

However, masking only occurs during the time of the signal (and potential secondary arrivals of indirect rays), versus TTS, which occurs continuously for its duration. Impulse sounds from underwater detonation and pile driving are brief and the majority of most animals' vocalizations would not be masked. Although impulse noises such as those from underwater explosives and impact pile driving tend to decay at distance, and thus become non-impulse, give the area of extremely shallow water (which effectively attenuates low frequency sound of these impulses) and the small NEW of explosives, the SPLs at these distances are expected to be barely above ambient level. Therefore, masking effects from underwater detonation are expected to be minimal and unlikely. If masking or communication impairment were to occur briefly, it would be in the frequency ranges below 100 Hz, which overlaps with some mysticete vocalizations; however, it would likely not mask the entirety of any particular vocalization or communication series because of the short impulse.

#### *PTS, Injury, or Mortality*

The modeling for take estimates show that no marine mammal would be taken by Level A harassment (injury, PTS included) or mortality due to the low power of the underwater detonation and the small ZOIs.

Based on these assessments, NMFS determined that approximately 6 gray whales, 221 California sea lions, 12 harbor seals, and 323 bottlenose dolphins could be affected by Level B harassment (TTS and sub-TTS) as a result of the proposed SSTC training activities. These numbers represent approximately 0.02%, 0.93%, and 0.06% of gray whales (eastern North Pacific stock), California sea lions (U.S. Stock), and harbor seal (California stock), respectively in the vicinity of the proposed SSTC Study Area (calculation based on NMFS 2009 U.S. Pacific Marine Mammal Stock Assessment; Carretta *et al.* 2010). However, the estimated take of California coastal stock of bottlenose dolphin indicates that the entire population (100%) could be affected as the result of the Navy's proposed SSTC training activities. Given the fact that these annual takes are spread over the entire year, and that on average each individual bottlenose dolphin would be exposed once to received levels that could cause Level B harassment in a year, NMFS does not believe such adverse effects would be biologically significant as to affect the growth, survivor, and reproduction of this stock.

Additionally, as discussed previously, the aforementioned take estimates do not account for the implementation of mitigation measures. With the implementation of mitigation and monitoring measures, NMFS expects that the takes would be reduced further. Coupled with the fact that these impacts will likely not occur in areas and times critical to reproduction, NMFS has preliminarily determined that the total taking incidental to the Navy's proposed SSTC training activities would have a negligible impact on the marine mammal species and stocks present in the SSTC Study Area.

#### **Endangered Species Act (ESA)**

No marine mammal species are listed as endangered or threatened under the ESA with confirmed or possible occurrence in the study area. Therefore, section 7 consultation under the ESA for NMFS's proposed issuance of an MMPA authorization is not warranted.

#### **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)**

The Navy is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed SSTC training activities. A draft EIS was released in July 2010 and it is available at <http://www.silverstrandtraining.com/complexeis.com/EIS.aspx/>. NMFS is a cooperating agency (as defined by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR 1501.6)) in the preparation of the EIS. NMFS has reviewed the Draft EIS and will be working with the Navy on the Final EIS (FEIS).

NMFS intends to adopt the Navy's FEIS, if adequate and appropriate, and we believe that the Navy's FEIS will allow NMFS to meet its responsibilities under NEPA for the issuance of the IHA for training activities in the SSTC Study Area. If the Navy's FEIS is not adequate, NMFS will supplement the existing analysis and documents to ensure that we comply with NEPA prior to the issuance of the IHA.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

### **Notice of Submission for OMB Review**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Comment Request.

**SUMMARY:** The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division,

Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13).

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 18, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, *Attention:* Education Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, be faxed to (202) 395-5806 or e-mailed to

*oira\_submission@omb.eop.gov* with a cc: To *ICDocketMgr@ed.gov*. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The OMB is particularly interested in comments which: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: October 13, 2010.

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### **Institute of Education Sciences**

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement.  
*Title of Collection:* Schools and Staffing Survey (SASS 2011/12)  
Preliminary Field Activities 2010/11.

*OMB Control Number:* 1850-0598.

*Agency Form Number(s):* N/A.

*Frequency of Responses:* One time.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Government, State

Educational Agencies or Local Educational Agencies.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 18,503.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 886.

**Abstract:** The Schools and Staffing Survey (SASS) is an in-depth, nationally representative survey of first through twelfth grade public and private school teachers, principals, schools, library media centers, and school districts. For public school districts, principals, schools, teachers and school libraries, the survey estimates are state-representative. For private school principals, schools, and teachers, the survey estimates are representative of private school types. There are two additional components within SASS's 4-year data collection cycle: The Teacher Follow-up Survey and the Principal Follow-up Survey, which are conducted a year after the SASS main collection. SASS respondents include public and private school principals, teachers, and school and school district staff. Topics covered include characteristics of teachers, principals, schools, school libraries, teacher training opportunities, retention, retirement, hiring, and shortages. This submission for SASS 2011/12 requests OMB approval for preliminary field activities to take place prior to data collection in the fall of 2011, including (a) submitting SASS research applications to special districts that require prior research approval before their schools and a coordinator can be recruited for the study; (b) conducting a calling operation to verify whether a subset of districts are one-school districts and will require receiving a combined school- and district-level questionnaire; (c) contacting all of the remaining districts, asking whether they are willing to provide a Teacher Listing Form at a later time and to request email addresses for sampled school principals; and (d) mailing of a pre-contact letter to sample schools to verify the mailing address of the school and to notify the school about the upcoming data collection.

Requests for copies of the information collection submission for OMB review may be accessed from the RegInfo.gov Web site at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain> or from the Department's Web site at <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 4376. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue,

SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection and OMB Control Number when making your request.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Revised Record of Decision for Offer of Conditional Commitment for a Loan Guarantee for, and Electrical Interconnection of, the Shepherds Flat Wind Project

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Loan Programs Office (LP) and Bonneville Power Administration (BPA).

**ACTION:** Revised Record of Decision (ROD).

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy announces its decisions to provide a conditional loan guarantee for, and interconnection to the Federal Columbia River Transmission System (FCRTS) of, the 846-megawatt (MW) Shepherds Flat Wind Project (Wind Project) in Gilliam and Morrow counties, Oregon. This ROD revises a previous BPA ROD approving the interconnection of the Wind Project to the FCRTS that was issued on July 18, 2008. The Revised ROD reflects the decisions with regard to the Wind Project for: The issuance by BPA of modified Large Generator Interconnection Agreements (LGIAs); and the offer by LP of a conditional commitment for a loan guarantee to Caithness Shepherds Flat, LLC (CSF) for construction of the Wind Project. The Revised ROD also addresses the division of the previously approved Wind Project into three separate projects, and the transfer of these projects to three separate subsidiaries of CSF that will result in additional turbines, adjustments of site boundaries and additional acreage.

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Compliance Division, Loan Programs Office (LP-1), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; telephone 202-586-7248; or e-mail [Matthew.McMillen@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Matthew.McMillen@hq.doe.gov). For general information about the DOE National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process contact Carol Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (GC-54), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; telephone 202-586-4600; leave a message at 800-472-2756; or e-mail [AskNEPA@hq.doe.gov](mailto:AskNEPA@hq.doe.gov). Information about DOE NEPA activities and access to many DOE NEPA documents are available through the DOE NEPA Web site at <http://www.nepa.energy.gov>.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the Revised ROD, the July 2008 ROD for the Electrical Interconnection of the Shepherds Flat Wind Project, the Business Plan Environmental Impact Statement and Business Plan ROD may be obtained by: (1) Calling the BPA toll-free document request line, 1-800-622-4520, (2) submitting a request to the BPA Public Information Center, P.O. Box 12999, Portland, Oregon 97212, or (3) accessing these documents on the BPA NEPA document Web site at [http://www.efw.bpa.gov/environmental\\_services/nepadocs.aspx](http://www.efw.bpa.gov/environmental_services/nepadocs.aspx). The Revised ROD will also be posted on the DOE LP Web site at <http://www.lgprogram.energy.gov> and the DOE NEPA Web site at <http://www.nepa.energy.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Introduction**

On July 18, 2008, the BPA issued a ROD to interconnect the proposed Wind Project to the FCRTS (73 FR 43730, July 28, 2008). DOE, through its Loan Programs Office, and BPA, are issuing this Revised ROD to address actions by the project developers subsequent to the 2008 ROD: A loan guarantee application submitted to LP, and applications to BPA for Large Generator Interconnection Agreements related to the transfer of ownership of the Wind Project to three wholly owned subsidiaries. The Wind Project, as modified, has been approved by the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC).

As with the decision made by BPA for the originally proposed Wind Project, BPA and LP decisions concerning the revised Wind Project are consistent with and tiered to the BPA Business Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement (BP EIS) (DOE/EIS-0183, June 1995),