

MINUTE ITEM

This Calendar Item No. 26
was approved as Minute item
No. 26 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3
to 0 at its 8/16/82
meeting.

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During consideration of Calendar Item 26 attached, Mr. Brad Veek, Chairman, Research Vessel Operator's Council, and Associate Director, Institute for Marine and Coastal Studies, University of Southern California, appeared to register an objection to the form and substance of the proposed permit and to recommend alternative actions to protect the rights of concerned parties. Mr. Veek felt that the permit, as written, would interfere with basic oceanographic research. Mr. Veek felt the conditions of the permit were expensive in terms of time and money, tedious and unnecessarily burdensome in its demand for access.

Chairman Cory requested that, due to time constraints involving some of the other permittees, the permits be approved to the parties listed in Exhibit "A" of the Calendar Item, excluding the University of Southern California. Mr. Veek indicated that he would rather have a permit issued and work out any details with staff.

Chief Counsel Robert Hight stated any amendment to the permit would be brought back to the Commission for consideration at the September 23 meeting.

Commission-Alternate Susanne Morgan indicated her willingness to approve the conditional permit subject to staff working out any specific problems.

At this time, Chief Counsel Hight expressed thanks to the fishermen for their participation and input in the workshops recently held by staff. In particular, Mr. Hight expressed thanks to Mr. Bob Kaneen, and Lee Bafalon of WOGA, and Ms. Vickie Cook, representing the International Association of Geophysical Contractors.

There being no further discussion, and upon motion duly made and carried, the Resolution in Calendar Item 26 was approved by a vote of 3-0 with the understanding that any necessary changes be brought back to the Commission for consideration.

Attachment: Calendar Item 26.

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PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT
TO TIDE AND SUBMERGED LAND AREAS
FOR GEOPHYSICAL AND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY PERMITS;
ADOPTION OF A FORM OF PERMIT
FOR GEOLOGICAL/GEOPHYSICAL SURVEYS AND
CONSIDERATION OF PENDING APPLICATIONS
AND ISSUANCE OF PERMITS

On February 25, 1982, the State Lands Commission adopted new regulations for the administration of geological and geophysical survey permits on State-owned tide and submerged lands. Previous regulations required permits only when explosives were used in geophysical surveys, and rotary drilling techniques used in coring operations.

Staff has prepared a proposed form of General Permit to Conduct Geological/Geophysical Surveys. A copy of this permit form is on file in the office of the Commission.

The form of permit is the result of many meetings with the oil industry, geophysical contractors, fishermen and members of the public. Eight workshops were held at the principal fishing ports along the California coast for the purpose of receiving comments from fishermen regarding geophysical operations in State waters. Significant comments were received concerning the notification process of pending

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surveys, location of fishing gear, periods of fishing activities and the potential for relocation of fishing gear should the geophysical operations conflict with fishing activities. The proposed permit form responds to the concerns of both the fishing industry and those conducting geophysical operations.

The proposed permit has a term of 18 months. The permittee is required to follow a detailed procedure which will give notice to other offshore users a minimum of five days prior to the commencement of operations. The procedure includes notification of key personnel, in each affected port, who are responsible for posting the notice of operations at selected locations (fuel docks, harbormaster offices, marine supply stores, fishing association offices, etc.) The notification procedure can be changed at any time within the 18 month period of the permit by giving 30 days notice of the change.

The permit also provides a procedure for settlement of third party damage claims. The permittee has 30 days to attempt to settle any claims. All claims which are not settled in this period may be brought to the Commission for resolution. Each permittee will be required to provide a performance bond or letter-of-credit in the amount of \$25,000 prior to the effective date of the permit.

Under the terms of the permit, the operations and/or permit may be suspended by the Executive Officer upon a finding that it is necessary for the public interest. In addition, the Commission may modify or revoke the permit upon giving 30 days notice.

The permittee is also required to make available to the Commission all factual and physical exploration results, logs, records, field acquired data, processed records or any other data resulting from operations under the permit. All such data will be held confidential by the Commission as required under PRC 6826(c).

Attached as Exhibit "A" is a list of applicants for the General Permits to Conduct Geological/Geophysical Surveys. Each applicant has complied with the Commission's rules and regulations regarding application for permit and submitted the required fees. The issuance of these permits is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA under 2 Cal. Adm. Code 2905, Class 6, (The collection of data for information purposes where minimal or no disturbance of State land is involved.)

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Pursuant to Section 6826, of the Public Resources Code, the State Lands Commission is required to hold a public hearing concerning its intention to consider issuing Geological and Geophysical Survey permits on tide and submerged lands offshore California. On June 28, 1982, the required 60-day notice of this public hearing was given to each city and county adjacent to the areas where surveys may be conducted.

Issuance of these permits is intended to coordinate the geological and geophysical operations with other multiple use activities on State tide and submerged lands. Permits will be issued for information gathering only.

EXHIBITS: A. Applicants for Geological/Geophysical Survey Permit.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. FIND THAT AN ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT IS NOT REQUIRED FOR THIS ACTIVITY AS IT HAS BEEN EXEMPTED FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF CEQA AS A CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, CLASS 6 (PRC 21084; CAL. A. CODE 15100, ET. SEQ.);
2. ADOPT THE FORM OF GENERAL PERMIT TO CONDUCT GEOLOGICAL/GEOPHYSICAL SURVEYS WHICH IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION; AND
3. AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF NON-EXCLUSIVE GENERAL PERMITS TO CONDUCT GEOLOGICAL/GEOPHYSICAL SURVEYS TO THOSE APPLICANTS LISTED ON EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED AND BY REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF.

Applicants for Geological/Geophysical Survey Permit

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Vice President

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