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Re: 11th National Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program

Dear Ms. Kelly Hammerle,

On behalf of the Resource Development Council for Alaska (RDC), thank you for the opportunity to comment on the 11th National Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program: 1st Proposal (Draft Proposed Program). RDC appreciates the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's (BOEM) efforts to responsibly develop Alaska's significant offshore oil and gas resources. Importantly, we advise you work closely with Alaskans and subsistence hunters to ensure a balanced approach to these lease sales.

RDC is an Alaskan statewide, non-profit professional trade association founded in 1975. Our diverse membership is comprised of individuals and companies from Alaska's fishing, tourism, forestry, mining, and oil and gas industries and includes Alaska Native corporations, local communities, organized labor, and industry support firms. RDC's purpose is to advocate on behalf of these industries and encourage a strong, diversified private sector in Alaska and expand the state's economic base through the responsible development of our natural resources.

Alaska's Outer Continental Shelf contains many highly prospective basins, particularly in the Cook Inlet. The Cook Inlet, and many other areas, contain untapped resources that are of significant importance to both Alaska and the United States and have the potential to serve as a key component of our nation's energy security in the coming decades.

Of note, the vast majority of natural resource development in Alaska has been carefully and successfully managed onshore and nearshore development. Offshore oil exploration, development, and production, in the Arctic present unique challenges from both a



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technological, logistical, and geographical perspective. With this in mind, we ask that the perspectives of organizations like the North Slope Borough and the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission are reflected in the final program.

RDC encourages BOEM to move forward with the draft proposed program with the understanding that there will be ample opportunities to receive input from Alaskans and subsistence users prior to the final program approval. Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the 11th National Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program and for your interest in Alaska's abundant resources.

Sincerely,

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Resource Development Council for Alaska

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