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This Calendar Item No. C34-C39
was approved as Minute Item
No. 34-39 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3
to 0 at its 9-9-93
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APPROVE NON-EXCLUSIVE GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY PERMITS
ON TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS UNDER THE
JURISDICTION OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION

APPLICANTS:

A) Pelagos Corporation
5434 Ruffin Road
San Diego, California 92123

B) SAIC/Sea Operations
3330 Industrial Ct.
San Diego, California 92121-10003

C) NCS International, Inc.
4864 Market Street, Suite D
Ventura, California 93003

D) John E. Chance & Associates, Inc.
4820 McGrath Street, Suite 140
Ventura, California 93003

E) Scientific Services
3914 Murphy Canyon Road
San Diego, California 92123

F) Union Oil Company of California
2323 Knoll Drive
Ventura, California 93003

TERMS OF PROPOSED PERMITS:

Initial period:
Three years, from October 1, 1993 through September 30, 1996.

PREREQUISITE CONDITIONS, FEES AND EXPENSES:

Required fees, expense deposit, and other security have been received.

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

A. P.R.C. 6826.
B. P.R.C. 21080(c).
C. P.R.C. 6870.
D. Cal. Code Regs., Title 2, Article 2.9, 2100.
E. Cal. Code Regs., Title 2, 2905(e)(3).
F. Cal. Code Regs., Title 14, 15074.

AB 884:

A) 03/16/94.
B) 03/19/94.
C) 03/19/94.
D) 03/19/94.
E) 03/24/94.
F) 03/26/94.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. On May 24, 1984, the Commission, pursuant to the provisions of the CEQA, considered and adopted a Proposed Negative Declaration (EIR ND 358, State Clearinghouse No. 84020113), for the program under which issuance of this permit is proposed. The Commission found, based on its record, that there was no substantial evidence that the program, as revised and approved, would have a significant effect on the environment. (14 Cal. Code Regs. 15074(b)).

2. On October 5, 1987, the Commission considered applications for general geophysical permits. The Commission found that new information, obtained after the May 24, 1984 Negative Declaration, revealed that use of geophysical equipment, which emits strong acoustic pulses, may cause significant adverse effects upon the environment and that approval of a permit allowing use of such equipment required preparation of an environmental impact report. However, the Commission also found that the new information provided no substantial evidence that use of passive equipment or low acoustic pulse-generating equipment, such as side-scan sonar and magnetometer, would have a significant effect on the environment. Based upon the May 24, 1984 Negative Declaration, the Commission,

therefore, approved the issuance of permits which provided for the use of equipment which has no more than two kilojoules of energy input.

3. Since 1987, geophysical surveys employing passive or low-energy equipment have continued under the Commission's permits without significant incident or new evidence of potential environmental effects from the surveys.

4. This activity involves lands identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to P.R.C. 6370, et. seq. Based upon the staff's consultation with the persons nominating such lands and through the CEQA review process, it is the staff's opinion that the permit, as part of the program for the project as proposed, is consistent with its use classification.

EXHIBITS:

A. Permit Regions
B. List of Applicants

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. DETERMINE THAT ON MAY 24, 1984, A NEGATIVE DECLARATION, EIR ND 358, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 84020113, WAS CONSIDERED AND ADOPTED FOR THE PROGRAM UNDER WHICH ISSUANCE OF THIS PERMIT IS PROPOSED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE CEQA, AND THAT ON OCTOBER 7, 1987, THE COMMISSION REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND THE COMMENTS IN THE COMMISSION'S FILES WHICH WERE RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION.

2. DETERMINE THAT THERE IS NO SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE THAT THE PROGRAM UNDER WHICH ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT IS PROPOSED, AS REVISED AND APPROVED, WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

3. AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE TO APPLICANTS LISTED ON EXHIBIT "B" OF NON-EXCLUSIVE GENERAL PERMITS TO CONDUCT LOW ENERGY GEOPHYSICAL SURVEYS FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 1993 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1996 WITHIN PERMIT REGIONS I, II, III, AND IV AS DESIGNATED ON EXHIBIT "A".

EXHIBIT "A"

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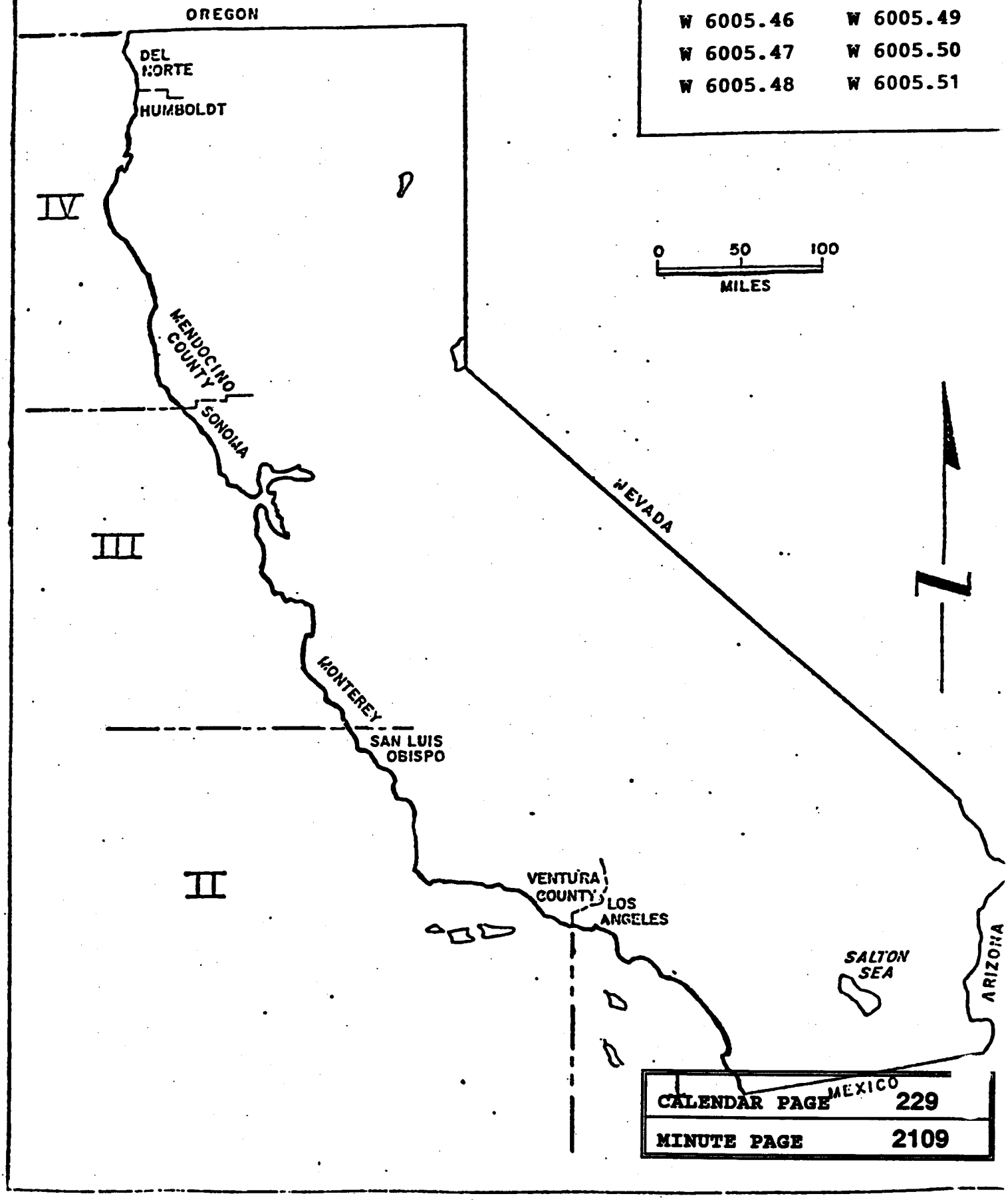

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EXHIBIT "B"

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