



# Public Meeting on *Offshore Oil & Gas Leasing* in Bristol Bay & Southeast Bering Sea

7:00 pm, Thursday, May 15, 2008

**Unalaska City Council Chambers**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING:

The Minerals Management Service (MMS), the federal agency in charge of offshore oil and gas leasing in federal waters, is holding a public scoping meeting on North Aleutian Basin Sale 214.

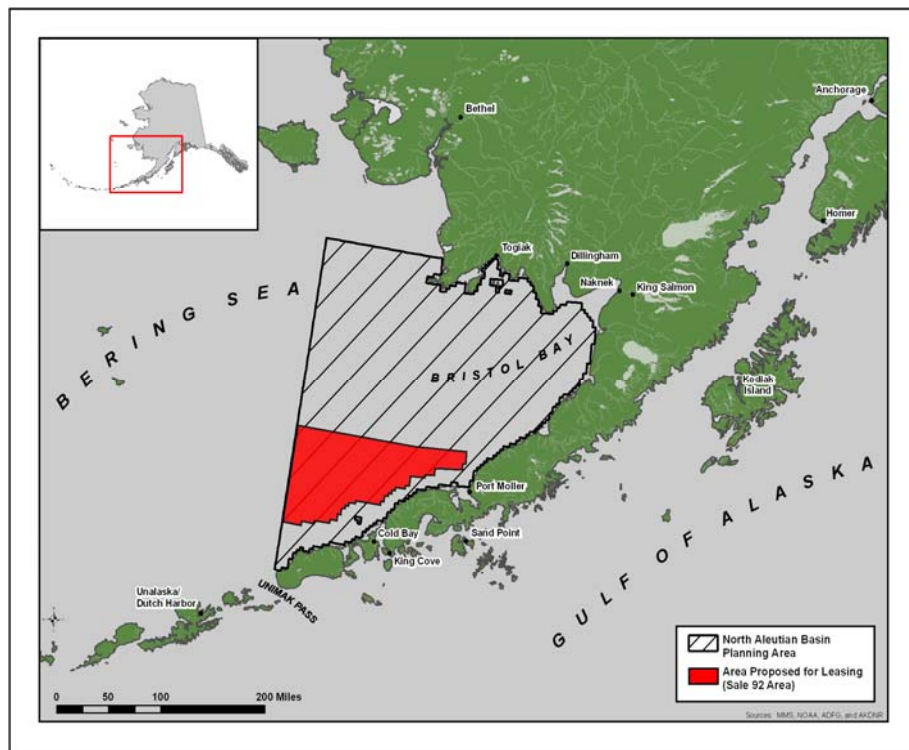
Scoping is the first step in the process towards creating an Environmental Impact Statement for the **proposed 2011 oil and gas lease sale** in Bristol Bay and the southeast Bering.

## YOUR COMMENTS NEEDED!

The scoping meeting will provide members of the public the opportunity ask MMS questions, to **express their position on the lease sale and also to comment on what types of information and impacts should be considered** in preparing the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the sale.

## WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

- Offshore drilling in the region could have significant **negative impacts on the tremendously valuable living marine resources** of Bristol Bay and the Bering Sea that are of economic, cultural, and ecological importance to local communities as well as to our state and nation.
- The region is home to the **world's largest runs of wild salmon** and supports the **largest commercial fisheries** harvest in the nation with an annual **value exceeding \$2 billion dollars**.
- The marine waters and near-pristine coastal habitats of Bristol Bay and the southeast Bering Sea are of **global ecological importance for seabirds, waterfowl, and marine mammals**- including endangered species such as the North Pacific right whale, Steller sea lion, and Steller's eider.
- The **risks of offshore drilling** in these waters from seismic surveys, contaminated drilling discharges, oil spills, and the sprawling footprint of infrastructure **are simply too great**.
- Drilling here would do little to end the nation's dependence on foreign oil and would provide **very limited benefits** to the state of Alaska and local communities, as revenue sharing is not required for leasing in federal waters.



Make your voice heard:

*Tell the federal government*  
**Bristol Bay should be protected from offshore drilling.**

For more details on the meeting and background information go to the Alaska Marine Conservation Council's website at: <http://www.akmarine.org/our-work/protect-bristol-bay> or call (907) 277-5357.

