DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Comprehensive Management Committee will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Friday, February 27, 1998, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Westin Suites Philadelphia Airport, 401 Island Avenue, Philadelphia, PA; telephone: 215-365-6600.

Council Address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904; telephone: 302-674-2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David R. Keifer, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items are vessel replacement criteria and comprehensive management matrix development.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Committee for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Committee 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 Joanna Davis at the Council (see ADDRESSES) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.


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realistically test TMD systems to validate their capability to intercept enemy missiles with the capability of ranges up to 1,100-kilometers (684 miles). Testing with both target and interceptor launch facilities within the continental United States and its adjacent waters would provide a cost-effective, flexible, long-term means of meeting current and future TMD requirements.

Environmental issues analyzed in the DSEIS for the EGTR include: air quality; airspace control; biological resources (such as threatened or endangered species and wetlands); cultural resources; geology and soils; hazardous materials and waste; safety and health; land use; noise; socio-economic; transportation; utilities; visual and aesthetics; and water resources.

Lead Agency: Ballistic Missile Defense Organization.

Cooperating Agencies:
- Department of the Air Force
- Department of the Army
- Department of the Navy
- Federal Aviation Administration
- Department of Interior
- U.S. Coast Guard

Proposed Action

The BMDO proposes to establish the capability to conduct missile defense testing against targets simulating threat systems having the capability of ranges up to 1,100-kilometers (684 miles) with defensive missile intercepts over the Gulf of Mexico.

Preferred Alternative

The preferred alternative includes three main types of TMD activities:
- (a) Target launches from land at Eglin AFB and/or from aircraft above the Gulf of Mexico;
- (b) Interceptor (defensive missile) launches from Eglin AFB and/or ships; and
- (c) Interceptor of the target missile by the interceptor over the Gulf of Mexico and within the EGTR.

The ground-launch locations evaluated at Eglin AFB are the Santa Rosa Island and Cape San Blas test locations. The air-launched locations evaluated include the airspace within the EGTR and other locations in the Gulf of Mexico within U.S. controlled airspace.

Other Alternatives

1. Florida Keys Target Launches

As an alternative to the air launch and Eglin AFB target launch sites, the ground-launch locations evaluated in the Florida Keys are Department of Defense controlled areas at Saddlebunch and Cudjoe Keys. These locations, along with Boca Chica, Dredger, Sugarloaf, and Fleming Keys, are also evaluated to support missile tracking and sensor activities.

2. Ship-based Target Launches

In addition to the air launch and Eglin AFB target launch sites, targets launched from ships located within the EGTR and other locations in the Gulf of Mexico are evaluated in the DSEIS.

3. Platform-based Interceptor Launches

In addition to the Eglin AFB interceptor launch sites, interceptors launched from platforms located offshore from the Santa Rosa Island and Cape San Blas test locations are evaluated in the DSEIS.

4. No Action

In addition to the above alternatives, the No Action Alternative is considered for evaluation in the DSEIS.

Information/Comments

Information on the proposed action is available at the following internet address: http://tw1.eglin.af.mil/46mttd/tmd.htm. Individuals or organizations may provide comments by: using E-Mail to submit questions and comments, tmd@eglin.af.mil; or sending written comments to: Ms. Linda Ninh, 46 OG/OGM-TMD, 205 West D Ave., Suite 241, Eglin AFB, Florida 32578–6866. In addition, individuals or organizations may offer verbal or written comments at public hearings to be held between 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. at the following Florida locations:
- Fort Walton Beach, Holiday Inn, 1110 Santa Rosa Blvd., March 9, 1998
- Port St. Joe, Port St. Joe High School, 100 Sharp Drive, March 10, 1998
- Key West, Harvey Government Center, 1200 Truman Ave, March 12, 1998
- Marathon, Marathon Government Center, 2798 Overseas Hwy, March 13, 1998

Public comments are invited through April 3, 1998.

Interested citizens and public officials will be able to receive pertinent information regarding the findings of the Draft SEIS at these meetings. The AFDTC intends to issue the Final SEIS in September 1998.

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