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Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301)427-2521, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing e-mail comments is [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 774-1847-04.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kate Swails or Tammy Adams, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject amendment to Permit No. 774-1847-03, is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Permit No. 774-1847-03, issued on August 14, 2008 (73 FR 49648) authorizes the applicant to take up to 710 Antarctic fur seals (*Arctophalus gazella*), 20 leopard seals (*Hydrurga leptonyx*), and 180 southern elephant seals (*Mirounga leonina*) annually in Antarctica. The animals are captured, measured, weighed, tagged, blood sampled, vibrissae collected, and have time-depth recorders, VHF transmitters, and platform terminal transmitters attached. A subset of seals are given an enema, have a tooth extracted, milk sampled, blubber/muscle sampled, tissue sampled, and are part of a doubly-labeled water study on energetics.

The Permit Holder requests authorization to begin a Weddell seal (*Leptonychotes weddellii*) study to understand movements, site fidelity, and demographics of this species in Antarctica. Up to 60 Weddell seals would be taken annually. Seals would be instrumented and sampled (blood, vibrissae, muscle/blubber, milk, and tissue). The applicant is requesting up to 4 research-related mortalities of Weddell seals (2 adults and 2 juveniles)

annually. The applicant also requests authorization to deploy microprocessors attached to flipper tags on fur seals, increase the number of tissue samples collected from fur seals, increase the number of leopard seals and fur seals tagged (for the purposes of retagging), and use an unmanned aircraft system for aerial photography. These activities are proposed for the duration of the permit, which expires on September 30, 2011.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: June 25, 2009.

**P. Michael Payne,**

*Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### National Estuarine Research Reserve System

**AGENCY:** Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Approval and Availability for the revised Guana Tolomato Matanzas, Florida National Estuarine Research Reserve Management Plan.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Department of Commerce has approved the revised Guana Tolomato Matanzas, Florida National Estuarine Research Reserve Management Plan.

The Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve is located in St. Johns and Flagler counties and is geographically separated into a

northern and southern component separated by the City of St. Augustine. The Reserve was designated in 1999. Pursuant to 15 CFR 921.33(c), a state must revise their management plan every five years. The submission of this plan brings the Reserve into compliance and sets a course for successful implementation of the goals and objectives of the Reserve.

The revised management plan outlines the administrative structure; the education, stewardship, and research goals of the reserve; and the plans for future land acquisition and facility development to support reserve operations. The Reserve management goals and objectives can be categorized within the following five management challenges: Public use, habitat and species management, watershed land use, cultural preservation and interpretation, and global processes. These issues can be directly or indirectly linked to anthropogenic land use of increasing population densities accompanied by increasing development, recreation and economic pressures.

The Guana Tolomato Matanzas Environmental Education Center is a notable addition since the last management plan and serves as the administrative, education, research, and stewardship facility for the northern component of the Reserve. The facility will provide an opportunity for further outreach to the community and serve as a center of excellence for regional science, education and stewardship forums.

The boundary of the Reserve is being expanded to include 8,865 acres of publicly owned land in the southern component of the reserve. Approximately 4,166 acres of the Faver-Dykes State Park is being added to the 1,333 acres of the Faver-Dykes State Park incorporated at designation. The additional park lands will provide new resources and allow for an extension of the existing partnership. Additionally, 4,699 acres of the Matanzas State Forest is being added to the Reserve boundary to protect the last remaining undisturbed salt marsh within the Reserve and is part of a 16,000 acre continuous conservation corridor. These additions will bring the total Reserve acreage to 73,352 acres protected for long-term research, education and stewardship. Pursuant to 15 CFR 921.33, NOAA published a notice in the **Federal Register** providing an opportunity for public comment on July 7, 2008. No comments were received.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Erica Seiden at (301) 713-3155 or

NOAA's National Ocean Service, Estuarine Reserves Division, 1305 East-West Highway, Station 10542, Silver Spring, MD 20910. To access the Guana Tolomato Matanzas, FL Management Plan visit <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/sites/gtm/management/plan.htm>.

Dated: June 11, 2009.

**David M. Kennedy,**

Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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## COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

### Economic and Environmental Principles and Guidelines for Water and Related Land Resources Implementation Studies; Initiation of Revision and Request for Suggested Changes

**AGENCY:** Council on Environmental Quality.

**ACTION:** Notice and Request for Suggestions.

**SUMMARY:** Section 2031 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-114) directs the Secretary of the Army to revise the "Economic and Environmental Principles and Guidelines for Water and Related Land Resources Implementation Studies," dated March 10, 1983, consistent with a number of considerations enumerated in the statute. The Administration is considering developing uniform planning standards for the development of water resources that would apply government-wide, including agencies other than the traditional water resources development agencies covered under the current Principles and Guidelines: the Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation (Interior), Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA), and Tennessee Valley Authority. Therefore, the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) will facilitate an interagency drafting of revised Principles and Guidelines for planning water resources projects that could be applied government-wide.

Upon completion, the revision would apply to Federal water resources implementation studies including project reevaluations and modifications except those commenced prior to the issuance of the revised guidance. It is intended that the revision will be conducted in two phases, with the first phase addressing revisions to the 1983

Principles and Standards (Chapter I of the existing Guidelines) and the second phase addressing revisions to the Procedures (Chapters II through IV of the 1983 Guidelines). The purpose of this notice is to provide an opportunity for interested individuals and organizations to submit suggestions for revising the Principles and Guidelines. Using that input, CEQ intends for the initial draft of the revision to be prepared and released for public comments and review by the National Academy of Sciences.

**DATES:** CEQ will hold a Webinar to hear public comment on recommendations to revise the Principles and Guidelines on July 13, 2009, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. EDT. Written suggestions are being accepted now and will be accepted through the end of the business day, July 17, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Suggestions should be submitted in writing to the Council on Environmental Quality, Attn: Terry Breyman, 722 Jackson Place, NW., Washington, DC 20503 or via e-mail to [P&G@ceq.eop.gov](mailto:P&G@ceq.eop.gov) or FAX 202-456-6546.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Terry Breyman, Associate Director for Natural Resources, at 202-456-9721.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council on Environmental Quality is initiating the first phase of this revision to include the 1983 Principles and Standards (Chapter I of the Guidelines). Revision of Chapters II through IV of the Guidelines will be initiated at a later date. The Secretary requests that each suggested revision be accompanied by a statement of the intent of the revision. Written suggestions (by mail, e-mail, or fax) are preferred and should be submitted to Terry Breyman, 722 Jackson Place, NW., Washington, DC 20503 or via e-mail to [P&G@ceq.eop.gov](mailto:P&G@ceq.eop.gov) or FAX 202-456-6546. In addition, CEQ will hold a Webinar to hear suggestions for proposed revisions on July 13, 2009, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. EDT. To participate in the Webinar, you must register at <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/411954714>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing information about joining the Webinar. System requirements for PC-based attendees: Windows2000, XP Home, XP Pro, 2003 Server, Vista. Mcintosh-based attendees require Mac OS X 10.4 (Tiger) or newer. Those needing to make suggestions and ask questions may attend this meeting in person at the U.S. EPA offices at Two Potomac Yard (North Building), Room n-1600 (6th floor), 2733 South Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202. To facilitate oral suggestions, the time available to speak will be divided by random drawing.

Interested individuals and organizations may request copies of the following documents by mail or e-mail or access them at the Internet addresses indicated: "Economic and Environmental Principles and Guidelines for Water and Related Land Resources Implementation Studies dated March 10, 1983 ([http://www.usace.army.mil/CECW/PlanningCOP/Documents/library/Principles\\_Guidelines.pdf](http://www.usace.army.mil/CECW/PlanningCOP/Documents/library/Principles_Guidelines.pdf)) Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-114) at [http://www.usace.army.mil/CECW/PlanningCOP/Documents/library/hr1495\\_pl110-114.pdf](http://www.usace.army.mil/CECW/PlanningCOP/Documents/library/hr1495_pl110-114.pdf).

Dated: June 26, 2009.

**Nancy H. Sutley,**

Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary of Defense

#### Defense Business Board (DBB)

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**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 Business Board (DBB) will take place.

**DATES:** The public meeting of the Board will be held on Thursday, July 16, 2009, beginning at 10:45 a.m. and ending at 11:45 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Pentagon Conference Center, Washington, DC (escort required, see below).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For meeting information please contact Ms. Debora Duffy, Defense Business Board, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Room 3C288, Washington, DC 20301-1155, [Debora.duffy@osd.mil](mailto:Debora.duffy@osd.mil), (703) 697-2168.

The Board's Designated Federal Officer is Ms. Phyllis Ferguson, Defense Business Board, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Room 3C288, Washington, DC 20301-1155, [Phyllis.ferguson@osd.mil](mailto:Phyllis.ferguson@osd.mil), (703) 695-7563.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### (a) Background

At this meeting, the Board will deliberate findings and recommendations from two Task