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156. As you know, in 2011, there was a closed-door settlement agreement between the Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) and two environmental groups that led to a six-year listing work plan for the FWS to review and potentially list more than 250 species. Many of these species have potential habitat that combined covers most of the Western States. However, none of the affected states or communities were a party to the agreement. Do you believe that is an open and transparent way to make public policy that significantly impacts Americans?

Do you believe State and communities impacted by these agreements should have a say in court agreements that might severely impact them?

If confirmed, would you agree not to enter into closed-door settlements where the public and affected States are not a party to these agreements?

If confirmed, would you open up litigation to local stakeholders and give impacted States and counties a seat at the table before any final agreement is signed?

Response: While I was not a party to any of the discussions or decisions regarding the development of these settlements, I am aware that the FWS has recently finalized its plan to address the backlog of species that have been found to warrant protection under the ESA. Throughout my career, I have brought different parties together and tried to reach agreement on difficult issues in order to avoid measures like costly litigation. While it is not always possible to avoid litigation, if confirmed, I will ensure that the Department actively engages state and local governments and the public in the search for improved and innovative ways to conserve and recover imperiled species.

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157. How effective do you believe the Endangered Species Act (ESA) has been over the past few decades? Do you think there are improvements that are needed to modernize it for current society and ecological needs?

Response: In enacting the Endangered Species Act, Congress made the prevention of species extinction a national priority. I believe the record is clear that the law has saved many species from extinction and has promoted a more sustainable management of our nation's vital natural resources. I believe that the Department has a successful record of working under the law to develop policies, like voluntary agreements, that serve to preclude the need to list. These measures provide landowners and businesses welcome predictability, and facilitate recovery. If confirmed, I will commit to implement the law based on the best available science, and I would be happy to discuss ESA implementation with the Congress, including whether there are potential areas for improvement.

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158. Will you support Congressional efforts to reform the ESA by strengthening the requirements for listing petitions and assuring the delisting of recovered species?

Response: I believe that we must ensure that implementation of the law is effective and efficient. If confirmed, I look forward to further discussions with Congress on this matter, including potential areas for improvement.

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159. What are your thoughts on administrative or policy improvements to the implementation of the ESA? Can and should changes be made to reduce legal challenges?

Response: I believe that we must ensure that implementation of the law is effective and efficient. If confirmed, I will commit to continuing to work with the FWS to ensure that implementation of policies such as voluntary conservation agreements continue to be effective. I look forward to further discussions with Congress on all matters related to ESA administration.

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160. The Endangered Species Act (ESA) has been one of the most abused federal Acts in recent memory. Special interest organizations have broken the financial back of the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) by filing petitions to list thousands of species knowing that it would be impossible for the FWS to respond under the required deadlines. Even worse these litigants continue the onslaught by suing the FWS for failing to meet arbitrary deadlines. The net result is less federal funding for conservation, and millions of dollars in attorney fees to these litigants. And with the ESA only having a 1% success rate of delistings, it only stands to reason that these litigants have further crippled the ability for conservation success. Would you support amending the ESA to give the FWS more discretion to respond to these mass litigants and reduce government dollars being wasted on abusive litigation?

Response: If confirmed, I would be pleased to discuss ESA reauthorization and implementation with you and Congress, including whether there are potential areas for improvement in meeting statutorily prescribed deadlines.

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161. According to publically available documents the Conservation Alliance has funded 30 environmental special interest organizations. These same groups have filed more than 1,100 federal lawsuits between 2005 and 2012. Will you explain your personal and REI's relationship with the Conservation Alliance?

Response: I have not made any personal donations to the Conservation Alliance and my only interaction has been to attend the occasional presentation they have hosted at the Outdoor Retailer trade show, held bi-annually in Salt Lake City. These presentations have generally been large gatherings featuring a well-known speaker. In 1989, The North Face, Kelty, Patagonia and REI founded the organization to help businesses in the outdoor industry work together in support of outdoor places of interest to their customers. Approximately 175 companies fund the Conservation Alliance at this time. REI has provided financial support for the organization, consistent with other companies in the industry. Over the organization's history, some REI employees have served as individuals on its board of directors.

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162. Most of the Bureau of Reclamation facilities are in the western states. Most of the agency's infrastructure has an average age of over 50 years. In 2008, Reclamation testified before this committee that maintenance needs on Reclamation facilities exceeded \$3.2 billion. What is the current estimated backlog?

If confirmed, what steps would you take to eliminate this backlog?

Response: I understand that addressing the Bureau of Reclamation's aging infrastructure is a priority for the Department. I recognize Reclamation's important role in delivering water and power to the West and will work with my colleagues in the bureau and the Department to better understand and address the challenges it faces.

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163. Water is the lifeblood of western states, with the Bureau of Reclamation providing much of that water to our communities. My home State of Wyoming alone has a series of proposed water storage projects that will need to go through the currently lengthy and burdensome permitting process. Will you commit to expedite the approval of new water storage projects in the West to provide for rural communities that are in need?

Response: I understand that the Administration is working on government-wide efforts to modernize federal infrastructure permitting and review regulations, policies, and procedures, and that the Department of the Interior is playing an active role in supporting these efforts.

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164. Societal values related to environmental improvement have grown dramatically since the time when many Bureau of Reclamation water management facilities were constructed and began stimulating economic growth and healthy communities. Would you agree that we must find a way to continue to meet the historic needs of the communities Reclamation serves while also striving to address the growing demand for water for the environment?

Response: I agree. The Bureau of Reclamation's mission, as I understand it, is to manage, develop, and protect water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner in the interest of the American public. If confirmed, I will support the Bureau's efforts in this regard.

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165. The Bureau of Reclamation faces many competing and in fact conflicting demands when making water project operating decisions in the West. Often these are characterized as environmental benefit vs. human benefit decisions. How will you approach these decisions as Secretary of the Interior?

Response: First, I believe Reclamation needs to continue to be an active participant, together with USGS and other federal, tribal, state, and local science providers, in an aggressive science program to better understand the effects of different tradeoffs in decisions regarding water resources. Second, based on the best available scientific data, Reclamation will continue working closely with affected interests to assess the need to modify its operations and infrastructure to adapt to changes in hydrology and climate. Finally, Reclamation needs to continue its efforts to help water users conserve water and operate more efficiently. This latter effort will help the West address many of its future water supply challenges, including those that result from climate change. I believe that transparency and continued communication are essential to successful collaborative relationships with sister federal agencies and with our tribal, state and other stakeholders, and I will strive to foster these relationships if confirmed.

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166. Do you believe the weather events that have occurred over the last few years are a direct result of anthropogenic, man-made climate change?

Response: I recognize that the consensus in the scientific community is that climate change is a reality, and its impacts, from longer, drier droughts to increased flooding and more severe storms, are being felt across the country. I also appreciate that no specific weather event can be attributed to climate change.

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167. Do you believe we can predict what the weather will be in Wyoming or any other State 10, 20 or 50 years from now with any accuracy, and what the impact will be to the landscape from that weather?

If you cannot predict with any accuracy, how will U.S. taxpayer investments today to protect species decades from now based on inaccurate computer models guarantee any success?

Response: While the consensus in the scientific community is that climate change is a reality, my understanding is that we cannot predict with certainty either day-to-day weather or the impact thereof on the Wyoming landscape in 5, 10, or 50 years. But I also understand that as the manager and steward of one-fifth of the nation's land, thousands of miles of coastline, and nearly two billion acres on the Outer Continental Shelf, as well as the water, fish, wildlife, and other natural resources, the Department has to make management decisions today based on the best scientific information available, consistent with applicable law.

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168. In your opinion, what is the difference between the terms “extreme weather” and anthropogenic, man-made “climate change”?

Response: I am not a climate scientist, so my understanding of these terms is generally that of a lay person. With that in mind, I would describe “extreme weather” as short-term changes in regional climate and “climate change” as a more long-term trend.

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169. The Bureau of Land Management issued a notice for the Grand Junction Field Office's Resource Management Plan in the Federal Register on Jan. 25. The Grand Junction Field Office's RMP proposes a draft plan by the BLM that prohibits access to off-highway vehicle (OHV) use, citing that the areas have "wilderness characteristics." With the use of wilderness characteristics, the RMP resurrects the controversial Wild Lands policy defunded by Congress in April of 2011. The guidance manuals cited in the RMP include language directly lifted from Interior Secretarial Order 3310 and its supporting documents.

With the Grand Junction example in mind, do you believe by placing a higher premium on wilderness characteristics than other inventoried uses, the BLM is indirectly administering land use restrictions?

Response: While I am not familiar with the specifics of the Grand Junction Resource Management Plan, it is my understanding that the BLM is required by FLPMA to ensure that its inventories for all resources, including wilderness characteristics, are current. If confirmed, I look forward to learning more about this particular plan and the proposals put forward for public consideration. I am committed to ensuring that planning efforts are inclusive by working with interested parties, local communities, and elected officials.

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170. In the past you have championed and highlighted non motorized recreation as part of the America's Great Outdoors initiative. Do you support motorized recreation on federal lands? If so, in what specific ways do you plan to promote motorized recreation as part of America's Great Outdoors?

Response: I believe motorized recreation is one of the many multiple uses for the public lands, and I support motorized recreation where it is appropriate. As I mentioned at the hearing and in response to previous questions, I think it is important to examine uses on a case-by-case basis.

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171. In the Grand Junction Field Office RMP, the BLM also wants to prohibit off-highway vehicle use during a high wind event because of particulate matter.

Why does the RMP single out only off-highway vehicles by prohibiting them because of particulate matter?

Why does the BLM want to enforce the disturbance of particulate matter through an RMP?

Does the BLM plan to expand the particulate matter restriction for off-highway vehicles to other western States with upcoming RMPs?

If, so which areas are being considered? Wyoming?

If not, will you explain why Wyoming would be treated differently from Colorado?

Response: As I indicated in response to a previous question, it is my understanding that the BLM's RMPs address a whole suite of issues, uses, and management options for the public lands, and that they consider potential environmental impacts of proposed uses of public lands and resources, including uses like motorized vehicles and other forms of recreation. If I am confirmed, I commit to working closely with BLM to ensure proper management and planning for our nation's public lands.

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172. In October 2011, the National Park Conservation Association sued the National Park Service for failure to protect Big Cypress National Preserve in Florida. The lawsuit sought to prohibit motorized off-road vehicle use

Do you support the NPCA's suit against the NPS?

Is there an inherent conflict between motorized and non motorized recreation on federal land?

If so, in your view, what is the proper role and place for motorized recreation?

What is the proper role and place for non motorized recreation?

Response: I have not been involved in litigation decisions of the NPCA, including litigation related to the Big Cypress Preserve. However, because this is a matter in which the NPCA has been involved, if confirmed, I will consult with the Department's ethics office on the extent to which I may participate in this matter. In general, however, I believe motorized recreation is one of the many multiple uses for the public lands, and I support motorized recreation where it is appropriate. As I mentioned at the hearing, I think it is important to examine uses on a case-by-case basis.

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173. How will you strive to improve the relationship between the agency and stakeholders who hold grazing permits on public lands?

Response: Over the course of my business career, I have been committed to bringing people together to find common solutions to difficult issues. If confirmed, I will work with stakeholders, including ranchers, to ensure that the public lands are sustainably managed for multiple uses, including livestock grazing.

Questions from Senator Barrasso

174. In your opening testimony you spoke about the need for businesses to have certainty and clarity when making investments.

Do you believe proper land management is an important investment on federal or private land?

Do you believe a long term view is required by federal land managers or private land owners in making proper land management decisions?

Do you see livestock grazing as primarily a commodity use of public lands or a tool for the proper management of these lands?

Response: We are fortunate to have a variety of resources on federal lands, and I believe that proper land management is an important investment for lands in both public and private ownership. If confirmed as Secretary, I would take seriously my stewardship responsibilities for our public lands and resources. They will be here long after we are gone, and a long-term view is critical when making management decisions that must benefit both present and future generations. Livestock grazing is an integral component of the BLM's multiple-use mandate and must be managed so as to achieve and maintain rangeland health. If confirmed, I would work with public land stakeholders, including Members of Congress, to ensure we strike the right balance between the various uses of public lands, including grazing.

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175. The National Parks Conservation Association has opposed the Grazing Improvement Act—which I introduced last Congress and again this Congress. The bill would extend the term of Federal grazing permits from 10 to 20 years and streamline the renewal process for grazing permits. Knowing the importance of certainty for businesses as stated in your opening comments to the committee—and the need for agencies to act in a responsive and timely manner—will you commit to supporting these principles in my legislation?

Response: As I stated at the confirmation hearing, I understand, as a business person, the importance to industry of regulatory certainty and clarity. If confirmed, creating certainty and predictability will be cornerstones of my vision for managing the Department.

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176. Given that Western Watersheds Project has as its goal the complete removal of livestock from public lands, are you aware of NCPA having worked with WWP on litigation?

Response: No, I was not aware of this organization that NPCA worked with.

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177. Currently, wealthy non-profits that file process-based lawsuits against the government concerning ESA listing decisions, grazing permit renewals and other DOI decisions have access to taxpayer dollars. Do you believe this should occur for organizations worth tens of millions of dollars?

Response: I believe strongly in a transparent and collaborative approach to problem-solving and looking for ways to resolve environmental concerns while balancing the need for development consistent with the law. As I noted at my confirmation hearing, throughout my business career I have brought different parties together to try and reach agreement on difficult issues so that measures like lawsuits are not necessary in order to ensure that laws are properly implemented.

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178. How can the administration facilitate the NEPA process in a manner that reduces the size and complexity of NEPA documents, shortens time frames for NEPA completion and reduces opportunities for procedure-based legal challenges?

Response: I am aware that a priority of the Administration is to modernize NEPA to better assist federal agencies to meet the law's goals, enhance the quality of public involvement in governmental decisions relating to the environment, increase transparency, and improve its implementation. If confirmed, I will support these efforts.

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179. Would you support innovative approaches that make state and local governments true partners in the management of federal lands within their jurisdictions? What approaches would you suggest?

Response: Throughout my business career, my approach has been to convene people with different interests to facilitate resolution of those differences. I believe it is important to bring people together to work toward common ground. If confirmed, I commit to continuing and reinforcing that kind of approach at the Department of the Interior.

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180. Describe your understanding of the roles of the States, water users, agencies and Department of Interior in the management of the Colorado River?

Response: I appreciate that the Colorado River and its tributaries are exceedingly important for western states and Indian tribes. Passing through Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming, I am told the Colorado provides water to nearly 40 million people for municipal use, supplies water used to irrigate millions of acres of land, and is also essential to Indian tribes, National Wildlife Refuges, National Recreation Areas, and National Parks. Federal, state and tribal governments exercise control over water resources. I am also aware that Department plays an important role in the management of the Colorado River and that the Secretary of the Interior has a unique role as water master for the Lower Colorado River. I recognize the Department's obligation to coordinate with other entities having responsibility for water management in the Colorado River Basin.

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181. Describe what you believe the roles of the States, water users and Department of Interior agencies should be in management of the Colorado River. Do you have any plans to change those roles?

Response: If confirmed, I will comply with all applicable federal laws that govern the operations of the Colorado River system, including the Law of the River. I will work to ensure that the tribal, municipal, agricultural, environmental and recreational needs of the Colorado River stakeholders are a priority for the Department.

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182. Describe your understanding of the obligation of the United States to Mexico in regards to water from the Colorado River?

Response: I am advised that the allotment of Colorado River water to Mexico is governed by the 1944 Mexican Water Treaty and subsequent agreements between the U.S. and Mexico. I understand that interpretation of the U.S. treaty obligations is within the purview of the Secretary of State and that such interpretation is carried out in close consultation with the Department of the Interior.

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183. In 2011 Secretary Salazar in a meeting co-hosted by Governor Mead of Wyoming, prompted the creation of a Taskforce staffed by the Governors of the 11 sage grouse states and the executives of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), and the U.S. Forest Service to develop a near-term, policy focused, rangewide conservation strategy that would preclude the need to list sage-grouse under the authority of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) by 2015. What would you do to add value to this effort and others like it?

Response: I understand that Secretary Salazar and his senior team have given sustained, high level attention to this issue. If confirmed, I commit to maintaining that high level of engagement and utilizing any lessons learned. I am committed to supporting both the conservation of Western wildlife and development of economic opportunities by supporting the Administration's ongoing work with affected states, tribes, industry, and other stakeholders. If confirmed, I will be happy to meet with you and other members of Congress to discuss ways that we can conserve wildlife and its habitat while ensuring that energy production and economic investments continue.

Questions from Senator Barrasso

184. In 2011, the Department of Interior withdrew approximately 1 million acres of mining claims, most of which were existing and valid claims under the 1872 Mining Law. The basis of this withdrawal was due to environmental concerns that were never really demonstrated in a scientific or peer-reviewed manner. Most recently, the BLM has been evaluating a mitigation plan regarding Sage Grouse, and there is discussion regarding the use of FLMPA to withdraw significant areas of land from activities authorized under the Mining Law to protect “critical habitat”. Several western States have developed mitigation plans that protect critical habitats and allow multiple use, including mining. However, BLM does not seem to be considering these plans. Do you see opportunities where the programs developed by the States could be used to guide BLM in protecting “critical habitat” and allow use that supports thousands of jobs in the Western United States?

Response: I am advised by the BLM that it will consider alternatives that incorporate state-proposed conservation strategies in developing land management plan amendments and supporting National Environmental Policy Act documents related to Greater Sage-Grouse conservation. If confirmed as Secretary of the Interior, I commit to you that I will also continue to work closely with the Governors of the Western States and consult with tribes in coordinating the Department’s Greater Sage-Grouse conservation efforts and ensure cohesive approaches.

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185. How would you balance socioeconomic considerations in the west with consideration for conservation? What role do new special land designations (wilderness, Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, roadless, primitive areas) play in this balance?

Response: As I mentioned at the hearing, I believe we can promote both conservation and a vibrant economy in the West. I intend to ensure that all views are heard to inform decision making in land management planning. If confirmed I look forward to bringing this perspective that I have long held to the role of Secretary.

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186. You have has served on the board of the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) since 2004. NPCA, in its America's Great Outdoor Initiative report recommends that the National Park System be expanded to "better connect parks to surrounding ecosystems on which park wildlife depend." What are your views on designating buffer zones around National Parks to "protect" park resources including wildlife that regularly move across park boundaries?

Response: I understand that the administration does not support the designation of buffer zones surrounding the land that the National Park Service administers. However, I think that it is appropriate to have the National Park Service participate in discussions about lands or land uses on adjacent or nearby property that may affect park resources, just as any other neighboring landowner.

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187. What are your perspectives concerning hydraulic fracturing?

Response: I agree with the President's statement that natural gas has and will continue to play a crucial role in America's energy economy and independence. Hydraulic fracturing technologies have helped open vast new sources of natural gas here in the continental United States. The natural gas boom brought by advances in fracking technology has powered tremendous economic growth in some parts of the country resulting in job growth and falling energy costs. As someone who started my career as an engineer for Mobil in the Oklahoma oil fields, I know how essential it is that the public has full confidence that the proper safety and environmental protections are in place.

Questions from Senator Barrasso

188. In 2010, Wyoming was the first state in the nation to develop and adopt rules for public disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing operations. Wyoming's rules address wellbore integrity and flowback water from hydraulic fracturing operations. These regulations were developed with sound science and create a responsible balance between environmental protection and energy production and are applied on federal, private and state lands. The BLM has proposed to unnecessarily duplicate Wyoming's rules. How do you envision that the BLM will balance its proposed regulation in light of decreased funding when backlogs already exist?

Will you give maximum deference to states already regulating these activities? If not, why?

Response: I am committed to the President's all-of-the-above approach to the safe and responsible development of our country's abundant energy resources. Although I have not had the opportunity to learn the intricacies of the proposed BLM fracking rule, I support the Department's efforts to promote the development of this abundant domestic resource on public lands safely and responsibly. If confirmed, I will work to ensure that regulation of hydraulic fracturing by the Department is focused on reasonable requirements that will help ensure robust production while also providing sufficient protections for critical natural resources. I would encourage knowledge-sharing between the BLM and states to assure that the best available science is used to support safe and responsible resource development, whether on private, state, or federal land.

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189. The NEPA process – time and length of documents – continues to increase in length. What do you plan to do to provide for a reasonable NEPA process that the public can have confidence in?

Response: If confirmed, I would support the Administration's commitment to modernizing NEPA to better assist federal agencies to meet the goals of NEPA, ensure compliance in a more timely fashion, ensure public involvement in governmental decisions, increase transparency, and improve implementation.

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190. NPCA has led the charge to eliminate snowmobile access to Yellowstone National Park. Do you believe snowmobiles and snowcoaches both serve a role in providing access our Nation's first national park? Will you support the National Park Services recently announced final plan concerning winter use in Yellowstone?

Response: As I mentioned at my confirmation hearing, I believe we must take a balanced approach to the multiple uses of our public lands. While I am not familiar with the details of the National Park Service's recently announced plan concerning winter use in Yellowstone, I understand that it is a proposed rule that authorizes access by both snowmobiles and snowcoaches and was the result of stakeholder engagement. If confirmed, I look forward to learning more of the details of this final plan.

Questions from Senator Barrasso

191. Although not policy guidance per se, the Obama Administration has used its litigation settlement authority to make or change Department policy. It is clear that substantive policy is being enacted from these settlement agreements. For example, on September 9, 2011 the Justice Department, on behalf of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), filed settlement agreements in the multi-district Endangered Species Act litigation. Not only did the Justice Department agree that the FWS had failed to timely make decisions related to 113 species, the settlement agreement added 940 more species to the list, and requires the federal government to complete the section 4 decision regarding all 1053 species within a five-year period. What role do you believe litigation plays in federal land use management?

What will you do to ensure that public policy is not unduly influenced through litigation and settlement?

What role do you believe climate change adaptation science should be integrated into federal agency decision making?

Response: As I noted at the hearing, throughout my business career I have brought parties together and tried to reach agreement on difficult issues in order to avoid costly litigation. It is my understanding that the multi-district settlement agreement did not add any species to the endangered or threatened species list, but rather specified time frames within which certain statutorily prescribed determination would be made. With regard to the role of climate change adaptation science in agency decisionmaking, I recognize the consensus in the scientific community that climate change is a reality. As the manager and steward of one-fifth of the nation's land, thousands of miles of coastline, and nearly two billion acres on the Outer Continental Shelf, as well as the water, fish, wildlife, and other natural resources that are found there, Department officials have to make management decisions today based on the best scientific information we have available.

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192. Many of the individual agencies within the Department of the Interior hold monthly or quarterly meetings with stakeholders. At present the USFWS does not hold any such meetings regarding ESA matters. Will you commit to directing USFWS to initiate regular communications and meetings with interested stakeholders on ESA matters—at a national and local level?

Response: I am told that the FWS meets regularly with its state fish and wildlife partners to discuss implementation and coordination of the Endangered Species Act, has established a Joint State-Federal Task Force in conjunction with the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, and that agency leaders and scientists meet regularly with a wide diversity of stakeholders. If confirmed, I commit to continuing and expanding this record and opening my door to partners and interested stakeholders to address specific ESA issues.

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193. The purpose of the Endangered Species Act is to protect and conserve endangered and threatened species. Certain environmental groups continue to attempt to use the ESA to pursue and require the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. How will you ensure that, consistent with your obligation to carry out the purposes of the ESA, the Department of the Interior does not allow parties to use the ESA as a back-door mechanism to force the debate or choice of federal statutory or regulatory actions regarding responses to climate change or any regulation of greenhouse gas emissions?

Response: This Administration has made it clear that it does not consider the Endangered Species Act to be an appropriate tool to regulate greenhouse gas emissions and I share this position. Should I be confirmed, I will continue this approach in carrying out the ESA.

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194. On public access, the enabling act for Grand Teton National Park established public rights of way on the Moose-Wilson Road for access to adjacent lands. Subsequently in 1977 an easement from the Rockefellers, who owned land along the road, clearly sets forth the position of the United States that the Moose-Wilson Road is a public road which the United States is committed maintaining and operating. A directional closure or one-way limitation on the Moose Wilson Road is outside the jurisdiction of GTNP given the public's established rights to access and use the road as reflected in the 1977 Rockefeller easement. Please comment on your commitment to maintaining public access on the Moose-Wilson Road.

Response: Although I am not familiar with the specifics of this issue, I can appreciate the importance of the local community's desire for public access. If confirmed, I look forward to learning more about this important issue and working to engage the community and other stakeholders.

Questions from Senator Barrasso

195. On public safety and the Moose-Wilson Road pathway, the 2007 GTNP Transportation Plan EIS fully analyzed the impacts of completing a pathway along the entirety of the Moose-Wilson Road which allows the NPS to amend and approve pathway development closing the existing 3.3-mile gap. An additional, lengthy and costly environmental analysis is not necessary because the NPS has already analyzed the effects of the pathway, satisfying the "hard look requirement." With the 2016 realignment project on the Moose-Wilson Road in which the road and pathway construction can be simultaneous to capture efficiencies and limit environmental disturbances, timely decisions are important. As was done with a similar modification amendment process in Yellowstone, a modification amendment to the GTNP Transportation Plan Record of Decision with an alternative already fully analyzed is legally available and should be a priority. Will Interior agree to a process to amend the GTNP Transportation Plan ROD with an alternative already studied of a complete pathway on the Moose-Wilson Road and partner with the local community to pay privately for the construction and maintenance of that pathway?

Response: I understand that NPS is evaluating the request of local officials to amend the Record of Decision to authorize construction of a pathway along the entire length of the road. If confirmed, I look forward to learning more about this important issue and working to engage the community and other stakeholders.

Questions from Senator Udall

196. The National Park Service is coming up on its 100th anniversary in 2016. As you know, in 2011, the park service released A Call to Action intended to help prepare the park service for a second century of stewardship and engagement. One of the bigger themes in A Call to Action is engaging more youth in the parks, and more broadly I think we all know that we need to get more kids outside more often. As you may know, I have legislation that will help states encourage kids and families to be physically active outdoors called the Healthy Kids Outdoors Act. How do you see both the park service and Interior generally working to achieve its goals in terms of youth engagement, including, for example, utilizing the youth Conservation Corps?

Response: Public lands overseen by the Department of the Interior, from National Parks in urban areas to wildlife refuges to the vast lands of the BLM provide wonderful opportunities to engage people, young and old, in a variety of healthy activities. The National Park Centennial provides a once-in-a-lifetime platform to bring visibility of our public lands to the American people. The lands managed by the Department of the Interior have successfully engaged volunteers in stewardship projects and the Youth Conservation Corps has been an important part of this effort. Should I be confirmed, I hope to expand these activities, utilizing the array of non-profit organizations dedicated to this work, to accomplish several worthy objectives: providing a deep and enduring connection of our youth to their public lands; developing skills for volunteers; and supporting the important infrastructure on our public lands that is needed to protect the resource and serve the public. As REI has demonstrated, there are good opportunities to engage the private sector in supporting these activities.

Written Questions
Jewell Confirmation Hearing
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
March 7, 2013

Questions from Senator Udall

197. In August, the Bureau of Reclamation is expected to issue a Record of Decision, after a thorough NEPA process, on the Arkansas Valley Conduit. The conduit was first authorized as part of the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project more than 50 years ago, intending to bring safe drinking water supplies to the southeastern corner of Colorado. Following new authorizing legislation, which the Colorado delegation supported, 42 communities now look forward to the reality of the project, which will bring water from Lake Pueblo more than 100 miles to near the state line. Many of these communities are under enforcement action for not meeting federal water quality standards, but each community fixing its own supply system will cost more than this regional approach to addressing the safe drinking water supply needs. Will you support this regional solution?

Response: If I am confirmed, I look forward to working with you on continuing to make progress in promoting certainty, sustainability, and resiliency for those who use and rely on water resources in the West. I also look forward to working with you on resolving any outstanding issues surrounding the Arkansas Valley Conduit.

Written Questions
Jewell Confirmation Hearing
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
March 7, 2013

Questions from Senator Udall

198. The Colorado Water Institute (CWI) at Colorado State University works closely with researchers, scientists, and private industry to develop sound science that assists and informs Colorado water managers and users. CWI facilitates the transfer of new water knowledge and assists in educating the next generation of Colorado water professionals by working with all Colorado institutions of higher education. It is supported by a U.S. Geological Survey program established by the Water Resources Research Act. Will you support this program as Secretary?

Response: I recognize and appreciate the contributions of the Water Resources Research Institutes. If confirmed, I look forward to working with the U.S. Geological Survey to ensure a continued legacy of world-class science to support decision-making. I understand that USGS is currently evaluating different ways in which the work of the Institutes, including the Colorado Water Institute, can become more aligned with National priorities while retaining a local focus.

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Questions from Senator Udall

199. As you know in Colorado and the Rocky Mountain West, we have many public lands that have been protected through Wilderness and other tools. It's my hope that we can continue to expand Wilderness protection for public lands throughout Colorado. However, I'm also cognizant of the fact that these protections can make it difficult at times to allow for multiple use development, such as transmission line planning in renewable energy rich areas, like the San Luis Valley. How do you see working with different interests on limited public lands to balance these diverse priorities?

Response: As I noted at the hearing, I believe we must take a balanced approach to uses of public lands to allow, as appropriate, energy, resource development, and recreation balanced with important conservation values. I do not believe it is, or needs to be, an either/or proposition – it should be a both/and proposition. In my experience, reasonable people want to work together to find common solutions. A critical first step is simply giving each the opportunity to understand others perspective and concerns. If confirmed, I look forward to bringing this approach to the Department of the Interior.

Questions from Senator Lee

200. I was one of 19 members who signed on to a letter to the BLM on August 2, 2012 that expressed concern for the release of a number of policy manuals. These manuals mirror the policies of Secretary Salazar's Wild Lands Secretarial Order and we requested a briefing with the Secretary to discuss the extent to which the Wild Lands policies were used as direction in crafting these manuals. It has been 6 months since that letter was sent and there has been no briefing. When BLM was asked when the meeting would occur, we were told that it already had. BLM staff was referencing a conversation in the hall between two staffers.

- a If you are confirmed, will you commit to prompt correspondence with Congress on critical issues such as the Wild Lands policy? Given the fact that Congress defunded the Wild Lands policy contained in Secretarial Order 3310, will you commit to withdraw the underlying manuals that appear to achieve the same policies by another name?**

Response: I understand that, in response to the congressional action, Secretary Salazar confirmed that the BLM will not designate any lands as Wild Lands under Secretarial Order 3310, and that the provisions in that order regarding the designation of Wild Lands are not operative and cannot be implemented. As I indicated at my confirmation hearing, communication and collaboration are priorities in all my endeavors. If confirmed, I commit to working with congress and stakeholders to discuss important issues such as this.

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Questions from Senator Lee

201. The USFWS is contemplating the nation-wide delisting of the Northern Gray Wolf, since recovery objectives have been met.

- b Do you support the nation-wide delisting of the Northern Gray Wolf in 2013 as the USFS is now suggesting?**

Response: I believe that the delisting and the return of healthy populations of the wolf to the Northern Rocky Mountains and Western Great Lakes region is a success story, one that I believe is the positive result of state, tribal, and other stakeholder cooperation. I know that the Fish and Wildlife Service has confidence that management plans will ensure the sustained recovery of the species. Based on my current understanding, I share that confidence. I do not know the specific plans of the Service regarding future proposed delistings, but should I be confirmed, I will commit to support decisions that are based upon the best available science.

Questions from Senator Flake

Multiple Use:

202. Increasing focus on land withdrawals or designations has limited the ability to productively access, use, and enjoy some of our public lands. In Arizona, for example, Secretary Salazar withdrew one million acres from uranium mining, despite a compromise embodied in the Arizona Wilderness Act of 1984 and the Department of the Interior's own environmental analysis, which indicated that the concerns the withdrawal was designed to relieve were unfounded. Likewise, BLM has restricted multiple use enjoyment of some lands by, among other things, prohibiting recreational shooting at areas like Ironwood National Monument. These all-or-nothing approaches lack the balance and scientific justification you espoused during your confirmation hearing. In short, they limit use, as opposed to enhancing it, while pandering to one set of interests at the expense of all others.

As Secretary, what would you do to restore balance and sound science-based decision making to the Department's multiple-use land management practices?

Response: As I mentioned at my confirmation hearing, I believe we must take a balanced approach to all of the multiple uses of our public lands. Throughout my business career, my approach has been to bring people who have different interests in an issue together to help them work out those differences. With regard to the use of public lands, regardless of whether it is hunters or anglers, mountain bikers, OHVers, oil and gas development companies, or others, it is important to get people to the table to work together. It is also important that we have the best possible data and science to inform these decisions, especially when substantial resources are at stake. If confirmed as Secretary, I commit to bringing that attitude and approach to the Department of the Interior.

Questions from Senator Flake

Indian Water Rights Settlements:

203. Indian water rights settlements have played a vital role in Arizona water policy. By resolving the claims of tribes throughout the state, Native American communities have been able to secure much-needed water allocations and infrastructure for their people, while non-Indian water users receive certainty about their water supplies. Although we have made great strides in Arizona, a number of water-settlement negotiations remain ongoing. For example, the Hualapai Tribe in northern Arizona has been working diligently with stakeholders, including the federal government, to resolve its claims. The Department has appointed a negotiation team, and the parties appear close to reaching a final agreement. I support this effort, and I hope that the Department can remain engaged at the highest levels through this transition.

Do I have your assurance that, if confirmed, you will make the Hualapai settlement a priority and direct your senior staff to work with my staff and the other settlement parties to resolve the outstanding issues?

Response: I understand the importance of the Indian water right claims in Arizona. I also understand the trust responsibility that the United States has to Indian tribes. This Administration has strengthened the federal government's commitment to addressing the water needs of Native American communities through Indian water right settlements and remains committed to finding solutions for future ones. If confirmed, I look forward to building on the progress of this Administration. My understanding is that for the last year, a team at the Department has been negotiating with the Hualapai Tribe on a possible legislative proposal. If confirmed, I will make working on a Hualapai water settlement a priority.

Questions from Senator Flake

Tuba City Dump:

204. In the 1950s, the Bureau of Indian Affairs constructed an open dump near Tuba City on the Navajo Reservation and the Hopi Villages of Upper Moenkopi and Lower Moenkopi. The trenches at the Tuba City Dump, which is about 4,000 feet up-gradient in terms of groundwater flow from the water supply wells of Upper Moenkopi, penetrated the water table and subsequently became contaminated with a variety of toxic substances including uranium, arsenic, lead, selenium, vanadium, and other contaminants exceeding EPA water quality standards. Groundwater containing these contaminants formed a toxic plume which is migrating toward the Upper Moenkopi wells and the springs relied on by Lower Moenkopi for domestic water and subsistence crops.

As Secretary, would you make it a priority to work with the Hopi Tribe and the Navajo Nation to initiate the “clean” closure of the Tuba City Dump, stem the migration of this plume, and find a resolution that protects the health and safety of those Navajo and Hopi members that are threatened by these contaminants?

Response: Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention. I understand that clean water is a scarce and valuable resource. If confirmed, I will certainly look more closely into this matter to see how the Department can work with other involved federal agencies and the Tribes to find a resolution to the matter to protect the health and safety of Navajo and Hopi tribal members.

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Questions from Senator Flake

Reservation Shopping:

205. Some Native American communities have purchased land hundreds or thousands of miles from their existing reservations for the purpose of building casinos. In some instances, the locations are wholly inappropriate for a gaming facility. As Secretary, you will be in a position to make decisions about trust acquisitions for gaming purposes.

What considerations do you believe should guide the Department's decision-making process when considering whether it is appropriate to acquire trust lands that are not adjacent to a tribe's reservation for gaming purposes?

Response: It is my understanding that it is rare for the Department to take off-reservation land into trust for the purpose of Indian gaming. If confirmed, I would adhere to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act's requirements and the Department's regulations. I will also take seriously the responsibility to apply these standards and to conduct a rigorous review of all tribal applications.

Soura, Christian

From: Almeida, Tony <Tony.Almeida@nc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 02, 2013 9:42 PM
To: Soura, Christian
Subject: Re: Invitation to OCS Governors Coalition - May 6, 2013 in Houston, TX

Thanks, Christian.

Tony Almeida
Senior Advisor to Gov. McCrory
For Jobs and the Economy
Sent from my iPad

On Apr 2, 2013, at 4:54 PM, "Soura, Christian" <ChristianSoura@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

Quick update – it looks like she will attend now.

CLS

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Deputy Chief of Staff

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From: Soura, Christian
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2013 3:58 PM
To: 'Almeida, Tony'
Subject: RE: Invitation to OCS Governors Coalition - May 6, 2013 in Houston, TX

I asked – a final decision hasn't been made yet, but as of now, she's unlikely to attend. Thanks.

CLS

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From: Almeida, Tony [<mailto:Tony.Almeida@nc.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2013 11:41 AM
To: Soura, Christian
Subject: Fwd: Invitation to OCS Governors Coalition - May 6, 2013 in Houston, TX

Christian - hope you are well. Will Gov Haley be attending this OCS meeting in Houston in May? Thanks!

Tony Almeida
Sr Advisor to Gov McCrory
For Jobs and the Economy
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Stith, Thomas A" <Thomas.Stith@nc.gov>
To: "Almeida, Tony" <Tony.Almeida@nc.gov>
Subject: FW: Invitation to OCS Governors Coalition - May 6, 2013 in Houston, TX

Tony,

FYI. Need to know if you think it is worth attending. Governor or you?

Thomas

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Cc: Diaz, Ricky; kip.knudson@alaska.gov; Butzlaff, Nathan B (GOV); David Holt CEA
Subject: Invitation to OCS Governors Coalition - May 6, 2013 in Houston, TX

Dear Governor McCrory,

On behalf of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Governors Coalition and Consumer Energy Alliance, I would like to invite you to the next face-to-face meeting of the Coalition on Monday, May 6, 2013 at 2pm CST in Houston, Texas. The OCS Governors Coalition will be participating in a panel discussion sponsored by Consumer Energy Alliance at the Offshore Technology Conference. Please find a formal invitation from Governor Parnell, Chair of the Coalition, attached.

As Governor McCrory and his staff may recall from the February 22nd OCS Governors Coalition meeting in Washington, DC, Governor Parnell would like to bring the governors together in Houston to discuss the benefits of better federal-state communication on OCS policy issues. Governor Parnell (AK) and Governor Perry (TX) have confirmed their participation, and we expect other governors to confirm their participation in the near future.

The Offshore Technology Conference is an annual event in Houston, TX where

over 80,000 participants from across the globe come to learn about the latest advancements in offshore technology and safety. The OCS Governors Coalition announced its formation at the Offshore Technology Conference in 2011.

If you have any questions about the event, please reach out to David Holt (President, Consumer Energy Alliance) or myself. Thank you for consideration of this request, and we look forward to following up with your offices in the near future.

Sincerely,

Natalie Joubert

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Subject: OCS Governors Coalition Call
Attachments: Teleconference Agenda for OCS Gov_Apr 11 2013.docx

Dear OCS Governors Coalition Representatives:

We would like to convene our next teleconference for **Thursday, April 11th at 4pm ET /3pm CT/ 12pm AK.**

As many of you are aware, the OCS Governors Coalition is planning its next meeting for Monday, May 6th during the Offshore Technology Conference in Houston, TX. The focus of this call will be to review the run-of-show for this event as well as to discuss messaging for the event. David Holt and Natalie Joubert at Consumer Energy Alliance, who have been coordinating similar discussions with many of you, will be on the call to review the program and answer any logistical questions.

A draft agenda is attached, and a calendar notice will be circulated soon. CEA will be forwarding an updated run-of-show with more logistical information before this call.

Sincerely,

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Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Governors Coalition

Teleconference Agenda

April 11, 2013: 4pm ET/ 3pm CT/ 12pm AK

1-866-299-7945 (Passcode: [REDACTED]#)

I. Review of Recent OCS Governors Coalition Activity

- a. Letter to DOI Secretary Designate Sally Jewell
- b. Letter to Senators Wyden and Murkowski on Sally Jewell's confirmation hearing
- c. Website updates

II. Review of Monday, May 6th OCS Governors Meeting

- a. Confirmed Governors and Surrogates
 - i. Governors Perry, Parnell, Bryant and Haley confirmed
 - ii. Governor Bentley tentative; Nick Tew confirmed as surrogate
 - iii. Outstanding invitations
- b. Review of all logistics and run-of-show, including post-event opportunities
- c. Discussion on themes and messaging for governors

III. Other Pending Items for Discussion

- a. Letter to OCS Governors' federal representatives
- b. Hill meetings to introduce the Coalition to key committee staff and OCS governors' federal representatives

Baker, Josh

From: Dobson, Amy M (GOV) <amy.dobson@alaska.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2013 11:08 AM
To: Baker, Josh; Haltiwanger, Katherine
Subject: FW: Letter of Invitation from Governor Sean Parnell
Attachments: 4.19.13 Governor Nikki Haley OCS Dinner Invitation.pdf

Hello Josh and Katherine,

This invitation was sent to Governor Haley's scheduler on Friday. I just wanted to make sure you were aware of the invitation.

Thanks!

Amy Dobson

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Cc: 'bryanstirling@gov.sc.gov'; Dobson, Amy M (GOV)
Subject: Letter of Invitation from Governor Sean Parnell

Dear Ms. Leigh LeMoine,

Please see attached letter of invitation for Governor Haley from Governor Sean Parnell. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email or give us a call. The best contact for this event is Amy Dobson in our Washington DC Office, she can be contacted at 202-624-5858 or amy.dobson@alaska.gov.

Best,

Meg Buck

I Choose Respect

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April 19, 2013

The Honorable Nikki Haley
Governor
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Nikki
Dear Governor Haley,

I invite you to join me for a governors only dinner following our participation in a panel discussion at the Offshore Technology Conference in Houston, Texas on Monday, May 6, 2013. This will be an informal opportunity to discuss OCS and general energy matters important to our respective states.

We have made a reservation at the III Forks Steakhouse, Captain's Room, downtown Houston, on May 6th at 8:00 pm. If your staff has any questions regarding the dinner or to confirm/regret for the dinner, please have them contact Amy Dobson in my Washington, DC office at 202-624-5858 or via email at amy.dobson@alaska.gov.

I hope that you are able to join me for dinner, and I look forward to seeing you in Houston.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean Parnell".

Sean Parnell
Governor, State of Alaska
Chair OCS Governors Coalition

Baker, Josh

From: Butzlaff, Nathan B (GOV) <nathan.butzlaff@alaska.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2013 12:01 PM
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Subject: OCS Governors Coalition Call Today at 1:30 eastern/12:30 central/9:30 Alaska time
Attachments: Teleconference Agenda for OCS Gov_Apr 26 2013.docx; OTC Priorities and Messaging.docx; Schedule of Events_May 6 OCS Gov Event in Houston (042613).docx; Panel Sessions Room 306.pdf

All – I've attached a few documents for our conference call in about an hour and a half:

1. Teleconference agenda
2. Proposed priorities and messaging issues for Offshore Technology Conference (OTC) in Houston on May 6
3. Updated schedule of events for OTC
4. Floor plan for OTC panel discussion

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Knudson, Kip C (GOV)
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2013 4:32 PM
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Subject: OCS Governors Coalition
When: Friday, April 26, 2013 1:30 PM-2:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: 866-299-7945 Passcode: [REDACTED] #

TOPIC: Discuss plans for Offshore Technology Conference-related events on Monday, May 6

NOTE: Agenda to be sent prior to the meeting

(GOV) (michael.soukup@alaska.gov)

Subject: OCS Governors Coalition

When: Friday, April 26, 2013 1:30 PM-2:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

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TOPIC: Discuss plans for Offshore Technology Conference-related events on Monday, May 6

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Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Governors Coalition

Teleconference Agenda

April 26, 2013: 1:30pm ET/ 12:30pm CT/ 9:30am AK

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I. Review of Monday, May 6th OCS Governors Meeting at the Offshore Technology Conference – Houston, Texas

- a. Confirmed Governors and Surrogates
 - i. Governors Perry, Parnell, Bryant, Haley, McCrory and Bentley confirmed
 - ii. Governor McDonnell unable to attend; Chief of Staff Martin Kent confirmed as surrogate
- b. Review of OTC schedule of events, logistics and other conference details
 - i. Panel discussion
 - ii. Industry briefing
 - iii. OTC floor tour
- c. Discussion on themes and messaging for governors
 - i. OCS Governors principles and related policy items
 - ii. Media advisory
 - iii. Press release

II. Other Pending Items for Discussion

- a. Letter to OCS Governors' federal representatives

OCS Governors' Coalition – Issues for Offshore Technology Conference

Priorities for Inclusion in an OCS Revenue Sharing Bill

- Expanding sharing of revenue generated by oil, gas and renewable sources of energy sourced from the respective coastlines of producing states.
 - Provide a portion of such revenue to the respective coastal local governments.
- Expedite the implementation of Phase II of the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) so that it occurs before 2017.
- Eliminate the GOMESA Phase II \$500 million annual cap on revenues to be shared with the Gulf of Mexico producing states.
- Reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), which expires at the end of federal fiscal year 2015 (September 30, 2015).

Pending OCS Revenue Sharing Legislation – Issues for OCS Governors to Discuss

The recently introduced Murkowski-Landrieu OCS Revenue Sharing bill includes the following additional areas:

- Provides an additional 10 percent of revenues to a coastal producing state if it establishes a fund to support projects and activities relating to renewable energy, energy research and development, energy efficiency, or conservation.
- Expands revenue sharing to renewable energy projects on federal lands. Currently, revenue sharing on federal lands is limited to oil, gas and coal extraction.

Possible Regulatory Priorities to Highlight at OTC

Ensuring an efficient and consistent regulatory regime for development of oil, gas, and renewable energy resources in the OCS.

- Recommend each state provide an example of inefficient and/or inconsistent regulations.
 - For example, the Department of Interior has not yet released its proposed rule that will govern the allocation of Phase II: Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) revenue-sharing funds to the Gulf Coast states.

Draft Schedule of Events:

OCS Governors Coalition Event

Offshore Technology Conference (Panel Sponsored by Consumer Energy Alliance)

Monday, May 6th

Houston, TX

- 1:15pm: Governors Arrive at Reliant Center, VIP Entrance, Escorted to VIP Room #402
- 1:55pm: Governors Take Seats on Stage, Conference Room #306
- 2:00pm: Welcome and Introduction: David Holt (Consumer Energy Alliance)
- 2:05pm: The Honorable Rick Perry, Governor of the State of Texas (Confirmed)
- 2:20pm: The Honorable Sean Parnell, Governor of the State of Alaska (Confirmed)
- 2:35pm: The Honorable Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi (Confirmed)
- 2:50pm: The Honorable Robert Bentley, Governor of the State of Alabama (Confirmed)
- 3:05pm: The Honorable Nikki Haley, Governor of the State of South Carolina (Confirmed)
- 3:20pm: The Honorable Pat McCrory, Governor of the State of North Carolina (Confirmed)
- 3:35pm: Martin Kent, Virginia Governor McDonnell's Chief of Staff (Confirmed)
- 3:50pm: Moderated Question and Answer (Moderator: David Holt)
- 4:00pm: Panel Adjourns
- 4:05pm: Short Media Availability
- 4:15pm: Governors Tour OTC Technology Hall

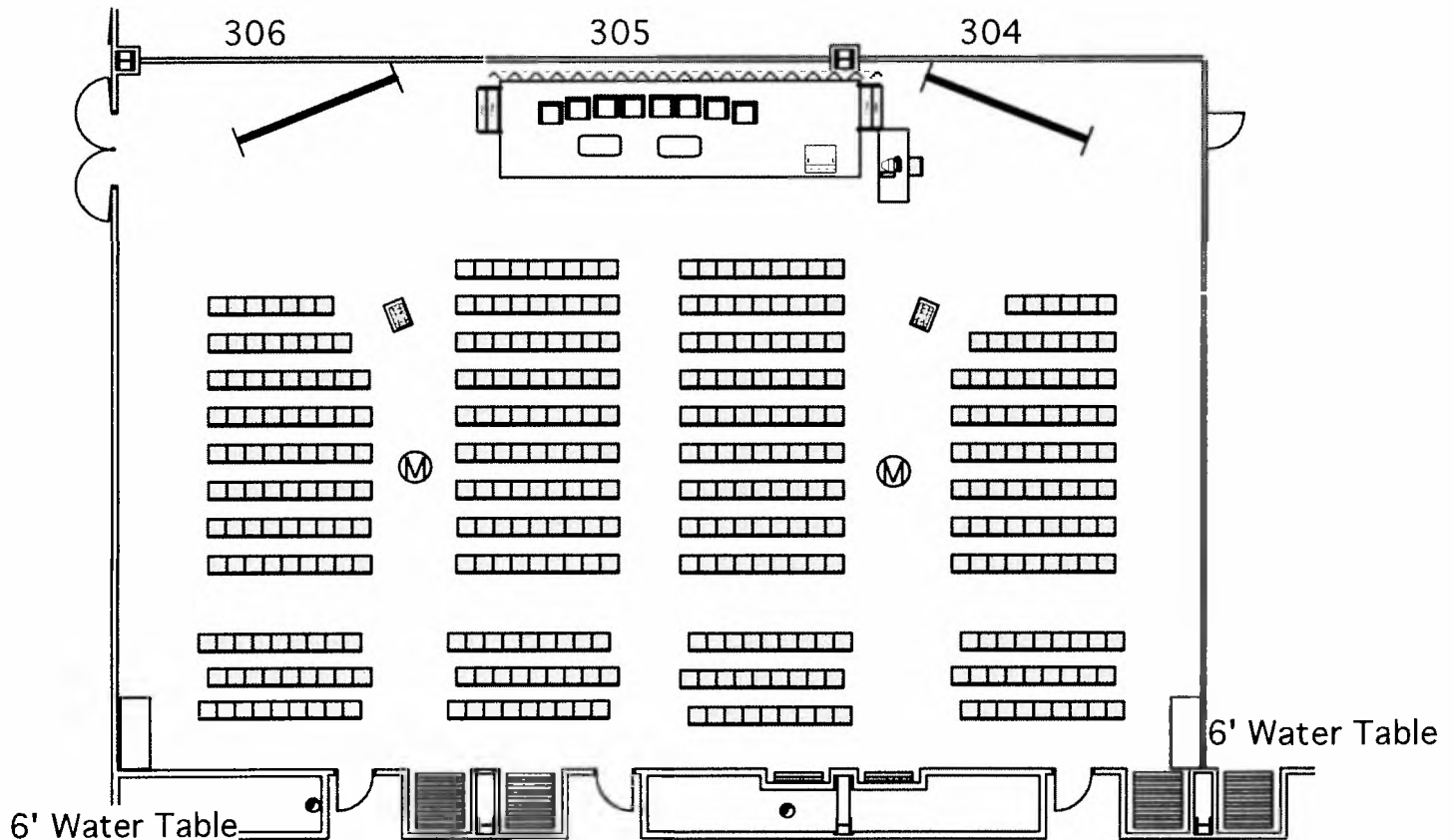
AFTER CONFERENCE:

- 4:45pm: OCS Governors Coalition Meeting with invited Guests:
 - Offshore Safety, Technology, Permitting, and Revenue-Sharing Discussion with Industry Leaders
 - (Closed-Door at Venue in the Reliant Center (Harris County Board Room))
- 5:30pm: Depart Offshore Technology Conference
- 8:00pm: OCS Governors Coalition Dinner
(III Forks Steakhouse, 1201 San Jacinto Street, Downtown Houston)

The Reliant Center
Room 304/305/306

10.5'X14' Screen
17'7" throw
LCD Projector

8'x30'x24" Stage
8-Arm Chairs
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April 28, 2013

The Honorable [Name of U.S. House Member or U.S. Senator]
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Dear [Title and Last Name of House Member or Senator],

The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Governors Coalition is a group of coastal state governors who joined together in May 2011 to promote a constructive dialogue on OCS energy-resource planning and development between coastal state governors and federal policy makers. As governors, all Coalition members support policies that encourage expansion of all forms of American energy production – both onshore and offshore.

As required under the 1953 Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, federal decisions regarding energy exploration and production on the OCS must be made in consultation with affected states. However, in recent years, the federal government has taken significant actions affecting OCS energy development having had little consultation with the states. We have each joined the Coalition to foster a more productive dialogue between the federal government and the coastal states on OCS resource evaluation, sustainable development, and other offshore energy policy matters.

We believe the Coalition's collective voice has been effective at amplifying support for OCS energy development. Yet, we can do more. During this Congress, legislators will consider several matters that directly and indirectly affect the future of offshore energy development. As our federal representatives, we strongly urge you to act in concert to champion OCS energy and, by effect, the vitality of our coastal and state economies.

In particular, the OCS Governors Coalition supports:

- 1) Advancing revenue sharing for all coastal states. Currently, the Atlantic coast states and Alaska are generally not eligible to share in revenues generated by oil, gas, and renewable energy development in the OCS. These states should be treated equitably with all states.
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The OCS Governors Coalition hopes to cultivate a substantive, ongoing dialogue with Obama Administration officials on the opportunities and challenges facing offshore energy development, including the priorities mentioned in this letter. As the Coalition pursues these efforts, we encourage Congress to develop similar relationships and encourage the administration to pursue decision-making in a transparent, collective manner that values the opinion of state and local leaders. The Coalition has already communicated many of the concerns highlighted in this letter with Interior Secretary Sally Jewell. We hope you will do the same.

In closing, feel free to utilize the OCS Governors Coalition as a source of information and advocacy on OCS issues. If you would like more information about the OCS Governors Coalition, please visit our website at www.ocsgovernors.org or contact Mr. Kip Knudson, the Director of State/Federal Relations for Alaska Governor Sean Parnell, who serves as chair of the Coalition. You may reach Mr. Knudson at 202-624-5859 or via e-mail at kip.knudson@alaska.gov.

Regards,

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All –

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Suggested Questions Moderated Q&A
Offshore Technology Conference, OCS Governors Coalition Panel Discussion
Houston, Texas
Monday, May 6, 2013

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6. As Governors of 8 of the 20 coastal states, you represent a significant number of citizens who – national polls suggest – are solidly in favor of, at least, understanding more about offshore energy development. What does the Coalition plan to do to carry your messages to other state Governors, Washington and voters?
7. In 2007, Virginia received good news that a lease sale in the Mid-Atlantic region would take place in 2011. In 2010, that lease sale and plans for further lease sales in both the Mid-Atlantic and South Atlantic regions were cancelled by the Obama Administration, which made a formal announcement last summer that no Atlantic leasing would take place until at least 2017.

At this point in 2013, we have strong support for offshore development from the public, state and federal representatives and the governors of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia.

Governor Haley and Governor McCrory, I would like to ask you two what steps can your states (as well as Virginia and Georgia) take to push Congress and the Obama Administration to move this process forward?

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If you have any questions about the release, please direct them to Gov. Parnell's Press Secretary, Sharon Leighow (sharon.leighow@alaska.gov) or myself.

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Subject: Media Stories from OCS Govs at OTC

Dear OCS Governors Coalition Rep –

First of all, big “thank you” to all of you for coordinating your governor’s participation at yesterday’s Offshore Technology Conference. We’ll be following up with Governor Parnell’s office on notes and action items coming out of yesterday.

First, I wanted to share some of the good news generated. Please see below some of the articles coming out of yesterday’s OCS Governors Coalition event at the Offshore Technology Conference. We’ll compile a comprehensive report Wednesday and Thursday once more of these wires are carried locally.

National & Trade:

Wall Street Journal: [“Coastal Governors Want More Offshore Drilling”](#)
NASDAQ: [“Coastal governors want more offshore drilling”](#)
Rigzone: [“OCS Governors Coalition: Opportunity Lies Just Offshore”](#)
UPI: [“U.S. Governors Want More Work Offshore”](#)
Offshore Energy Today: [“OTC 2013: Governors Calls for Timely Approvals for Offshore Projects”](#)
E&E News: [“Coastal governors renew push for opening more U.S. waters”](#)
AP: [“Coastal governors call for more offshore drilling”](#)

State-Based:

Richmond Times Dispatch: [“Virginia Joins Bid for Offshore Drilling”](#)
SC Now: [“Coastal governors call for more offshore drilling”](#)
Houston Chronicle: [“Rick Perry to Obama: Give coastal states more access & dollars”](#)
YourHoustonNews: [“Perry renews call for more offshore energy development, consistent federal regulation”](#)
Birmingham News (AP): [““Coastal governors call for more offshore drilling”](#)

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can be of assistance.

Safe travels to those journeying back home today.

Sincerely,

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Subject: OCS Gov Follow-up from May 6th Mtg
Attachments: OTC Media Report_May 2013.docx; Action Items for May 6 OCS Gov Meetings.docx; Congressional OSCGC Intro Letter Draft (043013).docx

Dear OCS Governors Representatives:

On behalf of Consumer Energy Alliance, I would again like to express our appreciation to all the governors and their staff for participating at the Offshore Technology Conference panel this past Monday. As you will see from the attached media report, the event garnered significant media attention and helped raise the profile of the Coalition.

Please find attached a list of action items that the Coalition discussed during the meetings on Monday. Of note, Governor Parnell's staff has decided to move forward with a letter signed by each Coalition member to the 85 U.S. Representatives and 16 U.S. Senators who represent the member states. The attached draft letter reviews some of the current policy priorities of the Coalition and urges the Congressmen to act collectively to support these legislative initiatives. If you have any suggested edits to the letter, please highlight them to Nathan and me. Once the letter has been approved by all states, the Coalition will coordinate an autopen process. Please note that this draft has not changed substantively since the version circulated last week.

In addition to the letter, the Coalition also agreed to hold its next meeting in September in South Carolina, at the invitation of Governor Haley and her staff. The date, time and agenda of this meeting will be discussed in a future teleconference.

If anyone has additional follow-up from Monday that they wish to share with the group or has any questions, please let Nathan and me know.

Thank you,

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OCS Governors Coalition Media Report

Offshore Technology Conference
May 6, 2013
Houston, Texas



The OCS Governors Coalition panel at May 6th Offshore Technology Conference in Houston was covered extensively in more than 110 outlets, including hits in all eight coalition participants states. Key stories included Houston's AP and Dow Jones Bureau and placements including Wall Street Journal, FOX Business, Yahoo, and Bloomberg Businessweek. The event was also covered in Washington, DC with placements in the Washington Post, Washington Examiner, The Hill and E & E News.

Trade press coverage was also extensive, including articles from Offshore Energy Today, Riqzone, and FuelFix, each of which filed stories from the convention hall. It is expected additional industry press coverage will continue over the next few days, with potential hits from Hart Energy, Energy Intelligence, and others.

An oped from the panel's host, Consumer Energy Alliance, ran in the *Houston Chronicle* on May 7th as well. The piece captured the spirit of the comments at the speaking panel in calling for increased opportunity and regulatory coherence in offshore development.

Jennifer Dlouhy with the *Houston Chronicle* did a great job of live-tweeting quotes from various participants of the panel, here, here, and here. You can see more on her Twitter feed, @jendlouhyhc

Title: Fighting over offshore oil

Outlet: Chron.com

Unique Visitors Per Month: 4,809,856

Source URL: <http://www.chron.com/opinion/editorials/article/Fighting-over-offshore-oil-4496647.php>

**Note: Houston Chronicle editorial endorsing the governors' messages and supporting its mission.*

Title: Reacting to a new world reality

Outlet: Chron.com

Unique Visitors Per Month: 4,809,856

Source URL: <http://www.chron.com/opinion/outlook/article/Reacting-to-a-new-world-reality-4492751.php>

Title: McCrory visiting Texas to talk offshore energy

Outlet: Associated Press

Media Type: News Service/Syndicate

Title: Coastal Governors Want More Offshore Drilling

Outlet: Dow Jones Newswires

Media Type: News Service/Syndicate

Title: Coastal Governors Want More Offshore Drilling

Outlet: Wall Street Journal

Source URL: http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20130506-712474.html?mod=googlenews_wsj

Title: Coastal governors say federal permitting slows offshore drilling, say drilling creates jobs
Outlet: Washington Post
Unique Visitors Per Month: 5,993,035
Source URL: http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/coastal-governors-say-federal-permitting-slows-offshore-drilling-say-drilling-creates-jobs/2013/05/06/22e90e26-b689-11e2-b568-6917f6ac6d9d_story.html

Title: Coastal governors call for more offshore drilling
Outlet: Bloomberg Businessweek
Unique Visitors Per Month: 9,416,938
Source URL: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/2013-05-06/coastal-governors-call-for-more-offshore-drilling>

Title: Coastal governors call for more offshore drilling
Outlet: Yahoo!
Unique Visitors Per Month: 185,066,400
Source URL: <http://nz.finance.yahoo.com/news/coastal-governors-call-more-offshore-202341716.html>

Title: Coastal Governors Want More Offshore Drilling
Outlet: FOX BUSINESS
Unique Visitors Per Month: 896,020
Source URL: <http://www.foxbusiness.com/news/2013/05/06/coastal-governors-want-more-offshore-drilling/>

Title: Rick Perry to Obama: Give coastal states more access & dollars
Outlet: Houston Chronicle and FuelFix
Media Type: Daily Newspaper
Source URL: <http://fuelfix.com/blog/2013/05/06/rick-perry-to-obama-give-coastal-states-more-access-dollars/>

Title: OCS Governor Coalition: Opportunity Lies Just Offshore
Outlet: Rigzone.com
Unique Visitors Per Month: 408,960
Source URL: http://www.rigzone.com/news/oil_gas/a/126298/OCS_Governor_Coalition_Opportunity_Lies_Just_Offshore

Title: Coastal governors renew push for opening more U.S. waters
Outlet: EnergyWire
Unique Visitors Per Month: 10,210
Source URL: <http://www.eenews.net/energywire/2013/05/07/3>

Title: McCrory pushes offshore energy exploration in NC - Charlotte Business Journal
Outlet: Charlotte Business Journal
Unique Visitors Per Month: 13,916

Source URL: http://www.bizjournals.com/charlotte/blog/morning-edition/2013/05/mccrory-pushes-offshore-energy-nc.html?ana=RSS&s=article_search

Title: Coastal governors call for more offshore drilling | WashingtonExaminer.com

Outlet: Examiner

Source URL: <http://washingtonexaminer.com/coastal-governors-call-for-more-offshore-drilling/article/feed/2095936>

Title: U.S. governors say federal regulations stop energy development

Outlet: UPI.com

Unique Visitors Per Month: 3,156,468

Source URL: http://www.upi.com/Business_News/Energy-Resources/2013/05/07/US-governors-want-more-work-offshore/UPI-92401367923016/?spt=hs&or=er

Title: TODAY: Coastal Governors Gather In Houston For Energy Conference - Alaska Business Monthly - May 2013

Outlet: Alaska Business Monthly

Unique Visitors Per Month: 15,598

Source URL: <http://www.akbizmag.com/Alaska-Business-Monthly/May-2013/TODAY-Coastal-Governors-Gather-In-Houston-For-Energy-Conference/>

Title: S.C. politics

Outlet: MyrtleBeachOnline.com

Unique Visitors Per Month: 320,000

Source URL: <http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2013/05/07/3474058/sc-politics.html>

Title: State leaders ask Washington for more offshore drilling

Outlet: Mississippi Business Journal

Unique Visitors Per Month: 39,988

Source URL: http://msbusiness.com/blog/2013/05/06/state-leaders-ask-washington-for-more-offshore-drilling/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=state-leaders-ask-washington-for-more-offshore-drilling

Title: Coastal governors call for more offshore drilling

Outlet: New Orleans CityBusiness

Unique Visitors Per Month: 72,034

Source URL: <http://neworleanscitybusiness.com/blog/2013/05/06/coastal-governors-call-for-more-offshore-drilling/>

Title: OTC 2013: Governors Call For Timely Approvals for Offshore Projects

Outlet: Offshore Energy Today

Unique Visitors Per Month: 9,926

Source URL: <http://www.offshoreenergytoday.com/otc-2013-governors-call-for-timely-approvals-for-offshore-projects/>

Title: News bites: Much ado about JPMorgan, climate change and rain (and more)

Outlet: Hill on the Web

Unique Visitors Per Month: 562,946

Source URL: <http://thehill.com/blogs/e2-wire/677-e2-wire/298119-news-bites-much-ado-about-jpmorgan-climate-change-and-rain-and-more?tmpl=component&print=1&layout=default&page=>

Title: Governors Of The Gulf Coast Want State Control Of Offshore Drilling Permits

Outlet: KUHF-FM

Source URL: <http://app1.kuhf.org/articles/1367924033-Governors-Of-The-Gulf-Coast-Want-State-Control-Of-Offshore-Drilling-Permits.html>

Title: BC-TX--Texas News Digest, TX

Outlet: KING5.com

Unique Visitors Per Month: 2,261,143

Source URL: <http://www.king5.com/news/aerospace/ap/206356471.html>

Title: News Minute: Here is the latest Alabama news from The Associated Press

Outlet: ABC 33/40

Unique Visitors Per Month: 196,818

Source URL: <http://www.abc3340.com/Global/story.asp?S=14877494>

Title: Coastal governors call for more offshore drilling

Outlet: Press Democrat

Unique Visitors Per Month: 1,250,392

Source URL: <http://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/20130506/APF/1305060856>

Title: Here is the latest Alabama news from The Associated Press

Outlet: MyFoxAL.com

Unique Visitors Per Month: 260,345

Source URL: <http://www.myfoxal.com/Global/story.asp?S=14877494>

Title: News Minute: Here is the latest Mississippi news from The Associated Press

Outlet: WLOX 13

Unique Visitors Per Month: 630,443

Source URL: <http://www.wlox.com/Global/story.asp?S=14877504>

Title: News Minute: Here is the latest Alabama news from The Associated Press

Outlet: 9 WTVM.COM

Unique Visitors Per Month: 777,348

Source URL: <http://www.wtvm.com/Global/story.asp?S=14877494>

Title: U.S. governors want more work offshore

Outlet: iStockAnalyst

Unique Visitors Per Month: 95,431

Source URL: <http://www.istockanalyst.com/business/news/6417683/u-s-governors-want-more-work-offshore>

Title: Virginia joins bid for offshore drilling

Outlet: NewsAdvance.com

Unique Visitors Per Month: 13,329

Source URL: http://www.newsadvance.com/work_it_lynchburg/news/article_3911fdb0-b707-11e2-a659-001a4bcf6878.html

Title: Coastal governors call for more offshore drilling

Outlet: Ledger Online

Unique Visitors Per Month: 1,401,268

Source URL: <http://www.theledger.com/article/20130506/APF/1305060856>

Title: Virginia business briefs for May 7

Outlet: TimesDispatch.com

Unique Visitors Per Month: 115,872

Source URL: http://www.timesdispatch.com/news/local/article_6e78b013-65fe-5940-a74c-ec4573a3fdd4.html

Title: Perry renews call for more offshore energy development, consistent federal regulation

Outlet: yourhoustonnews.com

Unique Visitors Per Month: 220,668

Source URL: http://www.yourhoustonnews.com/friendswood/opinion/perry-renews-call-for-more-offshore-energy-development-consistent-federal/article_68d3f026-d917-52b3-9b22-fcaf26dbe159.html

Title: McCrory visiting Texas to talk offshore energy

Outlet: kcbd.com

Unique Visitors Per Month: 89,618

Source URL: <http://www.kcbd.com/story/22167803/mccrory-visiting-texas-to-talk-offshore-energy?clienttype=printable>

Title: Gov. Parnell Attends Houston OTC Conference

Outlet: Alaska, State of

Unique Visitors Per Month: 1,134

Source URL: <http://www.gov.state.ak.us/parnell/press-room/full-press-release.html?pr=6475>

Title: McCrory visiting Texas to talk offshore energy

Outlet: NewsChannel 10

Unique Visitors Per Month: 16,732

Source URL: <http://www.newschannel10.com/story/22167803/mccrory-visiting-texas-to-talk-offshore-energy>

Title: McCrory visiting Texas to talk offshore energy

Outlet: KSLA News 12

Unique Visitors Per Month: 698,640

Source URL: <http://www.ksla.com/story/22167803/mccrory-visiting-texas-to-talk-offshore-energy>

Title: Coastal Governors Call For More Offshore Drilling

Outlet: EnergyDigger

Unique Visitors Per Month: 3,403

Source URL: http://www.energydigger.com/conventional-energy/oilgas/articles/2013-05-06/coastal-governors-call-for-more-offshore-drilling?utm_source=energydigger.com/feeds&utm_medium=RSS

Title: Coastal governors call for more offshore drilling

Outlet: newsobserver.com

Unique Visitors Per Month: 2,345,656

Source URL: <http://www.newsobserver.com/2013/05/06/2875058/coastal-governors-call-for-more.html>

Title: This Hour: Latest Texas news, sports, business and entertainment

Outlet: KTRE 9

Unique Visitors Per Month: 446,386

Source URL: <http://www.ktre.com/Global/story.asp?S=14880377>

Title: News Minute: Here is the latest Mississippi news from The Associated Press

Outlet: WDAM.com

Unique Visitors Per Month: 230,850

Source URL: <http://www.wdam.com/Global/story.asp?S=14877504>

Title: Gov. Perry calls nation's dependence on foreign energy "crippling" | KDBC

Outlet: KDBC 4 News

Unique Visitors Per Month: 42,256

Source URL: <http://www.kdbc.com/news/gov-perry-calls-nations-dependence-foreign-energy-crippling>

Title: Coastal governors call for more offshore drilling

Outlet: New Orleans CityBusiness

Unique Visitors Per Month: 72,034

Source URL: <http://neworleanscitybusiness.com/blog/2013/05/06/coastal-governors-call-for-more-offshore-drilling/>

Title: News Minute: Here is the latest Alabama news from The Associated Press

Outlet: WRCBtv.com

Unique Visitors Per Month: 137,603

Source URL: <http://www.wrcbtv.com/Global/story.asp?S=14877494>

Title: Coastal governors call for more offshore drilling

Outlet: Gulflive.com

Unique Visitors Per Month: 897,027

Source URL: <http://www.gulflive.com/newsflash/index.ssf/story/coastal-governors-call-for-more-offshore-drilling/12fcd9a97bfc42d09a13920982adb282>

Title: News Minute: Here is the latest Louisiana news from The Associated Press

Outlet: WLOX 13

Unique Visitors Per Month: 630,443

Source URL: <http://www.wlox.com/Global/story.asp?S=14877997>

Title: Coastal Governors want more offshore drilling
Outlet: World Oil
Unique Visitors Per Month: 3,970
Source URL: [http://www.worldoil.com/Coastal Governors want more offshore drilling.html](http://www.worldoil.com/Coastal%20Governors%20want%20more%20offshore%20drilling.html)

Title: McCrory visiting Texas to talk offshore energy
Outlet: KTEN.com
Unique Visitors Per Month: 111,455
Source URL: <http://www.kten.com/story/22167803/mccrory-visiting-texas-to-talk-offshore-energy>

Title: News Minute: Here is the latest Louisiana news from The Associated Press
Outlet: knoe.com
Unique Visitors Per Month: 753,525
Source URL: <http://www.knoe.com/Global/story.asp?S=14877997>

Title: This Hour: Latest Texas news, sports, business and entertainment
Outlet: NewsChannel5
Unique Visitors Per Month: 46,227
Source URL: <http://www.newschannel6now.com/Global/story.asp?S=14880377>

Title: This Hour: Latest Texas news, sports, business and entertainment
Outlet: ABC 40 KRHD
Unique Visitors Per Month: 7,403
Source URL: <http://www.abc40.com/Global/story.asp?S=14880377>

Title: With oil drilling, be careful what you wish for
Outlet: Fayetteville Online
Unique Visitors Per Month: 2,416,272
Source URL: <http://fayobserver.com/articles/2013/05/07/1255161?sac=fo.opinion>

Title: Coastal governors are calling for more offshore drilling
Outlet: Texarkana Gazette
Unique Visitors Per Month: 78,274
Source URL: <http://www.texarkanagazette.com/news/2013/05/07/coastal-governors-are-calling-for-more-o-141161.php>

Title: McCrory pushes N.C. energy exploration in weekly address - Triangle Business Journal
Outlet: Triangle Business Journal
Unique Visitors Per Month: 18,744
Source URL: http://www.bizjournals.com/triangle/blog/2013/05/mccrory-pushes-nc-energy-exploration.html?ana=RSS&s=article_search

Title: Coastal Governors Call for More Offshore Drilling
Outlet: KTBB
Unique Visitors Per Month: 18,150
Source URL: <http://www.ktbb.com/post/?p=256144&print=1>

Title: Coastal Governors Want More Offshore Drilling

Outlet: Morningstar.com

Unique Visitors Per Month: 1,207,568

Source URL: <http://news.morningstar.com/all/dow-jones/us-markets/201305061853/000402/coastal-governors-want-more-offshore-drilling.aspx>

Title: Coastal governors call for more offshore drilling - Worcester Telegram & Gazette

Outlet: Telegram.com

Unique Visitors Per Month: 1,698,764

Source URL: <http://www.telegram.com/article/20130506/APF/305068728/1002/business>

Title: Coastal governors call for more offshore drilling

Outlet: scnow.com

Unique Visitors Per Month: 166,708

Source URL: http://www.scnow.com/news/national/article_0e3df8c2-b69a-11e2-957a-0019bb30f31a.html

Title: News Minute: Here is the latest Alabama news from The Associated Press

Outlet: WLOX 13

Unique Visitors Per Month: 630,443

Source URL: <http://www.wlox.com/Global/story.asp?S=14877494>

Title: U.S. governors want more work offshore

Outlet: United Press International

Media Type: News Service/Syndicate

Title: U.S. governors want more work offshore

Outlet: iStockAnalyst

Unique Visitors Per Month: 95,431

Source URL: <http://www.istockanalyst.com/business/news/6417683/u-s-governors-want-more-work-offshore>

Title: News Minute: Here is the latest Mississippi news from The Associated Press

Outlet: knoe.com

Unique Visitors Per Month: 753,525

Source URL: <http://www.knoe.com/Global/story.asp?S=14877504>

Title: U.S. Governors Want More Work Offshore

Outlet: Spa.gov.sa

Unique Visitors Per Month: 252,121

Source URL: <http://www.spa.gov.sa/english/details.php?id=1107630>

Title: News Minute: Here is the latest Mississippi news from The Associated Press

Outlet: WXVT 15

Unique Visitors Per Month: 6,821

Source URL: <http://www.wxvt.com/Global/story.asp?S=14877504>

Title: GOV. PARNELL ATTENDS HOUSTON OTC CONFERENCE

Outlet: States News Service

Media Type: News Service/Syndicate

Title: More federal cooperation could unleash North Carolina's economy

Outlet: The Herald-Sun (Durham, N.C.)

Media Type: Daily Newspaper

Title: McCrory visiting Texas to talk offshore energy

Outlet: WCNC.com

Unique Visitors Per Month: 586,485

Source URL: <http://www.wcnc.com/news/politics/McCrory-visiting-Texas-to-talk-offshore-energy-206264291.html>

Title: McCrory visiting Texas to talk offshore energy

Outlet: MyrtleBeachOnline.com

Unique Visitors Per Month: 320,000

Source URL: <http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2013/05/06/3472766/mccrory-visiting-texas-to-talk.html>

Title: McCrory visiting Texas to talk offshore energy

Outlet: Big News Network.com

Unique Visitors Per Month: 59,939

Source URL:

<http://www.bignewsnetwork.com/index.php/sid/214317105/scat/42acbe017a594c30>

Title: McCrory visiting Texas to talk offshore energy

Outlet: 1200 WOAI

Unique Visitors Per Month: 27,226

Source URL: <http://www.woai.com/news/state/story/McCrory-visiting-Texas-to-talk-offshore-energy/mgELkruAEkOkHKIZyPqijg.csp?rss=69>

Title: McCrory visiting Texas to talk offshore energy

Outlet: 7 KLTV

Unique Visitors Per Month: 409,235

Source URL: <http://www.kltv.com/story/22167803/mccrory-visiting-texas-to-talk-offshore-energy>

Title: McCrory visiting Texas to talk offshore energy

Outlet: Times-News

Unique Visitors Per Month: 544,512

Source URL: <http://www.thetimesnews.com/news/region-state/mccrory-visiting-texas-to-talk-offshore-energy-1.138224>

Title: Gov. McCrory visiting Texas to talk offshore energy | News

Outlet: wcti12.com

Unique Visitors Per Month: 55,302

Source URL: <http://www.wcti12.com/news/gov-mccrory-visiting-texas-to-talk-offshore-energy/-/13530444/20027792/-/15ruuokz/-/index.html>

Title: McCrory To Talk At TX Offshore Energy Conference

Outlet: digtriad.com

Unique Visitors Per Month: 1,539,664

Source URL: <http://www.digtriad.com/news/local/article/283504/57/McCrory-To-Talk-At-TX-Offshore-Energy-Conference>

Title: MCCRORY: MORE FEDERAL COOPERATION COULD UNLEASH NORTH CAROLINA'S ECONOMY

Outlet: States News Service

Media Type: News Service/Syndicate

Title: McCrory visiting Texas to talk offshore energy :: WRAL.com

Outlet: WRAL.com

Unique Visitors Per Month: 864,623

Source URL: <http://www.wral.com/mccrory-visiting-texas-to-talk-offshore-energy/12414408/>

Title: McCrory visiting Texas to talk offshore energy

Outlet: BlueRidgeNow.com

Unique Visitors Per Month: 81,254

Source URL: <http://www.blueridgenow.com/article/20130506/APN/1305060565>

Title: North Carolina governor visiting Texas to talk offshore energy

Outlet: JournalNow.com

Unique Visitors Per Month: 105,499

Source URL: http://www.journalnow.com/news/state_region/article_fe082974-b634-11e2-8d96-001a4bcf6878.html

Title: NC governor visiting Texas to attend trade conference, talk offshore energy exploration

Outlet: Daily Reporter

Unique Visitors Per Month: 9,075

Source URL:

<http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/view/story/8e0bbcaa260b40babe45d7b9533740d7/NC--McCrory-Offshore-Energy>

Title: Fuel Fix » McCrory visiting Texas to talk offshore energy

Outlet: FuelFix

Unique Visitors Per Month: 17,016

Source URL: <http://fuelfix.com/blog/2013/05/06/mccrory-visiting-texas-to-talk-offshore-energy/>

Title: McCrory visiting Texas to talk offshore energy

Outlet: MyFOX Houston

Unique Visitors Per Month: 219,506

Source URL: <http://www.myfoxboston.com/story/22167803/mccrory-visiting-texas-to-talk-offshore-energy>

Title: McCrory visiting Texas to talk offshore energy
Outlet: NewsChannel5
Unique Visitors Per Month: 46,227
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