

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Indian Affairs**[245A2100DD/AAK001030/
A0A501010.999900]**Indian Gaming; Approval of Tribal-State Class III Gaming Compact Amendment Between the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation and the State of Washington****AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice.**SUMMARY:** This notice publishes the approval of the Seventh Amendment to the Tribal-State Compact for Class III Gaming between the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation and the State of Washington.**DATES:** The Amendment takes effect on February 14, 2024.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Paula L. Hart, Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, IndianGaming@bia.gov; (202) 219-4066.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), Public Law 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.*, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish in the **Federal Register** notice of approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. As required by 25 CFR 293.4, all compacts and amendments are subject to review and approval by the Secretary. The Amendment authorizes the Tribe to offer certain Electronic Table Games and increases fee contributions related to problem gambling.

The Amendment is approved.

Bryan Newland,*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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Second Call for Nominations for the National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of second call for nominations.**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to solicit public nominations for one

position on the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board (Board) that expired on January 11, 2024. The Board provides advice concerning the management, protection, and control of wild free-roaming horses and burros on public lands administered by the Department of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the Department of Agriculture, through the U.S. Forest Service.

DATES: Nominations must be post marked or submitted to the following address no later than March 15, 2024.**ADDRESSES:** All mail and packages sent via the U.S. Postal Service, FedEx, or UPS should be addressed as follows:

U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Wild Horse and Burro Division, Attn: Dorothea Boothe, HQ-260; 9828 31st Avenue; Phoenix, AZ 85051.

Please consider emailing PDF documents to Ms. Boothe at dboothe@blm.gov.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dorothea Boothe, Wild Horse and Burro Program Coordinator, telephone: 602-906-5543, email: dboothe@blm.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services for contacting Ms. Boothe. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Members of the Board serve without compensation; however, while away from their homes or regular places of business, Board and subcommittee members engaged in Board or subcommittee business approved by the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence under 5 U.S.C. 5703, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in government service. Nominations for a term of 3 years are needed to represent the following category of interest:

- Natural Resource Management

The Board will meet one to four times annually. The DFO may call additional meetings in connection with special needs for advice. Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Any individual or organization may nominate one or more persons to serve on the Board.

The BLM and U.S Forest Service first issued a call soliciting nominations for the positions of natural resource

management, public interest (with special knowledge of equine behavior), and wild horse and burro research on October 2, 2023, for 45 days. Due to the limited number of nomination packets received, BLM determined that a second call for nominations is warranted for the natural resource position.

Nominations should include a resume providing an adequate description of the nominee's qualifications, including information that would enable the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture to make an informed decision regarding meeting the membership requirements of the Board and permit the Departments to contact a potential member. Nominations are to be sent to the address listed under **ADDRESSES**. To assist nominees in developing nominations packets, please visit the BLM website at <https://www.blm.gov/programs/wild-horse-and-burro/get-involved/advisory-board> and use the document template *Applying to Serve on the Advisory Board*.As appropriate, certain Board members may be appointed as Special Government Employees (SGEs). Please be aware that applicants selected to serve as SGEs will be required, prior to appointment, to file a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report in order to avoid involvement in real or apparent conflicts of interest. You may find a copy of the Confidential Financial Disclosure Report at the following Web site: <https://www.doi.gov/ethics/financial-disclosure>.Additionally, after appointment, members appointed as SGEs will be required to meet applicable financial disclosure and ethics training requirements. Please contact the at Department of the Interior's Ethics Office (202) 202-208-7960 or email: DOI_Ethics@sol.doi.gov with any questions about the ethics requirements for members appointed as SGEs.**Membership Selection:** Individuals shall qualify to serve on the Board because of their education, training, or experience that enables them to give informed and objective advice regarding the interest they represent. They should demonstrate experience or knowledge of the area of their expertise and a commitment to collaborate in seeking solutions to resource management issues. The Board is structured to provide fair membership and balance, both geographic and interest specific, in terms of the functions to be performed and points of view to be represented. Members are selected with the objective of providing representative counsel and advice about public land and resource planning.

Pursuant to Section 7 of the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act, members of the Board cannot be employed by the State or Federal Government.

(Authority: 43 CFR 1784.4–1)

Sharif D. Branham,

Assistant Director, Resources and Planning.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

[Docket No. BOEM–2023–0065]

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for Commercial Wind Leasing and Site Assessment Activities on the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf Offshore Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) intends to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) to consider the potential environmental impacts associated with possible wind energy-related leasing, site assessment, and site characterization activities on the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) offshore Oregon. BOEM seeks public input regarding important environmental issues and the identification of reasonable alternatives that should be considered in the EA. BOEM will assess the environmental impacts of any proposed wind energy projects after a lease is issued and before deciding whether or not to approve any lessee's construction and operations plan.

DATES: BOEM must receive your comments no later than 11:59 p.m. eastern time on March 15, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Through the regulations.gov web portal:* Navigate to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket No. BOEM–2023–0065 to submit public comments and view supporting and related materials available for this notice. Click on the “Comment” button below the document link. Enter your information and comment, then click “Submit Comment”; or

- *By U.S. Postal Service or other delivery service:* Send your comments and information to: “OREGON Environmental Assessment” addressed

to Chief, Environmental Assessment Section, Office of Environment, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, 760 Paseo Camarillo, Suite 102, Camarillo, California 93010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Gilbane, BOEM Pacific Region Office of Environment, 760 Paseo Camarillo, Suite 102, Camarillo, California 93010, (805) 384–6387 or lisa.gilbane@boem.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: On August 15, 2023, BOEM announced two draft wind energy areas (WEAs) on the U.S. OCS offshore Oregon for public review and comment. BOEM has now finalized the WEAs. The final WEAs offshore Oregon cover approximately 195,000 acres, an 11 percent reduction from the draft WEAs. Before finalizing the WEAs, BOEM considered feedback from Tribes, government partners, ocean users, and stakeholders, and potential conflicts with commercial and recreational fishing, seafloor habitat, marine mammals, sea turtles, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) scientific survey locations.

Proposed Action and Scope of Analysis: The EA's proposed action is issuing wind energy leases in the WEAs offshore Oregon. The EA will consider project easements and grants for subsea cable corridors associated with leasing. The EA also will consider the potential environmental impacts associated with site characterization surveys (biological, archeological, geological, and geophysical surveys and core samples) and site assessment activities (*e.g.*, installation of meteorological buoys) that are expected to take place following leasing. The EA's proposed action does not include the installation of meteorological towers because buoys have become the preferred meteorological and oceanographic data collection platforms for developers. In addition to the no-action alternative, other alternatives may be considered, such as exclusion of certain areas.

BOEM is preparing an EA for this proposed action to assist its planning and decision-making (40 CFR 1501.3). This notice starts the scoping process for the EA and solicits information regarding additional important environmental issues and alternatives that should be considered (43 CFR 46.305). Additionally, BOEM will use the scoping process to identify and eliminate from detailed analysis issues that are not significant or that have been analyzed by prior environmental reviews (40 CFR 1501.9(f)(1)).

BOEM will use responses to this notice and the EA public input process to satisfy the public involvement requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (36 CFR 800.2(d)(3)). Specific to NHPA, BOEM seeks information from the public on the identification and assessment of potential impacts to cultural resources and historic properties that might be impacted by possible wind energy-related leasing, site characterization, and site assessment activities in the WEAs.

The EA analyses will also support compliance with other environmental statutes (*e.g.*, Coastal Zone Management Act, Endangered Species Act, Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, and Marine Mammal Protection Act).

Wind energy leases do not authorize any activities on the OCS. Instead, leases grant lessees the exclusive right to submit plans for BOEM approval. Prior to deciding whether to approve any construction and operation plan for commercial wind energy facilities, BOEM will prepare a plan-specific environmental analysis and will comply with all consultation requirements. Therefore, this EA will not consider the construction and operation of any commercial wind energy facilities in the WEAs.

Cooperating Agencies: BOEM invites Tribal governments and Federal, State, and local government agencies to consider becoming cooperating agencies in the preparation of this EA. Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) define cooperating agencies as those with “jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental impact involved in a proposal (or a reasonable alternative)” (40 CFR 1508.1(e)). Potential cooperating agencies should consider their authority and capacity to assume the responsibilities of a cooperating agency. A cooperating agency's role in the environmental analysis neither enlarges nor diminishes the final decision-making authority of any other agency involved in the NEPA process.

Upon request, BOEM will provide potential cooperating Tribal governments and agencies with a draft memorandum of agreement that includes a schedule with critical action dates and milestones, mutual responsibilities, designated points of contact, and expectations for handling pre-decisional information. Agencies should also consider the “Factors for Determining Whether to Invite, Decline or End Cooperating Agency Status” in