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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Helene Scalliet, Policy and Planning Division, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries at 240-533-0648 or via email at helene.scalliet@noaa.gov. Copies of the draft programmatic environmental assessments can be downloaded or viewed on the internet at www.regulations.gov (search for docket #NOAA-NOS-2018-XXXX). Copies can also be obtained by contacting the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS) serves as the trustee for a network of underwater parks encompassing more than 600,000 square miles of marine and Great Lakes waters. The network includes a system of 13 national marine sanctuaries and Papahānaumokuākea and Rose Atoll marine national monuments. The National Marine Sanctuaries Act (NMSA; 16 U.S.C. 1431 *et seq.*) is the statute governing the National Marine Sanctuary System. The NMSA authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to designate as national marine sanctuaries areas of the marine environment or Great Lakes with special national significance due to their conservation, recreational, ecological, historical, scientific, cultural, archeological, educational or aesthetic qualities. The primary objective of the NMSA is to protect sanctuary resources, which span diverse geographic and administrative boundaries. Accordingly, ONMS subscribes to a broad and comprehensive management approach to meet the NMSA's primary objective of resource protection. Comprehensive sanctuary and monument management, described in detail in each site's management plan, serves as a framework for addressing long-term protection of a wide range of living and non-living marine resources, while allowing multiple uses of the site to the extent that they are compatible with the primary goal of resource protection. These plans are site-specific documents used by all national marine sanctuaries and the monuments for which ONMS has management responsibilities. The NMSA requires that ONMS develop and periodically review the management plans for each national marine sanctuary (Sec. 304(a)(2)(A) and (e)).

Since revision of a management plan often constitutes a Federal action, ONMS typically analyzes changes to the management plan under NEPA. In many cases, this analysis does not analyze in-depth consequences of routine field operations, such as vessel operations and ongoing research programs. The draft PEAs announced through this notice are designed to analyze these routine field operations not previously adequately analyzed under the National Environmental Policy Act during the management plan review process.

Within the context of the ONMS management plans, field operations are an important component of implementing many of the actions necessary to support resource protection, research and education activities. The management plans also contain information relevant to these draft regional programmatic environmental assessments (PEAs) such as background about each sanctuary environment and its resources.

II. NOAA's Proposed Action

NOAA has prepared four draft PEAs for the proposed continuation of field operations described in management plans for each site managed by the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries. There is a draft PEA for each of the following regions: West Coast, Pacific Islands, Northeast/Great Lakes, and Southeast/Gulf of Mexico. The purpose of the underlying field operations analyzed in the draft PEAs is to support resource protection, research and education objectives as mandated by the National Marine Sanctuaries Act and as described in site-specific management plans. Field operations in ONMS-managed sites fall under 10 categories: vessel operations; vessel maintenance; aircraft operations; non-motorized craft operations; SCUBA or snorkel operations; onshore field work; deployment of autonomous underwater vehicles (AUVs)/remotely operated vehicles (ROVs)/gliders/drifters; deployment of remote sensing equipment; deployment of equipment on the seafloor; and other sampling activities. The four regional draft PEAs describe in detail the field operations taking place at each site in the next five years as well as their environmental impacts on the physical, biological, socioeconomic, maritime heritage and cultural environment.

In these documents, NOAA analyzes the potential effects of two alternatives to implement the proposed action. NOAA also intends to use these four draft PEAs as the basis for compliance under the Marine Mammal Protection Act, Endangered Species Act,

Magnuson-Stevens Act, National Historic Preservation Act, and Coastal Zone Management Act. NOAA intends to finalize any necessary compliance requirements for these statutes prior to finalizing this action.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1431 *et seq.*

Thomas Culliton,

Acting Director, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting (webinar).

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Pacific Council) Ad Hoc Ecosystem Workgroup (EWG) will hold a meeting via webinar, which is open to the public.

DATES: The webinar meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 21, 2018, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Pacific Daylight Time) or until business for the day has been completed.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar. A public listening station is available at the Pacific Council office (address below). To attend the webinar (1) join by visiting this link <http://www.gotomeeting.com/online/webinar/join-webinar>, (2) enter the Webinar ID: 241-675-131, and (3) enter your name and email address (required). After logging in to the webinar, please (1) dial this TOLL number +1 (415) 655-0052 (not a toll-free number), (2) enter the attendee phone audio access code 563-806-284, and (3) then enter your audio phone pin (shown after joining the webinar). NOTE: We have disabled Mic/Speakers as an option and require all participants to use a telephone or cell phone to participate. Technical Information and system requirements: PC-based attendees are required to use Windows® 7, Vista, or XP; Mac®-based attendees are required to use Mac OS® X 10.5 or newer; Mobile attendees are required to use iPhone®, iPad®, Android™ phone or Android tablet (See <https://www.gotomeeting.com/webinar/ipad-iphone-android-webinar-apps>).

You may send an email to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt at Kris.Kleinschmidt@noaa.gov or contact him at (503) 820-2280, extension 411 for technical assistance.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Kit Dahl, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820-2422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EWG is holding this webinar to help other Council advisory bodies and the public prepare comments on two topics the Council will take up at its September 7-12, 2018 meeting. First, the Council will be deciding on future activities as part of the Climate and Communities Initiative pursuant to its Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP). Second, the Council will be scoping the first 5-year review of the FEP. The Council may consider initiating revisions to FEP and forming any new ad hoc committees necessary to revise the Plan. To help advisory bodies and the public make comments on these topics the EWG prepared two sets of discussion questions, available on the Council's website (<https://www.pcouncil.org/>):

- Webinar Discussion Questions
- Webinar Agenda

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt, (503) 820-2411, at least 10 business days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 1, 2018.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Northern Integrated Supply Project, Larimer and Weld Counties, Colorado

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice; extension of public comment deadline.

SUMMARY: The comment period for the Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Northern Integrated Supply Project, Larimer and Weld Counties, Colorado published in the **Federal Register** on Friday, July 20, 2018, and required comments be postmarked on or before September 4, 2018. The Corps is extending the deadline for submitting public comments to October 4, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Urbanic, NISP EIS Project Manager, telephone 303-979-4120, fax at 303-979-0602, or email at nisp.eis@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

Brenda S. Bowen,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Withdrawal of the Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the City of Abilene, TX, Cedar Ridge Reservoir Water Supply Project

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, Regulatory Division is notifying interested parties that it has withdrawn the Notice of Intent (NOI) to develop an EIS for the proposed Cedar Ridge Reservoir. The original NOI to Prepare an EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on Friday, April 13, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions regarding the withdrawal of this NOI should be addressed to Mr. Frederick Land, Regulatory Division (CESWF-DE-R), Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 17300, Fort Worth, TX 76102-0300;

(817) 886-1729; CedarRidge@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 20, 2018, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) issued an OMB/CEQ Memorandum for Heads of Federal Departments and Agencies titled "One Federal Decision Framework for the Environmental Review and Authorization Process for Major Infrastructure Projects under Executive Order [E.O.] 13807." Additionally, twelve federal agencies, including Department of the Army, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as an appendix to the OMB/CEQ Memorandum. The MOU is titled "Memorandum of Understanding Implementing One Federal Decision Under Executive Order 13807" and was effective on April 10, 2018. E.O. 13807 sets a goal for agencies of reducing the time for completing environmental reviews and authorization decisions to an agency average of not more than two years from publication of a NOI to prepare an EIS. The MOU set forth activities to be accomplished before the issuance of an NOI, including project prescoping, the development of a permitting timetable, and the development of project Purpose and Need. Because the Cedar Ridge Reservoir planning had not reached these milestones prior to publication of the NOI, the NOI is being withdrawn until such time that these milestones are complete.

Brenda S. Bowen,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability of Government-Owned Inventions; Available for Licensing

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy (DoN) announces the availability of the inventions listed below, assigned to the United States Government, as represented by the Secretary of the Navy, for domestic and foreign licensing by the Department of the Navy.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the patents cited should be directed to Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Div., Code OOL, Bldg. 2, 300 Highway 361, Crane, IN 47522-5001.