

operations during the pupping and molting season; therefore, no pups will be affected by the proposed action and no impacts to any seals will occur as a result of the specified activity during these sensitive time periods. Mitigation measures (e.g. beginning work at the farthest distance to the haulout as possible, use of a muffler pack, etc.) will minimize onset of sudden, acute reactions and overall disturbance during project activities. In addition, it is not likely that seals at multiple haulouts will be disturbed simultaneously as work, for example, may affect the southern haulout but not the northern haulout based on location of the crew and barge. Although seals may initially flush into the water, based on previous disturbance studies and maintenance activity at the haulouts, the DNR expects seals will quickly habituate to piling and structure removal operations. For these reasons no long term or permanent abandonment of the haulout is anticipated.

The seals at Woodard Bay are considered resident and make small daily movements to forage; however, exactly how far they transit is unknown. The mean count of the localized seal population from 1977–2008 was 315 animals during the pupping season with a maximum of 400 individuals counted in 2008 during this time. However, as described above, these numbers drop over the late fall and winter. The DNR has scheduled the project to occur from November–February, a time outside of sensitive reproductive periods and during a time seal numbers are lowest. The DNR is authorized to take approximately 171 seals multiple times. The number of individual seals harassed may be considered small (10.5%) when compared to the Inland Washington stock size (n=14,612). The fact that only temporary Level B, or behavioral, harassment would occur, and that the activity has been scheduled outside of sensitive reproduction periods, ensures that the least practicable adverse impact will occur.

Based on the analysis contained herein of the likely effects of the specified activity on marine mammals and their habitat, and taking into consideration the implementation of the mitigation and monitoring measures, NMFS finds that piling and structure removal associated with the WA DNR's habitat restoration project will result in the incidental take of small numbers of marine mammals by Level B harassment only, and that the total taking from the specified activity will have a negligible impact on the affected species or stocks.

Impact on Availability of Affected Species for Taking for Subsistence Uses

There are no relevant subsistence uses of marine mammals implicated by this action. Endangered Species Act (ESA); thus, there will not be an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability for taking marine mammals for subsistence uses.

No marine mammals listed under the ESA have the potential to be taken incidental to the proposed action as none occur within the action area. Therefore, Section 7 consultation under the ESA is not required.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), as implemented by the regulations published by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), and NOAA Administrative Order 216–6, NMFS has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) to consider the direct, indirect and cumulative effects to pinnipeds and other applicable environmental resources resulting from issuance of the IHA. On October 27, 2010, NMFS issued a Finding of No Significant Impact on the EA.

Dated: October 29, 2010.

James H. Lecky,

*Director, Office of Protected Resources,
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DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

Extension of Time To Supplement Hearing Record

AGENCY: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

ACTION: Extension of time to supplement hearing record.

SUMMARY: The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) published a document in the **Federal Register** of July 26, 2010, (75 FR 43495), as amended, (75 FR 56080), concerning notice of a public hearing and meeting on October 7 and 8, 2010, with regard to the safety-related aspects of the design and construction of the Department of Energy's Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant at the Hanford Site. The Board stated in that notice that the Board would hold the hearing record open until November 7, 2010, for the receipt of additional materials. The Board made the same

representation at the conclusion of the hearing on October 8, 2010.

Extension of Time: The Board now extends the period of time for which the hearing record will remain open an additional sixty (60) days until January 6, 2011. The Board has become aware of information which indicates that the public interest will be best served by extending the deadline for submission of materials into the hearing record. The Board will consider any such additional material in the course of evaluating its response to information collected at the hearing.

Contact Person for More Information: Brian Grosner, General Manager, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004–2901, (800) 788–4016. This is a toll-free number.

Dated: November 1, 2010.

Peter S. Winokur,
Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Meeting of the Chief of Naval Operations Executive Panel

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Partially Closed Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Executive Panel will report on the findings and recommendations of the Latin America and the Caribbean, 2010 Subcommittee study. The meeting will consist of open and closed discussions. Closed discussions will include national and naval intelligence analysis, as well as consider major challenges which the United States will face over the next five years and implications of the regional security environment on the prospective role of U.S. naval forces. Open discussions will include the political, social and economic environment of Latin America and the Caribbean, focusing on crime (particularly narcotics trafficking), regional ethnic conflicts, and analysis of regional democratic processes. The discussion will concentrate on Central and South America and the Caribbean; considering issues also effecting Mexico as appropriate.

DATES: The meeting will be held on December 14, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The session from 9 a.m.–10 a.m. will be open to the public; the session from 10 a.m.–11:30 a.m. will be closed to the public.