

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD  
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

<b>In re:</b>	)	
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<b>Shell Offshore, Inc.</b>	)	
<i>Discoverer Drillship</i>	)	OCS PSD Appeal Nos. 11-02-11-04
<b>OCS Permit No. R10OCS/PSD-AK-2010-01</b>	)	
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<b>Shell Gulf of Mexico, Inc.</b>	)	
<i>Discoverer Drillship</i>	)	
<b>OCS Permit No. R10OCS/PSD-AK-09-01</b>	)	
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**MOTION OF PETITIONER ALASKA ESKIMO WHALING COMMISSION TO  
WITHDRAW FROM THESE PROCEEDINGS**

Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission (AEWC) hereby moves the board for leave to withdraw from these proceedings. On October 24, 2011, AEWC and the Iñupiat Community of the Arctic Slope (ICAS) filed a joint Petition for Review of two major source air permits that were issued to Shell Offshore Inc. and Shell Gulf of Mexico, Inc. (hereafter Shell). Docket No. 7. The AEWC Commissioners have since decided not to pursue this administrative appeal. *See* Letter from Johnny Aiken, AEWC Executive Director to Chris Winter & Tanya Sanerib, Crag Law Center (November 14, 2011) (Exhibit 1). As a result, AEWC respectfully requests that the Board grant it leave to withdraw from this matter.

Counsel for AEWC has consulted with counsel for the opposing parties regarding this motion. Counsel for Region 10 and counsel for Shell have both indicated that their clients do not object to this motion. Thus, petitioner AEWC respectfully requests that the Environmental Appeals Board issue an order granting it leave to withdraw from these proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing Motion for Leave to Withdraw were served

by electronic mail upon the following entities:

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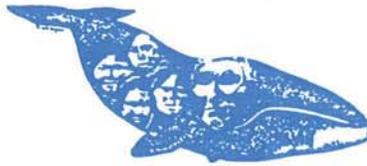
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**Via Email and U.S. Mail**

Chris Winter  
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Dear Chris and Tanya:

I am writing to tell you that on Friday, November 11, 2011, the AEWC Board of Commissioners voted to withdraw the AEWC's participation in the appeal of Shell's air permits for the Discoverer, which were filed before the EPA's Environmental Appeals Board. The Commissioners appreciate the hard work that you have put into this matter and the information that you gave them on the permits. At this time, however, this is their decision as to how they would like to proceed.

Thank you, again, and please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Johnny L. Aiken". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Johnny Aiken  
Executive Director

cc: AEWC Commissioners