

the Need for a NOAA Environmental Data Management Framework; (5) Proposal for a RESTORE Act Working Group; (6) Membership for the Climate Working Group; and (7) Updates from SAB Working Groups.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Cynthia Decker, Executive Director, Science Advisory Board, NOAA, Rm. 11230, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (Phone: 301-734-1156, Fax: 301-713-1459. Email: Cynthia.Decker@noaa.gov; or visit the NOAA SAB Web site at <http://www.sab.noaa.gov>.

Dated: March 8, 2013.

Jason Donaldson,

Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered Species; File No. 17022

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the NMFS Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center (PIFSC; Samuel Pooley, Ph.D., Responsible Party), has been issued a permit to take green (*Chelonia mydas*) and hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) sea turtles for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376; and Pacific Islands Region, NMFS, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Rm 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814-4700; phone (808) 944-2200; fax (808) 973-2941;

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Hapeman or Rosa L. González, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 25, 2012, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 37877) that a request for a scientific research permit to take green and hawksbill sea turtles

had been submitted by the above-named organization. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

The PIFSC is authorized to begin long-term monitoring of green and hawksbill sea turtles in the remote U.S. Islands and Territories excluding Hawaii in the Central Pacific to estimate sea turtle abundance, size ranges, health status, habitat use, foraging ecology, local movements, and migration routes. Researchers may capture, examine, measure, flipper and passive integrated transponder tag, weigh, skin and blood sample, and/or attach transmitters on sea turtles before release. Researchers also may collect the carcasses, tissues and parts of dead sea turtles encountered during surveys. The permit is valid for five years.

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit (1) Was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered or threatened species, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: March 11, 2013.

P. Michael Payne,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Technical Information Service

National Technical Information Service Advisory Board

AGENCY: National Technical Information Service, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the next meeting of the National Technical Information Service Advisory Board (the Advisory Board), which advises the Secretary of Commerce and the Director of the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) on policies and operations of the Service.

DATES: The Advisory Board will meet on Friday, April 19, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 4:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The Advisory Board will be held in Room 115 of the NTIS Facility at 5301 Shawnee Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22312. Please note admittance

instructions under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Bruce Borzino, (703) 605-6405, bborzino@ntis.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NTIS Advisory Board is established by Section 3704b(c) of Title 15 of the United States Code. The charter has been filed in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.).

The morning session will focus on a review of NTIS performance in the first half of Fiscal Year 2013. The afternoon session is expected to focus on program plans for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2013. A final agenda and summary of the proceedings will be posted at NTIS Web site as soon as they are available (<http://www.ntis.gov/about/advisorybd.aspx>).

The NTIS Facility is a secure one. Accordingly persons wishing to attend should call the NTIS Visitors Center, (703) 605-6040, to arrange for admission. If there are sufficient expressions of interest, up to one-half hour will be reserved for public comments during the afternoon session. Questions from the public will not be considered by the Board but any person who wishes to submit a written question for the Board's consideration should mail or email it to the NTIS Visitor Center, bookstore@ntis.gov, not later than April 10, 2013.

Dated: March 11, 2013.

Bruce Borzino,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Disposal and Reuse of the Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach Detachment Concord, City of Concord, California, and To Announce Public Scoping Meetings

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), the Department of the Navy (DoN) announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

to evaluate the potential environmental consequences of the disposal and reuse of surplus property at the former Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach Detachment Concord (NWS Concord), Concord, Contra Costa County, California. In accordance with NEPA, before disposing of any real property, the DoN must analyze the environmental effects of the disposal of the NWS Concord property. A 30-day public scoping period is being held to receive comments on the scope of the EIS, including the range of actions, alternatives, and environmental concerns that should be addressed. Public scoping meetings will also be held in the City of Concord, California, to provide information and receive written comments on the scope of the EIS. Federal, state, and local agencies and interested individuals are invited to comment on the scope of the EIS and attend the public scoping meeting.

Dates and Addresses: Two public scoping meetings will be held on Thursday, April 4, 2013 at 4:00–6:00 p.m. and 7:00–9:00 p.m. at the Concord Senior Citizens Center (Wisteria Room), 2727 Parkside Circle, Concord, California, 94519. DoN representatives will be available to provide clarification as necessary related to the EIS. There will not be a formal presentation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Director, NAVFAC BRAC PMO West, Attn: Mr. Ronald Bochenek, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 900, San Diego, California 92108–4310, telephone 619–532–0906, fax 619–532–9858, email: ronald.bochenek.ctr@navy.mil.

For more information on the NWS Concord EIS visit the DoN BRAC PMO Web site (<http://www.bracpmo.navy.mil>).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 2005, a portion of NWS Concord was designated for closure under the authority of Public Law 101–510, the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, as amended. At the time, the former NWS Concord comprised two major land holdings— (1) the Tidal Area, along Suisun Bay and (2) the Inland Area, within the City of Concord. In 2008, the Tidal Area and 115 acres of the Inland Area were transferred to the U.S. Army and is now the Military Ocean Terminal Concord (6,419 acres in total). In addition, approximately 59 acres of the Inland Area, which supported military housing, was transferred to the U.S. Coast Guard. The remaining 5,038 acres of the Inland Area was declared surplus to the needs of the federal government on May 6, 2007 (72 FR 9935) and its disposal and reuse is the focus of this EIS.

The purpose of the proposed action is the disposal of surplus property at NWS Concord from federal ownership and its subsequent reuse in a manner consistent with the Concord Reuse Project Area Plan, as adopted by the City of Concord on January 24, 2012. The need for the proposed action is to provide the local community the opportunity for economic development and job creation. The DoN is the action proponent for the proposed action. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has requested to serve as a Cooperating Agency.

To assess the potential impacts of the proposed action, the DoN will evaluate two property reuse alternatives and a No Action Alternative. Alternative 1 is the reuse of the property in a manner consistent with the Concord Reuse Project Area Plan. Alternative 2 consists of a greater amount of residential and mixed-use development. Alternative 2 includes elements of the Connected Villages Alternative (Alternative 2) assessed in the 2008 Draft Environmental Impact Report of the City of Concord's Reuse Plan conducted in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act. The No-Action Alternative is evaluated in detail in this EIS as prescribed by CEQ regulations. Both reuse alternatives assume full build-out over a 25-year period; the period of analysis will be during construction and when full build-out has been completed.

Alternative 1 is the disposal and reuse of surplus property at the former NWS Concord in a manner consistent with the Concord Reuse Project Area Plan. Under Alternative 1, approximately 69% of the property would be maintained as conservation, parks, or recreational land uses, and 31% would be mixed-use development, including a mix of office, retail, residential, community facilities, light industrial, and research and development/ educational land uses. Development on the site would involve up to a maximum of 12,272 housing units and 6,100,000 square feet of commercial space over a total development footprint of approximately 1,545 acres. The remaining portion of the property would be utilized for conservation, parks, or recreational land uses, including a 2,537 acre regional park, which would encompass the east side of the property along the ridgeline of the Los Medanos Hills. The western side of the property would be developed as a series of mixed-use development districts, with higher development densities at the north end of the property, near State Route 4 and the North Concord/ Martinez Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) station, and lower density

residential villages as you move south towards Bailey Road. The development districts would be serviced by local and connector streets and two new through-streets, Los Medanos Boulevard running north/south from the BART station and Delta Road running east/west paralleling Highway 4. In addition, the transportation network will include a high-capacity bus transit service that will connect the development to BART, downtown Concord, and the surrounding neighborhoods.

Alternative 2 would include a greater amount of development throughout the site, as approximately 60% of the property would be maintained as conservation, parks, or recreational land uses, and approximately 40% would be mixed-use development, including a mix of office, retail, hotel, residential, and community/institutional land uses. Development on the site would involve up to a maximum of 13,000 housing units, and 7,900,000 square feet of commercial space over a total development footprint of approximately 2,000 acres. The transportation network will include a high-capacity bus transit service throughout the site connecting the villages to downtown Concord and existing neighborhoods. An arterial road connecting Bailey Road and Willow Pass Road would be included east of Mt. Diablo Creek. Alternative 2 is included for the purposes of the NEPA analysis and does not imply a change to the City of Concord's adopted Area Plan and 2030 General Plan, which is the result of a public planning process. The DoN has no role in the community planning process.

The No Action Alternative is required by NEPA and evaluates the impacts at NWS Concord in the event that the surplus property is not disposed. Under this alternative the property would be retained by the DoN in caretaker status. No reuse or redevelopment would occur under this alternative.

The EIS will address potential direct, indirect, short-term, long-term, and cumulative impacts on the human and natural environments, including but not limited to potential impacts on topography, geology and soils; water resources; biological resources; air quality; greenhouse gases and climate change; noise; infrastructure and utilities; transportation, traffic, and circulation; cultural resources; land use; socioeconomics and environmental justice; hazards and hazardous substances; and public services. Known areas of concern associated with the proposed action include impacts on biological and cultural resources, impacts on local traffic patterns resulting from reuse scenarios, and the

cleanup of installation remediation sites.

The DoN is initiating a 30-day scoping period to receive comments on the scope of the EIS, including the range of actions, alternatives, and environmental concerns that should be addressed. Public scoping meetings will be held in the City of Concord, California, to provide information and receive written comments on the scope of the EIS. Federal, state, and local agencies and interested individuals are encouraged to comment on the scope of the EIS or attend the public scoping meetings. To be most helpful, scoping comments should clearly describe specific issues or topics that the commenter believes the EIS should address.

Comments can be made in the following ways: (1) Written comments at the scheduled public scoping meetings; or (2) written comments mailed to the DoN BRAC PMO address in this notice; or (3) written comments faxed to the DoN BRAC PMO fax number in this notice; or (4) comments submitted via email using the DoN BRAC PMO email address in this notice.

Written comments must be postmarked, faxed, or emailed by midnight Friday, April 19, 2013, and sent to: Director, NAVFAC BRAC PMO West, Attn: Mr. Ronald Bochenek, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 900, San Diego, California 92108-4310, telephone 619-532-0906, fax 619-532-9858, email: ronald.bochenek.ctr@navy.mil.

Requests for special assistance, sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired, language interpreters, or other auxiliary aids for the scheduled public scoping meetings must be sent by mail or email by Friday, March 29, 2013 to the address provided in this notice.

C.K. Chiappetta,

Lieutenant Commander, Office of the Judge Advocate General, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Prepare the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Joint Military Training Environmental Impact Statement/ Overseas Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section (102)(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy

Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations parts 1500-1508), and Executive Order 12114, and United States (U.S.) Marine Corps NEPA implementing regulations in Marine Corps Order P5090.2A, Marine Corps Forces, Pacific (MARFORPAC), as the Executive Agent designated by the U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM), announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Overseas EIS (OEIS) to evaluate the potential impacts associated with preliminary alternatives for meeting PACOM Service Components' unfilled unit level and combined level military training requirements in the Western Pacific. The proposed action is to establish a series of live-fire and maneuver Ranges and Training Areas (RTAs) within the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) to meet this purpose.

Existing Department of Defense (DoD) RTAs and support facilities in the Western Pacific, particularly those in the Mariana Islands, are insufficient to support PACOM Service Components' U.S. Code (U.S.C.) Title 10 training requirements for the region. The expansion of existing RTAs and construction of new RTAs will satisfy identified training deficiencies for PACOM forces that are based in or regularly train in the CNMI. These RTAs will be available to U.S. forces and their allies on a continuous and uninterrupted schedule. These RTAs are needed to support ongoing operational requirements, changes to U.S. force structure and geographic positioning of forces, and U.S. training relationships with allied nations.

MARFORPAC, as the Executive Agent, has invited the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA); International Broadcasting Bureau (IBB); U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; National Marine Fisheries Service; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and U.S. Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs, to participate as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS/OEIS. MARFORPAC has also developed a Memorandum of Understanding with the military services regarding their support and engagement in the development of the EIS/OEIS.

MARFORPAC encourages governmental agencies, private-sector organizations, and the general public to participate in the NEPA process for the EIS/OEIS. MARFORPAC is initiating the scoping process for the EIS/OEIS with this Notice of Intent (NOI). Scoping assists MARFORPAC in identifying community concerns and specific issues to be addressed in the EIS/OEIS. All

interested parties are invited to attend the scoping meetings and are encouraged to provide comments. MARFORPAC will consider these comments in determining the scope of the EIS/OEIS.

DATES: Three public scoping meetings, using an open-house format, will be held on the following dates and locations in the CNMI:

- Wednesday, April 10, 2013, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Dandan Elementary School Cafeteria, Dandan Road, Dandan, Saipan, CNMI 96960
- Thursday, April 11, 2013, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Tinian Gym, San Jose, Tinian, CNMI 96950
- Friday, April 12, 2013, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Carolinian Utt, Garapan, Saipan, CNMI 96960

Concurrent with the NEPA process, MARFORPAC is initiating National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 Consultation to determine the potential effects of the proposed action on historic properties. During each of the above meetings, MARFORPAC will hold Section 106 meetings in a separate area where subject matter experts will explain the Section 106 process and solicit public input on the identification of historic properties and potential effects of the proposed action on historic properties.

Comments on the proposed action and preliminary alternatives may be submitted during the 45-day public scoping comment period. Comments should be postmarked or received by April 29, 2013, Chamorro Standard Time (ChST). There are three ways to submit written comments: (1) providing comments at one of the public scoping meetings; (2) submitting comments through the project Web site: www.cnmijointmilitarytrainingeis.com; and (3) mailing comments to the following address: Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific, Attn: EV21, CNMI Joint Military Training EIS/OEIS Project Manager, 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100, JBPHH, HI 96860-3134.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please visit the project Web site or contact the CNMI Joint Military Training EIS/OEIS Project Manager by telephone at 808-472-1253 or by email via the project Web site. Please submit requests for special assistance, sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired, or other auxiliary aids needed at the public scoping open house to the Project Manager by March 25, 2013.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. military is charged with upholding the U.S. Constitution, defending the United