



U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management

Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program

BLM Alaska (in partnership with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)

Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement Scoping Meeting

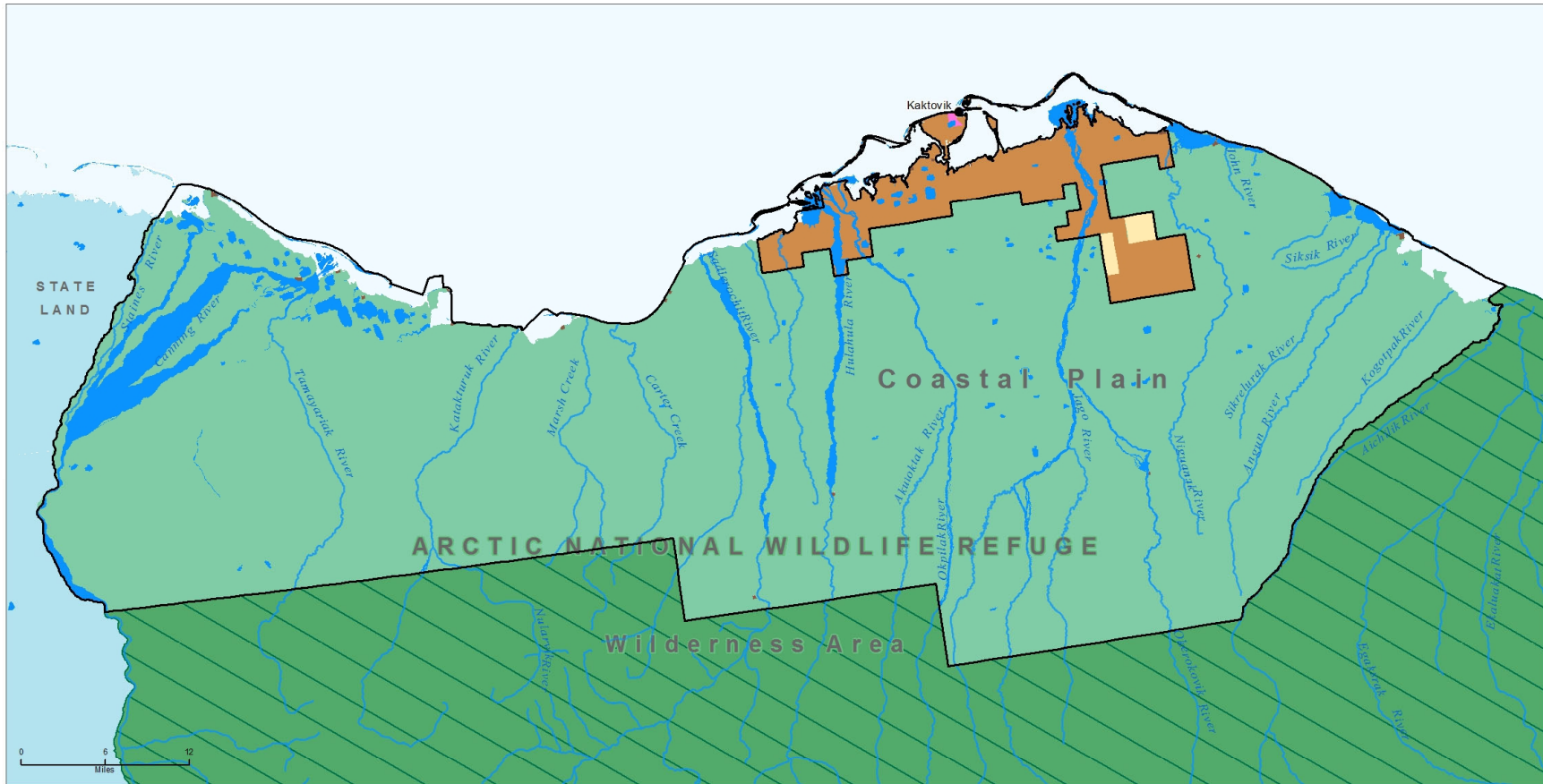


Agenda

- Overview of the Project Area
- Background
- Decisions to be Made
- Agency Responsibilities
- Tentative Schedule
- How to Participate



Project Area Map



- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, wilderness area
- Native-conveyed
- Native-selected
- State
- Native allotment
- Air Force
- Coastal Plain Supplemental EIS Boundary



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Background

- Public Law 115-97, Section 20001 (Dec 22, 2017)
 - *Secretary of the Interior, acting through the BLM, shall establish and administer a competitive oil and gas program for the leasing, development, production and transportation of oil and gas in and from the Coastal Plain*
- Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program Final EIS published (Sep 12, 2019) and Record of Decision issued (Aug 8, 2020)
- Secretary's Order 3401 (Jun 1, 2021)
 - *Comprehensive analysis and temporary halt on all activities in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge relating to the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program*



Decisions to be Made

- Supplemental analysis may include (but is not limited to):
 - Revision of reasonably foreseeable development (RFD) and areas available for leasing
 - An alternative allowing for less than 2,000 acres of surface development
 - Updated analysis of greenhouse gas emissions
 - New information related to subsistence resources (e.g., fish, marine mammals, caribou) and subsistence use/access
 - A wider range of potential development outcomes
 - Revision of lease stipulations and required operating procedures

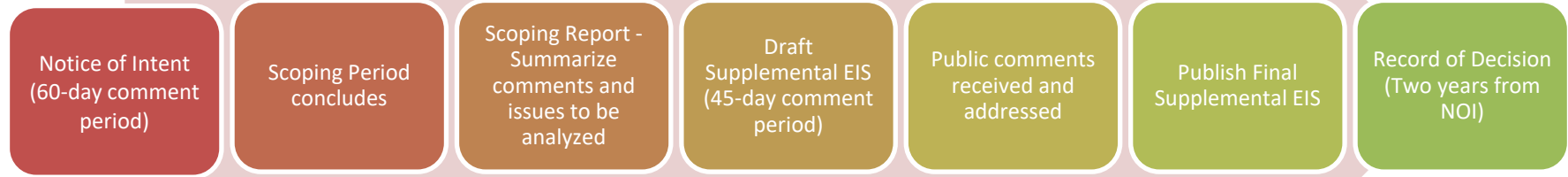


Agency Responsibilities

- Bureau of Land Management
 - Lead Federal Agency for Supplemental EIS
 - Management of leasing program
 - Conducting lease sales and adjudicating relevant permits
- Fish and Wildlife Service
 - Partner with BLM in preparation of Supplemental EIS
 - Administers surface of Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
- Cooperating Agencies still being determined



Tentative Schedule



| Notice of Intent | Aug 4, 2021 |
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| Scoping Period Ends | Oct 4, 2021 |
| Alternatives Development | Oct – Dec 2021 |
| Evaluate Environmental Consequences | Jan – May 2022 |
| Publish Draft Supplemental EIS | Jun 2022 |
| Draft Supplemental EIS Comment Period (45 days) | July – Aug 2022 |
| Revise Supplemental EIS based on Public Input | Sep 2022 – Mar 2023 |
| Publish Final EIS | Apr 2023 – Jul 2023 |
| Record of Decision | No later than Aug 2023 |



How to Participate

Provide Testimony

Testimony tonight will be recorded and incorporated into the analysis process

NEPA Register

<https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2015144/510>

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Comments accepted through October 4, 2021



Thank you
