

Maryland. The closed portion of the meeting is scheduled from 8–9:30 a.m.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration with the concurrence of the General Counsel formally determined on July 15, 1999, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, that these portions of the meeting may be properly closed because they are concerned with matters that are within the purview of 5 U.S.C. 552© (4), (6) and (9)(b). A copy of the determination is available for public inspection in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6219, Main Commerce.

MEP's services to smaller manufacturers address the needs of the national market as well as the unique needs of each company. Since MEP is committed to providing this type of individualized service through its centers, the program requires the perspective of locally based experts to be incorporated into its national plans. The MEPNAB was established at the direction of the NIST Director to maintain MEP's focus on local and market-based needs. The MEPNAB was approved on October 24, 1996, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2., to provide advice on MEP programs, plans, and policies; to assess the soundness of MEP plans and strategies; to assess the current performance against MEP program plans, and to function in an advisory capacity. The Board will meet three times a year and reports to the Director of NIST. This will be the first meeting of the MEPNAB in 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Acierto, Assistant to the Director for Policy, Manufacturing Extension Partnership, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, telephone number (301) 975–5033.

Dated: January 4, 2000.

Karen H. Brown,

Deputy Director, NIST.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 122199E]

Marine Mammals

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

ACTION: Issuance of photography permit no. 954–1517

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Mr. Michael Kundu, Project SeaWolf, P.O. Box 987, Marysville, WA 98270–0987, has been issued a permit to take by Level B harassment several species of non-threatened, non-endangered marine mammals for purposes of commercial photography. **ADDRESSES:** The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS,
1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713–2289);

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802–4213

(562/980–4015);

Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Bin C15700, Building 1, Seattle, WA 98115–0070 (206/526–6150); and

Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, 709 W. 9th Street, Federal Building Room 461, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802 (907/586–7235).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 27, 1999, notice was published in the *Federal Register* (64 FR 51960) that the above-named applicant had submitted a request for a permit to take several species of marine mammals by Level B harassment during the course of commercial photographic activities in California, Alaska, Washington waters, excluding the area west of 124° west longitude and north of 48° north latitude. The requested permit has been issued, under the authority of § 104(c)(6) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*).

Dated: December 30, 1999.

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Partnership Council Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of meeting cancellation.

SUMMARY: On December 20, 1999, 64 FR 71124, the Department of Defense published a notice to announce a

meeting of the Defense Partnership Council to be held January 11, 2000. This notice is to announce that the meeting is cancelled due to conflicts in members' schedules.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Kenneth Oprisko, Chief, Labor Relations Branch, Field Advisory Services Division, Defense Civilian Personnel Management Service, 1400 Key Boulevard, Suite B–200, Arlington, VA, 22209–5144, (703) 696–1450.

Dated: January 6, 2000.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board Task Force on Patriot Anti-Cruise Missile

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meetings.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on Patriot Anti-Cruise Missile (PACM) will meet in closed session on February 1, 2000, at Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), 4001 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense through the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics and Director, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization on programmatic and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At this meeting, the Task Force will review and compile recommendations for the Secretary of Defense on how to best respond to the Congressional directive to assess the capability of the PACM to counter cruise missiles, including low-observable cruise missiles, compared to the capability of the Patriot PAC–3 missile and other upgraded versions of the Patriot missile to counter such threats, and the opportunity costs of PACM acquisition.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92–463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II, (1994)), it has been determined that this DSB Task Force meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) (1994), and that accordingly this meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: January 6, 2000.

L.M. Bynum,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Intent to Prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for the Fort Sam Houston Master Plan, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army is updating components of the Real Property Master Plan for Fort Sam Houston, Texas. This series of documents is referred to in the aggregate as the Real Property Master Plan or the installation Master Plan. As a part of its efforts to manage the overall mission of Fort Sam Houston, the Army will prepare a PEIS on proposed revisions resulting from master planning activities at Fort Sam Houston in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Public Law 91-190 (42 U.S.C. 4341). The PEIS will evaluate potential impacts for Fort Sam Houston should the installation adopt revisions to the installation's Master Plan.

ADDRESSES: Direct written questions or comments concerning the scope of the Fort Sam Houston Master Plan PEIS to: Ms. Jackie Schlatter, PEIS Project Manager, Environmental and Natural Resources Division, Fort Sam Houston ATTN: MCGA-PW-ENR, 2202 15th Street (bldg. 4196), Fort Sam Houston, Texas 78234-5007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jackie Schlatter at (210) 221-5093.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Fort Sam Houston is an integral part of the U.S. Army Medical Command (MEDCOM). Fort Sam Houston has approximately 31,000 acres distributed among the Fort Sam Houston Military Reservation (3,150 acres), the Camp Bullis Military Reservation (CBMR) (27,994 acres) and the Canyon Lake Recreation Area (CLRA) (110 acres). The CBMR is located 18 miles northwest of Fort Sam Houston and provides land for training areas and ranges. The CLRA is leased by Fort Sam Houston from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for the recreation of its permanent and temporary duty personnel.

The overall mission of Fort Sam Houston includes several discrete

activities including the capacity to function as: a major U.S. Army command and control operation; a center for premier medical training facilities; Brooke Army Medical center (BAMC); a Garrison headquarters providing administrative support for the installation and its tenants; a major mobilization station for the U.S. Army in the event of a national or regional emergency requiring a Reserve call-up; and an established military complex with the capability to support other unforeseen national contingencies.

The normal operations associated with the daily functions of Fort Sam Houston and its associated properties are diverse and encompass nearly all the activities of a small city, but with the addition of military training functions. The broad categories of activities associated with Fort Sam Houston can be broken down into the following eight basic functions: administration and support; construction (including demolition); operation and maintenance; light industry; research, development, test and evaluation; medical services; recreation; and training.

The largest organizational occupants of Fort Sam Houston include five major tenants and the U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Sam Houston (Garrison), which provides the headquarters function for the installation itself. The five major tenants are: Headquarters, U.S. Army MEDCOM; Brooke Army Medical Center, U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School (AMEDDC&S); Headquarters, Fifth U.S. Army; and Headquarters, U.S. Army 5th Recruiting Brigade. There are also numerous other smaller tenants and service agencies located on or supported by the post.

Alternatives: The PEIS will describe the master planning process, existing master plan, and proposed revisions to the existing master plan for Fort Sam Houston. The PEIS will describe the existing environment, cultural and natural resources, social, economic, and environmental justice conditions and impacts to those existing conditions associated with the revised master plan for Fort Sam Houston. The alternatives will either be status quo, reuse through Military Construction, Army project, reuse through leasing, sale for off-site removal, or demolition.

A significant issue that will be addressed is the reuse and/or disposition of property that may be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Scoping: A public scoping meeting in connection with this PEIS will be held at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. The meeting time and location

will be published in local newspapers. This meeting will provide the opportunity for the public to become aware of the PEIS and for the Army to gather public input regarding the scope of the study. Those unable to attend the scheduled scoping meeting may submit written comments regarding the scope of the PEIS throughout the scoping period. A mailing list has been prepared for public scoping and review throughout the preparation process of this PEIS. This list includes local, state, and Federal agencies with jurisdictions or other interests in the project. In addition, the mailing list includes all adjacent property owners, affected municipalities and other interested parties such as conservation organizations. Anyone wishing to be added to the mailing list should contact the person identified above.

Dated: January 6, 2000.

Raymond J. Fatz,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army
(Environment, Safety and Occupational
Health) (ASA(I&E)).*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Restricted Eligibility Support of Advanced Fossil Resource Utilization Research by Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Other Minority Institutions

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL).

ACTION: Notice of restricted eligibility.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy announces that it intends to conduct a competitive Program Solicitation and award financial assistance (grants) to U.S. Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) and Other Minority Institutions (OMI) in support of innovative research and development of advanced concepts pertinent to fossil resource conversion and utilization. Applications will be subjected to a review by a DOE technical panel, and awards will be made to a select number of applicants based on the scientific merit of the application, relevant program policy factors, and the availability of funds. Collaboration with private industry is encouraged.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Debra A. Duncan, U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, Acquisition and Assistance Division, P.O. Box 10940, MS 921-107, Pittsburgh PA 15236-0940, Telephone: