

NMFS has determined that pile driving could potentially result in harassment to marine mammals but such harassment will have a negligible impact on affected marine mammals and stocks. Therefore NMFS has authorized the taking of 34 beluga whales, 20 harbor seals, 20 harbor porpoises, and 20 killer whales. While behavioral modifications may be made by these species to avoid the resultant acoustic stimuli, when the natural reaction of marine mammals to loud sound, the already noisy background noise level of Knik Arm, habituation of beluga whales, and the required mitigation and monitoring are taken into consideration, NMFS does expect any long-term, significant alterations to marine mammal behavior that could impact vital life functions or decrease reproduction rates. Mitigation measures set forth in the USACE permit will minimize impact to habitat and therefore the effect on availability of prey for marine mammals. The activity will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of marine mammals for subsistence hunting. Mitigation measures are set in place to ensure no injury or mortality would occur. A conservative injury safety zone, shut down requirements, and soft-starts methods, in combination with diligent monitoring, will minimize adverse impacts.

Authorization

As a result of these determinations, NMFS has issued an IHA to the Port of Anchorage and the U.S. Department Maritime Administration, provided the previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated.

Dated: July 15, 2008.

James H. Lecky,

*Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

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 Government in the Sunshine 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 Missile Defense Advisory Committee (hereafter referred to as the Committee).

The Committee is a discretionary federal advisory committee established by the Secretary of Defense to provide the Department of Defense and the Director, Missile Defense Agency independent advice and recommendations on all matters relating to missile defense, including system development, technology, program maturity and readiness of configurations of the Ballistic Missile Defense System. The Committee, in accomplishing its mission: (a) Conducted an assessment of the MDA's Capabilities-Based Acquisition approach; (b) made recommendations in the areas of Approach, Transition to Production and Sustainment, Block Names, and MDA-Managed Systems; (c) assessed the U.S. ballistic missile defense capabilities against a certain potential level of threat; and (d) set forth recommendation in the areas of Deterrence, Research and Development, and Combatant Commands and Services.

The Committee shall be composed of not more than 10 members, who are distinguished authorities in the field of national defense policy, acquisition and technical areas relating to Ballistic Missile Defense System Programs. Committee members appointed by the Secretary of Defense, who are not federal officers or employees, shall be appointed as experts and consultants under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 3109 and with the exception of travel and per diem for official travel, shall serve without compensation, unless otherwise authorized by the Secretary of Defense. The Secretary of Defense shall renew the appointments of these Special Government Employees on an annual basis. The Committee shall select the Chairperson from the total Committee membership.

The Committee shall be authorized to establish subcommittees, as necessary and consistent with its mission, and these subcommittees or working groups shall operate under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976, and other appropriate federal regulations.

Such subcommittees or workgroups shall not work independently of the chartered Committee, and shall report all their recommendations and advice to the Committee for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees or workgroups have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the chartered Committee nor can they report directly to the Department of Defense or any

federal officers or employees who are not Committee members.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact Jim Freeman, Deputy Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, 703-601-6128.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee shall meet at the call of the Committee's Designated Federal Officer, in consultation with the Committee's chairperson. The Designated Federal Officer, pursuant to DoD policy, 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 duly appointed Alternate Designated Federal Officer shall attend all committee meetings and subcommittee meetings.

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140, the public or interested organizations may submit written statements to the Missile Defense Advisory Committee membership about the Committee's mission and functions. Written statements may be submitted at any time or in response to the stated agenda of planned meeting of the Missile Defense Advisory Committee.

All written statements shall be submitted to the Designated Federal Officer for the Missile Defense Advisory Committee, and this individual will ensure that the written statements are provided to the membership for their consideration. Contact information for the Missile Defense Advisory Committee's Designated Federal Officer can be obtained from the GSA's FACA Database—<https://www.fido.gov/facadatabase/public.asp>.

The Designated Federal Officer, pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.150, will announce planned meetings of the Missile Defense Advisory Committee. The Designated Federal Officer, at that time, may provide additional guidance on the submission of written statements that are in response to the stated agenda for the planned meeting in question.

Dated: July 11, 2008.

Patricia L. Toppings,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Board of Visitors Meeting

AGENCY: Defense Acquisition University, DoD.

ACTION: Board of visitors meeting.

SUMMARY: The next meeting of the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) Board of Visitors (BoV) will be held at Defense Acquisition University, Fort Belvoir, VA. The purpose of this meeting is to report back to the BoV on continuing items of interest.

DATES: July 24, 2008 from 0900–1400.

ADDRESSES: Packard Conference Center, Defense Acquisition University, Bldg. 184, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Patricia Cizmada at 703–805–5133.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public; however, because of space limitations, allocation of seating will be made on a first-come, first served basis. Persons desiring to attend the meeting should call Ms. Patricia Cizmada at 703–805–5133.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Advisory Committee on Military Personnel Testing

AGENCY: Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, DoD.

ACTION: Meeting notice.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102–3.150, the Department of Defense announces the following Federal Advisory Committee Meeting of the Defense Advisory Committee on Military Personnel Testing.

DATES: Wednesday, August 21, 2008 (8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and Thursday, August 22, 2008 (8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Rochester, 125 East Main Street, Rochester, NY 14604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Jane Arabian, (703) 697–9271.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of the meeting is to review planned changes and progress in developing computerized and paper-and-pencil enlistment tests.

Agenda: The agenda includes an overview of current enlistment test development timelines and planned research for the next three years. In addition, the recently completed Initial Operational Test and Evaluation results for new test forms will be presented to the Committee for their review and implementation recommendations.

Public's Accessibility to the Meeting: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102–3.140 through 102–3.165, and the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public.

Committee's Designated Federal Officer or Point of Contact: Dr. Jane M. Arabian, Assistant Director, Accession Policy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), Room 2B271, The Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–4000, telephone (703) 697–9271.

Persons desiring to make oral presentations or submit written statements for consideration at the Committee meeting must contact Dr. Jane M. Arabian at the address or telephone number above no later than August 8, 2008.

Dated: July 11, 2008.

Patricia L. Toppings,

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Department of Defense.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Task Force on Sexual Assault in the Military Services

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness); DoD.

ACTION: Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 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), 41 CFR 102–3.140 and 41 CFR 102–3.150, announcement is made of the following committee meeting of the Defense Task Force on Sexual Assault in the Military Services (hereafter referred to as the Task Force).

DATES: August 11, 2008 through August 15, 2008 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

ADDRESSES: Embassy Suites Alexandria—Old Town, Windsor East, 1900 Diagonal Road, Alexandria, VA 22314.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Col Jackson-Chandler, Designated Federal Officer, Defense Task Force on Sexual Assault in the Military Services, 2850 Eisenhower Ave, Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, Telephone: (703) 325–6640, DSN# 221, Fax: (703) 325–6710/6711, E-mail: cora.chandler@wso.whs.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of this open meeting is to obtain information related to the Task Force's congressionally mandated task to examine matters related to sexual assault in the military services through briefings from the Department of Defense (DoD) experts, and DoD agencies; the Department of Veteran Affairs and the Department of Justice; the Alliance for National Defense and the Law Office of Mr. Charles Gittins.

Agenda:

Monday, Aug 11, 2008
Day 1

8 a.m.–8:15 a.m.	Opening Remarks	Co-Chairs.
8:15 a.m.–9:15 a.m.	U.S. Navy Briefing	Mr. Paul Finch.
	Sexual Assault Program.	
	Training.	
	Cultural Sensitivity/Competency.	
10 a.m.–10:15 a.m.	Break.	
10:15 a.m.–11:30 p.m.	SAPR & VA Program	Mr. Paul Finch.
	Medical.	
	Mental Health.	
	Pastoral Care.	
	Legal.	
	Law Enforcement/Investigations.	
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Lunch.	
12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m.	Violence Against Women	Honorable Diane Stuart, Former Department of Justice.