

Corrections

Errors that were discovered in the August 10, 1998, notice are corrected in this notice.

In the **Federal Register** of August 10, 1998, in FR Doc. 98-21254, on page 42615, in the third column, in the third paragraph under the "**Background**" heading, in the fourth line, the phrase "50-year permit" is corrected to read "70 to 100-year permit."

In the **Federal Register** of August 10, 1998, in FR Doc. 98-21254, on page 42615, in the second column, in the first paragraph under the "**Summary**" heading, in the eighth line, the phrase "associated with timber management activities in western Washington state" is corrected to read "in western Washington state associated with timber management activities and specific non-timber management activities described in the WDNR Habitat Conservation Plan."

In the **Federal Register** of August 10, 1998, in FR Doc. 98-21254, on page 42616, in the first column, in the second paragraph under the "Implementation Agreement Provisions" heading, in the third line, the phrase "timber management activities" is corrected to read "timber management activities and specific non-timber management activities."

Further, the recent listing for ESA protection of other species of anadromous fish means that those species are listed on the permit in addition to the one species (i.e., LCR steelhead) that was mentioned in the August 10, 1998 notice. The HCP was specifically developed to address all species of anadromous fish and any species that becomes listed in the future will be reviewed at the time of listing to determine whether it can be added to the permit. In this case, that review was documented in an ESA section 7 Biological Opinion approved June 14, 1999.

Permit 1168 expires on January 30, 2067.

Issuance of the permit was based on a finding that WDNR had met the permit issuance criteria of 50 CFR 222.22(c).

Dated: August 28, 1999.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Test Range Management Practices at the U.S. Army Aberdeen Proving Ground's (APG) Aberdeen Test Center (ATC), MD

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Public Law 91-190, the National Policy Act of 1969, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is to be prepared to assess the environmental impacts associated with the adoption of test range management practices at APG's ATC. The ranges at both the Aberdeen Area and Edgewood Area of APG are used to conduct research, development, testing, and evaluation of military ordnance. The ranges are forested and contain grassland and heavily vegetated areas. The new range management practices being proposed for adoption consist of the following techniques: (1) Controlled burns; (2) use of herbicides; (3) disking; (4) firebreaks; and (5) a combination of techniques. A no action alternative (status quo) of maintaining current range management practices will also be considered. The new range management practices are being proposed since there are no current ongoing management practices that sufficiently address techniques to minimize range fires, the domination of native plant species by non-native plant species, and impediments to recovery of unexploded ordnance (UXO). The new range management practice techniques being proposed will help minimize the accumulation of fallen vegetative debris that fuel wildfires, regenerate native forests and plant species, improve the ability of APG personnel to recovery UXO, and better manage range assets and facilities. The agency invites written comments and suggestions on issues and management opportunities for the area being analyzed.

DATES: Written public comments and suggestions should be submitted by October 18, 1999, to the address shown below. Comments received after this date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Commander, U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, ATTN: STEAC-EV (Mr. Joseph P. Ondek), Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland 21005-5001. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Joseph P. Ondek at (410) 278-5294.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Army will conduct several scoping workshops

prior to preparing the EIS. The first step will be to determine the appropriate scope of issues, activities, and alternatives to be addressed. Among the anticipated areas to be evaluated are public health risks and public safety, water quality, air quality, hazardous materials, biological resources including threatened and endangered species, socioeconomic effects, and historic and archaeological resources. During the scoping process, the Army will ask the public and agencies that have regulatory interest in Aberdeen Proving Ground to participate in scoping. Comments received as a result of this notice will be used to assist the Army in identifying potential impacts to the quality of the natural and human environment. The public scoping meetings will be held prior to preparing the draft EIS. The exact date, time and location of the scoping meetings will be advertised in the local news media, at least 15 days prior to the meeting.

Dated: August 31, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Proposal To Issue and Modify Nationwide Permits

AGENCY: Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of time extension for receipt of comments.

SUMMARY: In Part III of the July 21, 1999, issue of the **Federal Register** (64 FR 39252), the Corps of Engineers published its proposal to issue 5 new Nationwide Permits (NWP) and modify 6 existing NWP to replace NWP 26 when it expires. The Corps is also proposing to modify 9 NWP general conditions and add three new general conditions. A key element of the Corps process for developing NWP that authorize activities with minimal adverse effects on the aquatic environment is regional conditioning developed by district and division engineers. Corps districts have published public notices to solicit comments on proposed regional conditions for the draft NWP published in the July 21, 1999, **Federal Register**. The public is invited to provide comments on these proposals.