

based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review. Therefore, we request submission of any such information on Mediterranean monk seals that has become available since their original listing as endangered in June 1970. Based on the results of this 5-year review, we will make the requisite determination under the ESA.

**DATES:** To allow us adequate time to conduct this review, we must receive your information no later than October 31, 2016. However, we will continue to accept new information about any listed species at any time.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit information on this document identified by NOAA–NMFS–2016–0104 by either of the following methods:

- *Electronic submission:* Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to [www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2016-0104](http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2016-0104), click on the “Comment Now!” icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

- Mail or hand-deliver written comments to Brendan Newell, NMFS Office of Protected Resources, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

*Instructions:* Comments must be submitted by one of the above methods to ensure that the comments are received, documented, and considered by NMFS. Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive or protected information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter “N/A” in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brendan Newell, NMFS Office of Protected Resources, 301–427–7710.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the ESA, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service maintains a list of endangered and threatened wildlife and plant species at 50 CFR 17.11 (for animals) and § 17.12 (for plants). Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the ESA requires that we conduct a review of listed species at least once every five years. On the basis of such reviews under section 4(c)(2)(B), we determine whether or not any species should be

delisted or reclassified from endangered to threatened or from threatened to endangered. Delisting a species must be supported by the best scientific and commercial data available and only considered if such data substantiates that the species is neither endangered nor threatened for one or more of the following reasons: (1) The species is considered extinct; (2) the species is considered to be recovered; and/or (3) the original data available when the species was listed, or the interpretation of such data, were in error. Any change in Federal classification would require a separate rulemaking process. The regulations in 50 CFR 424.21 require that we publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing those species currently under active review. This notice announces our active review of the Mediterranean monk seal currently listed as endangered (56 FR 1463; January 14, 1991).

Background information on Mediterranean monk seals including the endangered listing is available on the NMFS Office of Protected Species Web site at: <http://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/pr/species/mammals/seals/mediterranean-monk-seal.html>.

#### **Determining if a Species Is Threatened or Endangered**

Section 4(a)(1) of the ESA requires that we determine whether a species is endangered or threatened based on one or more of the five following factors: (1) The present or threatened destruction, modification, or curtailment of its habitat or range; (2) overutilization for commercial, recreational, scientific, or educational purposes; (3) disease or predation; (4) the inadequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms; or (5) other natural or manmade factors affecting its continued existence. Section 4(b) also requires that our determination be made on the basis of the best scientific and commercial data available after taking into account those efforts, if any, being made by any State or foreign nation, to protect such species.

#### **Public Solicitation of New Information**

To ensure that the 5-year review is complete and based on the best available scientific and commercial information, we are soliciting new information from the public, governmental agencies, Tribes, the scientific community, industry, environmental entities, and any other interested parties concerning the status of Mediterranean monk seals. The 5-year review considers the best scientific and commercial data and all new information that has become available since the listing determination or most

recent status review. Categories of requested information include: (1) Species biology including, but not limited to, population trends, distribution, abundance, demographics, and genetics; (2) habitat conditions including, but not limited to, amount, distribution, and important features for conservation; (3) status and trends of threats; (4) conservation measures that have been implemented that benefit the species, including monitoring data demonstrating effectiveness of such measures; (5) need for additional conservation measures; and (6) other new information, data, or corrections including, but not limited to, taxonomic or nomenclatural changes, identification of erroneous information contained in the list of endangered and threatened species, and improved analytical methods for evaluating extinction risk.

If you wish to provide information for this 5-year review, you may submit your information and materials electronically or via mail (see **ADDRESSES** section). We request that all information be accompanied by supporting documentation such as maps, bibliographic references, or reprints of pertinent publications. We also would appreciate the submitter’s name, address, and any association, institution, or business that the person represents; however, anonymous submissions will also be accepted.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*

Dated: August 29, 2016.

**Angela Somma,**

*Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

### **Department of the Army**

**[Docket ID: USA–2015–0018]**

#### **Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

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**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Civil Works announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: 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; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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 October 31, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Department of Defense, Office of the Deputy Chief Management Officer, Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Mailbox #24, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

Any associated form(s) for this collection may be located within this same electronic docket and downloaded for review/testing. Follow the instructions at <http://www.regulations.gov> for submitting comments. Please submit comments on any given form identified by docket number, form number, and title.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the US Army Corps of Engineers, Institute for Water Resources, Casey Building, 8801 Telegraph Road, Alexandria VA 22315, ATTN Meredith Bridgers or call 703-428-8458.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Associated Form; and *OMB Number:* Recreation Use and Expenditure Survey; OMB Control Number 0710-XXXX.

*Needs and Uses:* The information collection requirement is necessary to produce recreation visitation and local expenditure estimates at US Army Corps of Engineers Water Resource Projects.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, business or other for-profit, and not-for-profit institutions.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 2,115 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 19,050.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.11.

*Annual Responses:* 21,146.

*Average Burden per Response:* 6 minutes (0.1 hours).

Recreation Use Survey—5 min per response.

Abbreviated Bus/Bike Survey—2 minutes per response.

Web-Based Follow-up Economic Survey—11 minutes per response.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

Respondents are public visitors to US Army Corps of Engineers Recreation Areas. Visitors exiting the recreation area by vehicle are stopped as potential respondents. Participation is voluntary. Respondents are asked questions in the following categories; characteristics of visit, quantity of people in the vehicle, description of overnight stay, activity participation, demographics, willingness to participate in follow-up web survey. The follow-up web survey asks questions in the following categories; total party size, trip frequency, activity equipment characteristics. Appropriate disclosures (Privacy Act Statement) may be provided to the respondent visually (in writing on paper) or orally (in spoken word by a USACE employee or representative).

Dated: August 29, 2016.

**Aaron Siegel,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Notification of an Open Meeting of the National Defense University Board of Visitors (BOV)

**AGENCY:** National Defense University, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the National Defense University Board of Visitors (BOV) will take place.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, September 29, 2016 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will continue on Friday, September 30, 2016, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The Board of Visitors meeting will be held at Marshall Hall, Building 62, Room 155B, the National Defense University, 300 5th Avenue SW., Fort McNair, Washington, DC 20319-5066.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The point of contact for this notice of open meeting is Ms. Joycelyn Stevens at (202) 685-0079, Fax (202) 685-3920 or [StevensJ7@ndu.edu](mailto:StevensJ7@ndu.edu).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is being held 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. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165, and the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public. The future agenda will include discussion on accreditation compliance, organizational management, strategic planning, resource management, and other matters of interest to the National Defense University. Limited space made available for observers will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140, and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, written statements to the committee may be submitted to the committee at any time or in response to a stated planned meeting agenda by FAX or email to the point of contact person listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. (Subject Line: Comment/Statement to the NDU BOV).

Dated: August 29, 2016.

**Aaron Siegel,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive Patent License; Microsphere Material Solutions, LLC.

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DoD.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The invention listed below is assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Navy. The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to Microsphere Material Solutions, LLC., a revocable, nonassignable, exclusive license to practice in the United States, the