall pay the Lessor on or before the last day of each lease year beginning with the year in which royalty-bearing production commences, and notwithstanding any royalty suspension that may apply, a minimum royalty as shown on the face hereof, with credit applied for actual royalty paid during the lease year. If actual royalty paid exceeds the minimum royalty requirement, then no minimum royalty payment is due.

**Sec. 6. Royalty on Production.**

(a) The Lessee shall pay a royalty as shown on the face hereof in amount or value of production saved, removed, or sold from the leased area. Gas (except helium) and oil of all kinds are subject to royalty. All helium produced shall remain the property of the United States. The Lessee is liable for royalty payments on oil or gas lost or wasted from a lease site when such loss or waste is due to negligence on the part of the operator of the lease, or due to the failure to comply with any rule or regulation, order, or citation issued under the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 or the Act. The Lessor shall determine whether production royalty shall be paid in amount or value.

(b) The value of production for purposes of computing royalty shall be the reasonable value of the production as determined by the Lessor. The value upon which royalty will be paid is established under 30 CFR Chapter XII or applicable successor regulations.

(c) When paid in value, royalties on production shall be due and payable monthly on the last day of the month next following the month in which the production is obtained, unless the Lessor designates a later time. When paid in amount, such royalties shall be delivered at pipeline connections or in tanks provided by the Lessee. Such deliveries shall be made at reasonable times and intervals and, at the Lessor's option, shall be effected either (i) on or immediately adjacent to the leased area, without cost to the Lessor, or (ii) at a more convenient point closer to shore or on shore, in which event the Lessee shall be entitled to reimbursement for the reasonable cost of transporting the royalty production to such delivery point.

**Sec. 7. Payments.** The Lessee shall make all payments (rentals, royalties and any other payments required by this lease) to the Lessor by electronic transfer of funds unless otherwise provided by regulations or by direction of the Lessor. Rentals, royalties, and any other payments required by this lease shall be made payable to the Office of Natural Resources Revenue and tendered to the Lessor. Determinations made by the Lessor as to the amount of payment due shall be presumed to be correct and payable as due.

**Sec. 8. Bonds.** The Lessee shall at all times maintain the bond(s) required by regulation prior to the issuance of the lease. The Lessee shall furnish such additional security as may be required by the Lessor if, after operations have begun, the Lessor determines additional security is necessary to ensure compliance with Lessee's obligations under this lease and the regulations.

**Sec. 9. Plans.** The Lessee shall conduct all operations on the lease or unit in accordance with an approved exploration plan (EP), development and production plan (DPP) or development operations coordination document (DOCD), approval conditions, and any other applicable requirements provided by law or regulation. The Lessee may depart from an approved plan only as provided by applicable regulations.

**Sec. 10. Diligence and Prevention of Waste.**

(a) The Lessee must exercise diligence in the development of the leased area and in the production of wells located thereon and must prevent unnecessary damage to, loss of, or waste of leased resources.

(b) The Lessee shall comply with all applicable laws, regulations and orders related to diligence, sound conservation practices and prevention of waste. EPs, DPPs and DOCDs, are to conform to sound conservation practices to preserve, protect, and develop minerals resources and maximize the ultimate recovery of hydrocarbons from the leased area.

**Sec. 11. Directional Drilling.** A directional well drilled under the leased area from a surface location on nearby land not covered by this lease shall be deemed to have the same effect for all purposes of the lease as a well drilled from a surface location on the leased area. Drilling shall be considered to have been commenced on the leased area when drilling is commenced on the nearby land for the purpose of directionally drilling under the leased area, and production of oil or gas from the leased area through any directional well surfaced on nearby land or drilling or reworking of any such directional well shall be considered production or drilling or reworking operations on the leased area for all purposes of the lease. Nothing contained in this Section shall be construed as granting to the Lessee any interest, license, easement, or other right in any nearby land.

**Sec. 12. Safety and Inspection Requirements.** The Lessee shall:

- (a) maintain all places of employment within the leased area in compliance with occupational safety and health standards and, in addition, free from recognized hazards to employees of the Lessee or of any contractor or subcontractor operating within the lease area;
- (b) maintain all operations within the leased area in compliance with regulations or orders intended to protect persons, property and the environment on the Outer Continental Shelf; and
- (c) allow prompt access, at the site of any operation subject to safety regulations, to any authorized Federal inspector and provide any documents and records that are pertinent to occupational or public health, safety, or environmental protection as may be requested.

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**ADDENDUM**  
**COOK INLET SALE 258**  
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**Form BOEM-2005 (February 2017)**

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Section 4 of Form BOEM-2005 is replaced in its entirety with the following:

Sec. 4. Rentals. The Lessee shall pay the Lessor on or before the first day of each lease year before the discovery of oil and gas on the lease, a rental of \$16 per hectare or fraction thereof, until the start of year eight of the primary term or the year of a discovery of oil and gas, whichever occurs first; then at an annual rate of \$24 per hectare or fraction thereof.

**Sec. 13. Suspension or Cancellation.**

(a) The Lessor may suspend or cancel this lease pursuant to section 5 of the Act, and compensation shall be paid when provided by the Act.

(b) The Lessor may, upon recommendation of the Secretary of Defense, during a state of war or national emergency declared by Congress or the President of the United States, suspend operations under the lease, as provided in section 12(c) of the Act, and just compensation shall be paid to the Lessee for such suspension.

**Sec. 14. Indemnification.** The Lessee shall indemnify the Lessor for, and hold it harmless from, any claim, including claims for loss or damage to property or injury to persons caused by or resulting from any operation on the leased area conducted by or on behalf of the Lessee. However, the Lessee shall not be responsible to the Lessor under this section for any loss, damage, or injury caused by or resulting from:

(a) negligence of the Lessor other than the commission or omission of a discretionary function or duty on the part of a Federal Agency whether or not the discretion involved is abused; or

(b) the Lessee's compliance with an order or directive of the Lessor against which an administrative appeal by the Lessee is filed before the cause of action for the claim arises and is pursued diligently thereafter.

**Sec. 15. Disposition of Production.**

(a) As provided in section 27(a)(2) of the Act, the Lessor shall have the right to purchase not more than 16 2/3 percent by volume of the oil and gas produced pursuant to the lease at the regulated price or, if no regulated price applies, at the fair market value at the wellhead of the oil and gas saved, removed, or sold, except that any oil or gas obtained by the Lessor as royalty or net profit share shall be credited against the amount that may be purchased under this subsection.

(b) Pursuant to section 27(b) and (c) of the Act, the Lessor may offer and sell certain oil and gas obtained or purchased pursuant to a lease. As provided in section 27(d) of the Act, the Lessee shall take any Federal oil or gas for which no acceptable bids are received, as determined by the Lessor, and which is not transferred to a Federal Agency pursuant to section 27(a)(3) of the Act, and shall pay to the Lessor a cash amount equal to the regulated price or, if no regulated price applies, the fair market value of the oil or gas so obtained.

(c) As provided in section 8(b)(7) of the Act, the Lessee shall offer 20 percent of the crude oil, condensate, and natural gas liquids produced on the lease, at the market value and point of delivery as provided by regulations applicable to Federal royalty oil, to small or independent refiners as defined in the Emergency Petroleum Allocation Act of 1973.

(d) In time of war or when the President of the United States shall so prescribe, the Lessor shall have the right of first refusal to purchase at the market price all or any portion of the oil or gas produced from the leased area, as provided in section 12(b) of the Act.

**Sec. 16. Unitization, Pooling, and Drilling Agreements.** Within such time as the Lessor may prescribe, the Lessee shall subscribe to and operate under a unit, pooling, or drilling agreement embracing all or part of the lands subject to this lease as the Lessor may determine to be appropriate or necessary. Where any provision of a unit, pooling, or drilling agreement, approved by the Lessor, is inconsistent with a provision of this lease, the provision of the agreement shall govern.

**Sec. 17. Equal Opportunity Clause.** During the performance of this lease, the Lessee shall fully comply with paragraphs (1) through (7) of section 202 of Executive Order 11246, as amended (reprinted in 41 CFR 60-1.4(a)), and the implementing regulations, which are for the purpose of preventing employment discrimination against persons on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Paragraphs (1) through (7) of section 202 of Executive Order 11246, as amended, are incorporated in this lease by reference.

**Sec. 18. Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities.** By entering into this lease, the Lessee certifies, as specified in 41 CFR 60-1.8, that it does not and will not maintain or provide for its employees any segregated facilities at any of its establishments and that it does not and will not permit its employees to perform their services at any location under its control where segregated facilities are maintained. As used in this certification, the term "facilities" means, but is not limited to, any waiting rooms, work areas, restrooms and washrooms, restaurants and other eating areas, timeclocks, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing facilities provided for employees. Segregated facilities include those that are segregated by explicit directive or those that are in fact segregated on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, because of habit, local custom, or otherwise; provided, that separate or single-user restrooms and necessary dressing or sleeping areas shall be provided to assure privacy as appropriate. The Lessee further agrees that it will obtain identical certifications from proposed contractors and subcontractors prior to awarding contracts or subcontracts unless they are exempt under 41 CFR 60-1.5.

**Sec. 19. Reservations to Lessor.** All rights in the leased area not expressly granted to the Lessee by the Act, the regulations, or this lease are hereby reserved to the Lessor. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, reserved rights included:

(a) the right to authorize geological and geophysical exploration in the leased area that does not unreasonably interfere with or endanger actual operations under the lease, and the right to grant such easements or rights-of-way upon, through, or in the leased area as may be necessary or appropriate to the working of other lands or to the treatment and shipment of products thereof by or under authority of the Lessor;

(b) the right to grant leases for any minerals other than oil and gas, and to issue leases or grants for renewable energy or alternative uses within the leased area, except that operations under such leases or grants shall not unreasonably interfere with or endanger operations under this lease; and

(c) the right, as provided in section 12(d) of the Act, to restrict operations in the leased area or any part thereof, which may be designated by the Secretary of Defense, with approval of the President, as being within an area needed for national defense and, so long as such designation remains in effect, no operations may be conducted on the surface of the leased area or the part thereof included within the designation except with the concurrence of the Secretary of Defense. If operations or production under this lease within any designated area are suspended pursuant to this paragraph, any payments of rentals and royalty prescribed by this lease likewise shall be suspended. During such period of suspension of operations and production, the term of this lease shall be extended by adding thereto any such suspension period, and the Lessor shall be liable to the Lessee for such compensation as is required to be paid under the Constitution of the United States.

**Sec. 20. Assignment of Lease.** The Lessee shall file for approval with the appropriate regional BOEM OCS office any instrument of assignment or other transfer of any rights or ownership interest in this lease in accordance with applicable regulations.

**Sec. 21. Relinquishment of Lease.** The Lessee may relinquish this lease or any officially designated subdivision thereof by filing with the appropriate regional BOEM OCS office a written relinquishment, in triplicate, that shall be effective on the date it is filed. No relinquishment of this lease or of any portion of the leased area shall relieve the Lessee of the continuing obligation to pay all accrued rentals, royalties, and other financial obligations or to plug all wells and remove

all platforms and other facilities on the area to be relinquished in accordance with applicable regulations.

**Sec. 22. Decommissioning.**

(a) When wells, platforms, pipelines or other facilities are no longer useful for operations, the Lessee shall permanently plug such wells, remove such platforms and other facilities, decommission such pipelines, and clear the seafloor of all associated obstructions created by the lease operations.

(b) The Secretary may determine that a well, platform, pipeline or other facility is no longer useful and require its immediate decommissioning.

(c) All platforms and other facilities shall be removed within 1 year after the lease terminates unless the Lessor grants approval to conduct other activities.

(d) All decommissioning operations shall be conducted in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and in a manner that is safe, does not unreasonably interfere with other uses of the OCS, and does not cause undue or serious harm or damage to the human, marine, or coastal environment.

**Sec. 23. Remedies in Case of Default.**

(a) Whenever the Lessee fails to comply with any of the provisions of the Act, the regulations issued pursuant to the Act, or the terms of this lease, the lease shall be subject to cancellation in accordance with the provisions of section 5(c) and (d) of the Act and the Lessor may

exercise any other remedies that the Lessor may have, including, but not limited to the penalty provisions of section 24 of the Act. Furthermore, pursuant to section 8(o) of the Act, the Lessor may cancel the lease if it is obtained by fraud or misrepresentation.

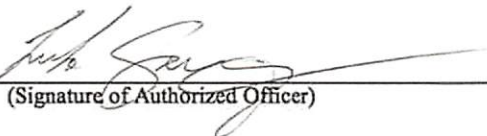
(b) Nonenforcement by the Lessor of a remedy for any particular violation of the provisions of the Act, the regulations issued pursuant to the Act, or the terms of this lease shall not prevent the cancellation of this lease or the exercise of any other remedies under paragraph (a) of this section for any other violation or for the same violation occurring at any other time.

**Sec. 24. Unlawful Interest.** No member of, or delegate to, Congress, or Resident Commissioner, after election or appointment, or either before or after they have qualified and during their continuance in office, and no officer, agent, or employee of the Department of the Interior, except as provided in 43 CFR Part 20, shall be admitted to any share or part in this lease or derive any benefit that may arise therefrom, except to the extent that such benefit is obtained by the general public as well. The provisions of Section 3741 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, 41 U.S.C. 6306, and the Act of June 25, 1948, 62 Stat. 702, as amended, 18 U.S.C. 431-433, relating to contracts made or entered into, or accepted by or on behalf of the United States, form a part of this lease insofar as they may be applicable.

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Hilcorp Alaska LLC

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(Signature of Authorized Officer)

Luke Saugier

(Name of Signatory)

Senior Vice President

(Title)

March 20, 2023

(Date)

8800 Centerpoint Drive, Ste 1400

(Address of Lessee)

Anchorage, AK 99503

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Lessor



(Signature of Authorized Officer)

MARK STORZER

(Name of Signatory)

Acting Regional Director

(Title)

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(Date)

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**Stipulation No. 1      Protection of Fisheries**

Exploration, development, and production operations must be conducted in a manner that minimizes or prevents conflicts with fishing communities and gear, including but not limited to, subsistence, sport, and commercial fishing. To minimize or prevent fishing activity conflicts, prior to submitting an Exploration Plan (EP) or a Development and Production Plan (DPP), the Lessee/operator must review the planned exploration or development activities with directly affected fishing organizations, subsistence communities, and port authorities. This includes plans for on-lease surveys, offshore drilling unit mobilization and location, service vessel routes, and other vessel traffic.

The EP or DPP must include a summary of fishing activities in the area of proposed operations, an assessment of effects on fishing from the proposed activity, and measures to be taken by the Lessee/operator to minimize or prevent conflicts. The assessment of effects and measures to minimize or prevent conflicts must be described under the environmental impact analysis, as required by 30 CFR 550.227 for EPs and 30 CFR 550.261 for DPPs.

## **Stipulation No. 2      Protection of Biological Resources**

If biological populations or habitats that may require additional protection are identified by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management in the leased area, the Regional Supervisor of Leasing and Plans (RSLP) may require the Lessee/operator to conduct biological surveys to determine the extent and composition of such biological populations or habitats. The RSLP will provide written notification to the Lessee/operator of the requirement to conduct such surveys.

Based on any surveys that the RSLP required of the Lessee/operator, or based on other information available to the RSLP regarding special biological resources, the RSLP may require the Lessee/operator to:

- relocate the site of operations;
- establish to the satisfaction of the RSLP, on the basis of a site-specific survey, either that such operations will not have a significant adverse effect upon the resource identified or that a special biological resource does not exist;
- operate only during those periods of time, as established by the RSLP, that do not adversely affect the biological resources; and/or
- modify operations to ensure that significant biological populations or habitats deserving protection are not adversely affected.

If populations or habitats of biological significance are discovered during the conduct of any operations on the lease, the Lessee/operator must immediately report such findings to the RSLP and make every reasonable effort to preserve the biological resource and protect it from damage. The RSLP will direct the Lessee/operator with respect to the protection of the resource. The Lessee/operator must submit all data obtained in the course of biological surveys to the RSLP to include geospatial information in relation to the Lessee's/operator's proposed action. The Lessee/operator may take no action that might affect the biological populations or habitats surveyed until the RSLP provides written directions to the Lessee/operator with regard to permissible actions. The RSLP will provide a written response outlining permissible actions within 30 days.

### **Stipulation No. 3      Orientation Program**

**An Exploration Plan (EP) or a Development and Production Plan (DPP) submitted under 30 CFR 550.211 or 30 CFR 550.241, respectively, must include a proposed orientation program for all personnel involved in the proposed action (including personnel of the Lessee's/operator's agents, contractors, and subcontractors).**

**The program must be designed in sufficient detail to inform individuals working on the project of specific types of environmental, safety, social, and cultural concerns that relate to the area that could be affected by the operation or its personnel. The program must address the importance of not disturbing archaeological and biological resources and habitats, including endangered species, fisheries, bird colonies, and marine mammals, and provide guidance on how to avoid or minimize disturbance. The program must address Safety and Environmental Management System elements including, but not limited to: Stop Work Authority; Ultimate Work Authority; Employee Participation Program (Safety); and Reporting Unsafe Working Conditions. The program must be designed to increase the sensitivity and understanding of personnel to community values, customs, harvest practices, and way-of-life in areas where such personnel will be operating. The orientation program also must include information concerning avoidance of conflicts with subsistence, sport, and commercial fishing activities.**

**The program must be attended at least once a year by all personnel involved in on-site exploration or development and production activities (including personnel of the Lessee's/operator's agents, contractors, and subcontractors) and all supervisory and managerial personnel involved in such activities of the Lessee/operator and its agents, contractors, and subcontractors.**

**The Lessee/operator must maintain, for a minimum of five years, a record of the name(s) and date(s) of attendance of all employees that have attended the orientation program.**

#### **Stipulation No. 4      Transportation of Hydrocarbons**

Pipelines may be required for transporting produced hydrocarbons to shore if the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) determines that: (a) pipeline rights-of-way can be determined and obtained; (b) laying such pipelines is technologically feasible and environmentally preferable; and (c) pipelines can be laid without net social loss, taking into account any incremental costs of pipelines over alternative methods of transportation and any incremental benefits in the form of increased environmental protection or reduced multiple-use conflicts.

BOEM may require that any pipeline used for transporting produced hydrocarbons to shore be placed in certain designated areas. In selecting the means of transportation, consideration will be given to recommendations of knowledgeable advisory groups within Federal, State, and local governments; tribal governments; and industry.

**Stipulation No. 5      Protection of Beluga Whale Nearshore Feeding Areas**

On blocks within 10 statute miles of major anadromous streams, the Lessee(s), its operators and subcontractors are prohibited from conducting any on-lease seismic surveys between July 1 and September 30, when beluga whales are migrating to and from their summer feeding areas. Except for when a waiver or variance is granted as provided below, this prohibition remains in force regardless of whether the Lessee(s), its operators or subcontractors have received a permit or authorization under the Endangered Species Act (ESA, 16 U.S.C. 1531-1544), Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA, 16 U.S.C. 1361-1423h), or other Federal or State statute for such activities. If the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) identifies additional mitigation measures to protect beluga whales through the ESA, MMPA, or other relevant statutory authority at the time the Lessee submits an Exploration Plan (EP) or Development and Production Plan (DPP), the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management may condition approval of the plan on compliance with the most current mitigation measures.

The Lessee(s) may request a waiver from, or variance to, these stipulations at the time of filing an ancillary activities notice, EP, or a DPP with the Regional Supervisor of Leasing and Plans (RSLP). Lessee(s) requesting a waiver or variance must provide a description of the proposed method(s), and an analysis evaluating the effectiveness of such method(s), for protecting the beluga whales from the specified activities in their plan or notice. Such requests must demonstrate that the alternative method(s) will provide commensurate protection for beluga whales. The decision to approve, approve with conditions, or disapprove a request for waiver of or variance from the provisions of this stipulation is in the sole discretion of the RSLP.

## **Stipulation No. 6    Protection of Beluga Whales**

The Lessee(s), its operators and subcontractors are prohibited from conducting any on-lease seismic surveys between November 1 and April 1, when beluga whales are most likely to be present and distributed across the Cook Inlet Lease Sale 258 area. Except for when a waiver or variance is granted as provided below, this prohibition remains in force regardless of whether the Lessee(s) or its operators or subcontractors have received a permit or authorization under the Endangered Species Act (ESA, 16 U.S.C. 1531-1544), Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA, 16 U.S.C. 1361-1423h), or other Federal or State statute for such activities. If the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) identifies additional mitigation measures to protect beluga whales through the ESA, MMPA, or other relevant statutory authority at the time the Lessee submits an Exploration Plan (EP) or Development and Production Plan (DPP), the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management may condition approval of the plan on compliance with the most current mitigation measures.

The Lessee(s) may request a waiver from, or variance to, this stipulation at the time of filing an ancillary activities notice, EP, or a DPP with the Regional Supervisor of Leasing and Plans (RSLP). Lessee(s) requesting a waiver or variance must provide a description of the proposed method(s), and an analysis evaluating the effectiveness of such method(s), for protecting the beluga whales from the specified activities in their plan or notice. Such requests must demonstrate that the alternative method(s) will provide commensurate protection for beluga whales. The decision to approve, approve with conditions, or disapprove a request for waiver or variance from the provisions of this stipulation is in the sole discretion of the RSLP.

**Stipulation No. 7      Protection of Northern Sea Otter Critical Habitat**  
**(Stipulation No. 7 does not apply to this lease.)**

**Stipulation No. 8      Protection of Gillnet Fishery**

The Lessee(s), its operators and subcontractors are prohibited from conducting on-lease seismic surveys during the drift gillnet fishing season as designated each year by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), approximately mid-June to mid-August. The Lessee(s) is required to notify the United Cook Inlet Drift Association (UCIDA) of any temporary or permanent structures in place or planned during the drift gillnet fishing season. The Lessee(s) must coordinate with the UCIDA to try to resolve and avoid any conflicts to the maximum extent practicable. If the ADF&G, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), or other agencies identify additional mitigation measures to minimize or avoid conflicts with the drift gillnet fishery at the time the Lessee submits an Exploration Plan (EP) or Development and Production Plan (DPP), the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management may condition approval of the plan on compliance with the most current mitigation or avoidance measures identified at that time.

The Lessee(s) may request a waiver from, or variance to, the prohibitions of this stipulation at the time of filing an ancillary activities notice, EP, or a DPP with the Regional Supervisor of Leasing and Plans (RSLP). Such requests must specify that the proposed method(s) for protecting the drift gillnet fishery from impacts associated with the proposed activities and include an analysis of the efficacy of such method(s). The request must demonstrate that the proposed method(s) provide commensurate protection of the drift gillnet fishery. The decision to approve, approve with conditions, or disapprove the request for waiver of or variance from the provisions of this stipulation is in the sole discretion of the RSLP.

## **Stipulation No. 9    Alaska Conflict Management Plan**

The Lessee/operator will consult with Alaska Native communities in the lease sale area to identify potential conflicts between planned oil and gas activities and subsistence or other cultural activities. Prior to beginning exploration or development activities, the Lessee/operator will submit a Conflict Management Plan (CMP) documenting consultation with participating communities to determine best practices to prevent unreasonable conflicts with subsistence or other cultural activities, and outline specific mitigation measures the Lessee/operator will implement. The CMP applies to Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) -authorized and -permitted activities and associated support activities (such as aircraft or vessel resupplies or crew transfers), which could occur on the Outer Continental Shelf or onshore.

The CMP will detail how the Lessee/operator's oil and gas activities will be scheduled, located, and conducted. The CMP will include specific mitigation measures based on the consultations with participating communities to address identified potential conflicts. All communities, individuals, and other entities who participate in the consultations will be documented in the CMP. The Lessee/operator must notify the Regional Supervisor of Leasing & Plans (RSLP) of all concerns expressed by participating communities relevant to the CMP during operations and report the steps taken to address such concerns.

The RSLP will send a public copy of the Exploration Plan or Development and Production Plan, including an associated Oil Spill Response Plan, to participating communities at the time the plans are submitted to facilitate awareness. It is BOEM's intention for the CMP to facilitate coordination between industry and Alaska Native communities in the lease sale area to further minimize the potential for impacts on subsistence or other cultural activities. The CMP does not require the transfer of benefits or third-party agreements and does not duplicate or replace any existing regulatory processes or separate lease stipulations addressing fisheries or marine mammals.



### **Stipulation No. 10 Royalties on All Produced Gas**

Pursuant to section 50263 of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, Pub. L. No. 117-169, 136 Stat. 1818 (2022), royalties must be assessed and paid accordingly by the Lessee(s)/operator(s) on all gas produced under this lease, including all gas that is consumed or lost by venting, flaring, or negligent releases through any equipment during upstream operations. The Lessee(s)/operator(s) must value any gas or liquid hydrocarbons, including that which is consumed or lost by venting, flaring, or negligent releases, in accordance with the provisions of 30 CFR part 1206. This royalty will not apply with respect to:

- (1) gas vented or flared for not longer than 48 hours in an emergency situation that poses a danger to human health, safety, or the environment;
- (2) gas used or consumed within the area of the lease, unit, or communitized area for the benefit of the lease, unit, or communitized area; or
- (3) gas that is unavoidably lost.

For any gas that the Lessee(s)/operator(s) produces, but for which the Lessee(s)/operator(s) does not pay royalties, the Lessee(s)/operator(s) bear the burden of proof in demonstrating to the satisfaction of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and the Office of Natural Resources Revenue that one or more of these exceptions to the requirement to pay royalties under this stipulation applies.