

auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see ADDRESSES) by December 29, 1997.

Dated: December 12, 1997.

Gary C. Matlock, Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council will hold a meeting of its Precious Corals Plan Team.

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 30, 1998, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the NMFS Honolulu Laboratory, 2570 Dole St., Rm. 112, Honolulu, HI; telephone: 808-943-1221.

Council address: Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: 808-522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Precious Corals Plan Team will discuss (1) the status of the precious corals fishery and the recent survey of Makapu'u Bed; (2) a final draft of a Precious Corals Fishery Management Plan (FMP) amendment to establish a framework procedure in the FMP and include the exclusive economic zone around the Northern Mariana Islands in the FMP area; (3) the inconsistency of Hawaii State and Federal regulations for the harvest of precious corals; (4) other issues as required.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Plan Team for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal Plan Team action during this meeting. Plan Team action will be restricted to those issues specifically

identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, 808-522-8220 (voice) or 808-522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to meeting date.

Dated: December 12, 1997.

Gary C. Matlock, Ph.D.,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: TRICARE Retiree Dental Program enrollment Form; Contractor Designed Format (No DD Form Number); OMB Number 0720-0015.

Type of request: Extension.

Number of Respondents: 286,570.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 286,570.

Average Burden per response: 15 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 71,640.

Needs and Uses: Conditional approval for the information collection was granted under OMB approval number 0720-0015 pending development of a contractor designed enrollment form which is being submitted for approval. The form will be submitted to OMB concurrently with publication of the final rule. The collection instrument serves as an application form for military members entitled to retired pay and eligible dependents to enroll in the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program. The enrollment application will allow the Department to collect the information necessary to properly identify the program's applicants and to determine their eligibility for enrollment in the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program. In completing and signing an enrollment form, applicants will acknowledge that they understand the benefits offered under the program and the rules they

must follow to continue their participation in the program. Further, applicants will acknowledge that the premium will be withheld from retired pay when such pay is available. Initial enrollment will be for a period of 24 months followed by month to month enrollment as long as the enrollee chooses to continue enrollment.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Allison Eydt.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Eydt at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD/Health Affairs, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suit 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: December 15, 1997.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program, Scientific Advisory Board

ACTION: Notice.

In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following Committee meeting:

DATE OF MEETING: January 28, 1998 from 1200 to 1700 and January 29, 1998 from 0830 to 1200.

PLACE: National Highway Institute, Conference Room 302, 901 North Stuart Street, Arlington, VA.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Research and Development proposals and continuing projects requesting Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program funds in excess of \$1M will be reviewed.

This meeting is open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file statements with the Scientific Advisory Board at the

time and in the manner permitted by the Board.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Ms. Amy Levine, SERDP Program
Office, 901 North Stuart Street, Suite
303, Arlington, VA or by telephone at
(703) 696-2124.

Dated: December 15, 1997.

L.M. Bynum,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Notice of Intent To Prepare Environmental Impact Statement for the Realistic Bomber Training Initiative in Texas and New Mexico

The United States Air Force (USAF) is issuing this notice to advise the public of its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of a proposal to implement the Realistic Bomber Training Initiative (RBTI). This proposal is intended to provide efficient, integrated training opportunities for aircrews flying B-1B aircraft from Dyess Air Force Base (AFB), Texas, and B-52H aircraft from Barksdale AFB, Louisiana. The proposed action for RBTI would involve several interrelated elements:

1. Modifications and additions to existing military training route (MTR) airspace used generally for low-altitude training activities;
2. Modifications and additions to existing military operations area (MOA) airspace used for medium to high altitude training and maneuvering;
3. Increased flights by B-1B and B-52H aircraft in the MTR and MOA airspace;
4. Acquisition of a total of 12, 15-acre parcels under the MTR and MOA airspace for construction and operation of an Electronic Scoring Site system consisting of electronic emitters and associated facilities; and
5. Closure of existing Electronic Scoring Site systems at Harrison, Arkansas and La Junta, Colorado, and transfer of equipment to the proposed Electronic Scoring Site system developed for RBTI.

The Air Force has developed three alternatives, each of which fulfills the requirements of the proposed action. Two of these alternatives use airspace over lands located in west Texas; the third uses airspace in northeastern New Mexico. All three of these alternatives,

and the No-Action alternative will be evaluated in the EIS. If feasible alternatives are developed as part of the scoping process, they will be included in the EIS.

Implementation of any of the three alternatives fulfilling the proposed action would require the Federal Aviation Administration to modify existing special use airspace and to chart new airspace. Similarly, the Air Force would undertake real estate actions to acquire access to the 12, 15-acre sites for the electronic scoring system.

The information in this EIS will be considered in making the decision whether to implement RBTI, and if so, to select an alternative for implementation. A separate EIS is currently being conducted by the Air Force to address use of existing military airspace over west Texas and northeastern New Mexico by units stationed at Holloman AFB, New Mexico. This proposal, as well as other actions, will be assessed for potential cumulative impacts in the RBTI EIS.

The Air Force intends to hold several public scoping meetings in the potentially affected areas of Texas and New Mexico. Dates, times, and locations for these meetings will be announced through press releases, newspapers and other media sources accessible to the public and agencies. These meetings are the first step in asking for public and government agency comments on the RBTI proposal. Comments provided at these meetings and throughout the scoping process should focus on the merits of the proposal, alternatives, and the nature and scope of environmental issues and other concerns that need to be addressed in the EIS. During the meetings, the Air Force will describe the proposed action and all alternatives, the National Environmental Policy Act process, and outline the opportunities for public involvement in the process.

Comments will be accepted throughout the analysis process, however, to ensure the Air Force has sufficient time to consider public input in the preparation of the Draft EIS, comments should be submitted to the address below by February 17, 1998.

RBTI EIS, c/o 7 CES/CEV, 710 3rd Street,
Dyess AFB, TX 79607.

Barbara A. Carmichael

*Alternate Air Force Federal Register Liaison
Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Availability for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Disposal and Reuse of Fort McClellan, Alabama

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the President's Council on Environmental Quality, the Army has prepared a DEIS for the Disposal and Reuse of Fort McClellan (FMC), Alabama. The approved 1995 base closure and realignment actions required by the Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-510), and subsequent actions in compliance with this law, mandated the closure of FMC. It is Department of Defense (DoD) policy to dispose of property no longer needed by DoD. Consequently, as a result of the mandated closure of FMC, the Army is disposing of excess property at FMC.

The DEIS analyzes three disposal alternatives: (1) The no action alternative, which entails maintaining the property in caretaker status after closure; (2) the encumbered disposal alternative, which entails transferring the property to future owners with Army-imposed limitations, or encumbrances, on the future use of the property; and (3) the unencumbered disposal alternative, which entails transferring the property to future owners with fewer or no Army-imposed restrictions on the future use of the property. The preferred action identified in this DEIS is encumbered disposal of excess property at FMC. Based upon the analysis contained in the DEIS, encumbrances and deed restrictions associated with the Army's disposal actions for FMC will be mitigation measures.

Planning for the reuse of the property to be disposed of is a secondary action resulting from closure. The local community has established the Fort McClellan Reuse and Redevelopment Authority (FMRRRA) to produce a reuse development plan for the surplus property. The impacts of reuse are evaluated in terms of land use intensities. This reuse analysis is based upon implementing one of three reuse alternatives, all of which are based upon the FMRRRA draft reuse plan. The Army has not selected one of these three alternatives as the preferred action. Selection of the preferred reuse plan is a decision that will be made by the FMRRRA.