

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA

NATIVE VILLAGE OF POINT HOPE,
et al.,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

KENNETH L. SALAZAR, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:08-cv-0004-RRB

ORDER IN LIGHT OF REMAND

The Court has considered the Joint Status Report filed at Docket 283. It is hereby **ORDERED** as follows:

1. This matter is remanded to BOEM for further analysis consistent with the Ninth Circuit's decision on appeal at Docket 275. The Court otherwise retains jurisdiction.
2. Once BOEM completes the required analysis and Federal Defendants issue a decision based upon that analysis, they will notify the Court and the other Parties. To the extent that any Party intends to challenge Federal Defendants' decision following remand, the Parties will meet and confer on a proposed post-remand briefing schedule.
3. Until Federal Defendants reach a decision on remand, they will provide bimonthly status reports to the Court and other Parties, beginning May 23, 2014.

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4. Pending the Federal Defendants' decision on remand, the Federal Defendants will keep in place directed suspensions that prohibit drilling activities on Sale 193 leases. While the suspensions are in place, Federal Defendants will not approve or "deem submitted" any proposed exploration plans for Sale 193 leases. Further, BOEM will be allowed to continue to process routine agency paperwork, including lease assignments and relinquishments.

5. During the remand period, Federal Defendants are authorized to receive, accept, and review any exploration plans provided by lessees. Federal Defendants may review, but cannot deem submitted nor approve, any such exploration plans prior to Federal Defendants' decision on remand.

6. This Order is not intended to prevent ancillary activities or studies conducted pursuant to Geological and Geophysical Permits issued under 30 C.F.R. part 551 in the Chukchi Sea. Therefore, during the remand period, BOEM may authorize ancillary activities and permitted studies in the Chukchi Sea and such ancillary activities and permitted studies may occur.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 24th April, 2014.

S/RALPH R. BEISTLINE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE