

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Foreign Fishing Vessel and Gear Identification Requirements**

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before March 10, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Robert Dickinson, (301) 713-9090 or [Bob.Dickinson@noaa.gov](mailto:Bob.Dickinson@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Abstract**

Regulations at 50 CFR 600.503 require that a foreign fishing vessel display the vessel's international radio call sign on the port and starboard sides of the deckhouse or hull, and on a weatherdeck. The numbers must be of a specific size. The display of the identifying number aids in fishery law enforcement and allows other fishermen to report suspicious activity.

The regulations also require that foreign fishing vessels that deploy gear that is not physically and continuously attached to the vessel mark that gear with a buoy displaying the vessel identification number and attach a light visible for two miles on a night with good visibility. The marking of gear aids law enforcement and enables other fishermen to report on gear placed in unauthorized areas.

There currently are no foreign vessels authorized to do fishing that would be subject to the gear identification requirement.

**II. Method of Collection**

Information is displayed on vessels and gear.

**III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0356.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 6.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 45 minutes per vessel.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*

*Hours:* 5.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$120.

**IV. Request for Comments**

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 4, 2008.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary of Defense****Renewal of Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committees**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Renewal of Federal Advisory Committee.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, (5 U.S.C. Appendix, as amended), the Sunshine in the Government Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.65, the Department of Defense gives notice that it is renewing the charter for the Department of

Defense Education Benefits Board of Actuaries (hereafter referred to as the Board).

The Board, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2006(e), is a non-discretionary Federal advisory committee established to: (1) Annually advise the Secretary of Defense on the actuarial status of the Department of Defense Education Benefits Fund (hereafter referred to as the Fund); (2) shall furnish its advice and opinion on matters referred to it by the Secretary; review valuations of the Fund conducted under the provisions of 10 U.S.C., § 2006(f); (3) report to the Secretary of Defense annually on the actuarial status of the Fund; and (4) recommend to the President and Congress such changes as, in the Board's judgment, are necessary to protect the public interest and maintain the Fund on a sound actuarial basis.

The Board shall be composed of not more than three members appointed by the Secretary of Defense from among qualified professional actuaries who are members of the Society of Actuaries. The members shall serve for a term of 15 years, except that a member of the Board appointed to fill a vacancy occurring before the end of the term for which the predecessor was appointed shall serve only until the end of such term. A member may serve after the end of the term until a successor has taken office. A member of the Board may be removed by the Secretary of Defense for misconduct or failure to perform functions vested in the Board, and for no other reason.

Members may not be reappointed for successive terms. The Chairperson of the Board shall be designated by the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), on behalf of the Secretary of Defense, for a five-year term.

Board Members appointed by the Secretary of Defense, who are not Federal officers or employees, shall serve as Special Government Employees under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 3109, and shall, under the authority of 10 U.S.C. 2006(e)(1)(C), serve with compensation, to include travel and per diem for official travel.

The Board shall meet at the call of the Designated Federal Officer, in consultation with the Chairperson, the Secretary of Defense or the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel & Readiness). The Designated Federal Officer shall be a full-time or permanent part-time DoD employee, and shall be appointed in accordance with established DoD policies and procedures. The Designated Federal Officer or Alternate Designated Federal

Officer shall attend all Board meetings and subcommittee meetings.

The Board is authorized to establish subcommittees and workgroups, as necessary and consistent with its mission. Board subcommittees and workgroups shall operate under the provisions of Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the Sunshine in the Government Act of 1976, and other appropriate Federal regulations.

Board subcommittees and workgroups shall not work independently of the Board and shall report all their recommendations and advice to the Board for full deliberation and discussion. Board subcommittees and workgroups have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the Board and may not report directly to the Department of Defense or any Federal officers or employees who are not members of the Board.

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 and 41 CFR 102-3.140(c), members of the public or interested groups may submit written statements to the members of the Board. Written statements may be submitted at any time to the Board's Designated Federal Officer or in response to the stated agenda of a planned meeting.

The contact information for the Designated Federal Officer for the Department of Defense Education Benefits Board of Actuaries can be obtained from the GSA's FACA Database: <https://www.fido.gov/facadatabase/public.asp>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Jim Freeman, Deputy Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, 703-601-2554.

Dated: January 3, 2008.

**C.R. Choate,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Record of Decision for Kilo Wharf Extension (MILCON P-502) at Apra Harbor Naval Complex, Guam, Mariana Islands

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of Record of Decision.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Navy announces its decision to extend Kilo Wharf by 400 feet (122 meters) to the west at Apra Harbor Naval Complex, Guam, Mariana Islands. The project includes dredging of reef flat and other

marine habitats, construction of an additional mooring island, and improvements to the existing wharf. Improvements to the existing wharf include upgrades to the primary and secondary electrical power supply; upgraded lightning protection and grounding system; new electrical substation building, perimeter fencing, and floodlighting system; and seismic upgrades.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Nora Macariola-See, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific (Code EV2 NM), 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100, Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-3134, telephone 808-472-1402.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The text of the entire Record of Decision (ROD) is provided as follows: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, 42 U.S.C. Section 4332(2)(c), and the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality that implement NEPA procedures (40 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 1500-1508), the Department of the Navy (Navy) announces its decision to extend Kilo Wharf by 400 feet (ft) (122 meters [m]) to the west at Apra Harbor Naval Complex (AHNC), Guam, Mariana Islands. The proposed wharf extension will be accomplished as set out in the West Extension Alternative, described in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) as the preferred alternative.

Kilo Wharf is located within the AHNC in Outer Apra Harbor, and is the Department of Defense's (DoD's) only dedicated ammunition wharf in the Western Pacific Region. The Navy proposes to extend Kilo Wharf to provide adequate berthing facilities (including shore utilities and wharf-side handling area) to support a new class of ammunition ship that will replace existing ammunition ships currently forward deployed to the AHNC. The DoD is developing a new class of multi-purpose dry cargo/ammunition ship (designated as "T-AKE"), scheduled to be in service in Guam in fiscal year 2010.

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to ensure that Commander, Navy Region Marianas (COMNAVREGMARIANAS) continues to provide ammunition on and off loading capability in direct support of DoD strategic forward power projection and maintain the readiness of the Navy's operating forces in the Western Pacific region. COMNAVREGMARIANAS provides operational, fuel re-supply, ordnance, and other logistic support to Fleet units

of the Pacific Region and operating forces of the Navy's Fifth and Seventh Fleets. The Proposed Action will enable COMNAVREGMARIANAS to provide adequate facilities for the new T-AKE vessels forward deployed to Guam in accordance with DoD technical design standards for safe and efficient ordnance loading/offloading, in order to maintain its current support mission. The need for the Proposed Action is to ensure Kilo Wharf meets *Facility Planning Criteria for Navy and Marine Corps Shore Installations (P-80)* and *Military Handbook 1025/1, Piers and Wharves* criteria for berthing the T-AKE. There are no other suitable facilities on Guam available to accommodate this class of ammunition ship.

**Public Involvement:** Public involvement is discussed in Section 1.6 of the FEIS and summarized here. A Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS for the Proposed Action was published in the **Federal Register** (Vol. 70, No. 145, Page 43848) on 29 July 2005. Two public scoping meetings were held on Guam 30 August 2005 and 2 September 2005. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) on 2 March 2007. A Notice of Availability of the DEIS was published in the **Federal Register** on 9 March 2007 (Vol. 72, No. 46, Page 10749), initiating a 45-day public comment period which ended on 23 April 2007.

A Notice of Public Hearing for the DEIS was published in the **Federal Register** (Vol. 72, No. 46, Page 10721) on 9 March 2007. A public hearing was held on Guam 28 March 2007 to provide Federal, Territorial, and local agencies and interested parties the opportunity to provide oral and written comments on the DEIS. The Navy considered relevant issues raised during the 45-day public comment period for the DEIS. The Navy received 11 written comment letters by agencies, organizations and interested individuals during the DEIS public comment period. Issues raised during the DEIS public comment period are summarized in Section 1.6 of the FEIS.

The FEIS was filed with the USEPA on 11 October 2007. A Notice of Availability of the FEIS was published in the **Federal Register** on 19 October 2007 (Vol. 72, No. 202, Page 59287), initiating a 30-day wait period (no action period) which ended on 19 November 2007. The FEIS included identification of the Preferred Alternative, best management practices (BMPs) and mitigation measures to reduce environmental consequences, and public and agency comments on the DEIS as well as responses to those comments.