

abundance in Massachusetts state waters of statistical area 514, from Ipswich Bay south to Cape Cod Bay; and state and Federal waters of Buzzards Bay, Vineyard Sound, and nearshore portions of Rhode Island Sound, in statistical areas 537 and 538. Currently, lobster abundance and distribution studies are primarily conducted through fishery independent, random stratified bottom-trawl surveys. MA DMF has stated that trawl surveys lack the capability to efficiently target areas with rocky bottom where lobsters also reside, and is seeking an EFP to use fixed lobster gear to sample such areas.

The EFP would authorize commercial lobster vessels to set, haul, and retain on board lobster traps with closed escape vents during sampling activity. Following a soak time ranging from 3 to 5 days, these lobster traps would be hauled twice per month on dedicated sampling trips, with at least one scientist from MA DMF on board during sampling activity. During sampling trips, no catch will be retained for sale or sold.

MA DMF requests exemption from lobster gear regulations to allow for closed escape vents in order to catch lobsters of all sizes. MA DMF is also requesting exemption from lobster trap limits. This would allow participating vessels to retain on-board survey lobster traps that may cause vessels to exceed their permitted allocation for Lobster Management Area (LMA) 1 (800 trap limit) or LMA 2 (historical qualification up to 800 trap limit). Federal lobster regulations require each active lobster trap to have a commercial trap tag permanently affixed. MA DMF is requesting exemption from this requirement because survey traps will be tagged with "MA DMF Research Trap."

MA DMF is also requesting exemption from the management area designation requirement to allow one Federal lobster permit holder to fish experimental traps in LMA 2 while having an LMA 3 designation on his Federal permit. This exemption would allow the vessel to set survey traps in an area not designated on his permit. This exemption would not allow him to commercially fish and/or land lobsters caught with traps in LMA 2.

Site selection would be based on a random stratified sampling design, consistent with standardized methodology used to perform lobster surveys. All catch during dedicated research trips would be retained on-board for a short period of time to allow MA DMF staff to record the following information: Number of lobsters caught; number of traps hauled; set-over days;

trap and bait type; lobster carapace length; sex; shell hardness; culls and other shell damage; external gross pathology including symptoms of shell disease; mortality; and ovigerous status. MA DMF is requesting exemption from management measures of LMA 1 and 2 for lobster size restrictions, v-notch possession, and egg-bearing lobster possession. MA DMF plans on retaining a small amount of lobsters for growth and maturity research purposes.

If approved, MA DMF may request minor modifications and extensions to the EFP throughout the study. EFP modifications and extensions may be granted without further notice if they are deemed essential to facilitate completion of the proposed research and have minimal impacts that do not change the scope or impact of the initially approved EFP request. Any fishing activity conducted outside the scope of the exempted fishing activity would be prohibited.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Advisory Committee on Arlington National Cemetery Explore, Remember, and Honor Subcommittee Meeting Notice

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice; date correction.

**SUMMARY:** The notice of open meeting notices for the Explore, Remember and Honor subcommittees published in the **Federal Register** on May 20, 2015 (80 FR 28978 & 28979) has changed the date of the meetings. They will now be held on June 24, 2015 at the same times and locations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Brenda K. Curfman; Alternate Designated Federal Officer for the committee and the Explore, Remember and Honor Subcommittees, in writing at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington VA 22211, or by email at [brenda.k.curfman.civ@mail.mil](mailto:brenda.k.curfman.civ@mail.mil), or by phone at 703-614-0998.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Advisory Committee on Arlington National Cemetery Meeting Notice

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice; date correction.

**SUMMARY:** The notice of an open committee meeting published in the **Federal Register** on May 18, 2015 (80 FR 28246) has changed the date of the meeting. It will now be held on June 25, 2015 at the same time and location.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Brenda Curfman; Alternate Designated Federal Officer for the Committee, in writing at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington VA 22211, or by email at [brenda.k.curfman.civ@mail.mil](mailto:brenda.k.curfman.civ@mail.mil), or by phone at 703-614-0998.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

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#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, Technology and Business Architecture Integration Directorate, Army Library Program, Army, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, Technology and Business Architecture Integration Directorate, Army Library Program announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by August 3, 2015.