

applications under review contain trade secrets and proprietary commercial information submitted to the Government in confidence.

**DATES:** The meeting will convene August 3, 2000, at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 4:30 p.m. on August 4, 2000. The entire meeting will be closed.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Chemistry Building, Room A228, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Harry Hertz, Director, National Quality Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, telephone number (301) 975-2361.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on March 31, 2000, that the meeting of the Judges Panel will be closed pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.c. app. 2, as amended by Section 5(c) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94-409. The meeting, which involves examination of records and discussion of Award applicant data, may be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c)(4) of Title 5, United States Code, since the meeting is likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or formation obtained from a person and privileged or confidential.

Dated: July 13, 2000.

**Karen H. Brown,**  
Deputy Director.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit (978-1567-00)

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Paul E. Nachtigall, Ph.D., Director, Marine Mammal Research Program, Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology, University of Hawaii, P.O. Box 1106, Kailua, Hawaii 96734, has been issued a permit to conduct scientific research

on three captive bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) and one captive false killer whale (*Pseudorca crassidens*) for scientific research.

**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, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, California 90802-4213, (562/980-4000); and

Protected Resources Program Manager, Pacific Islands Area Office, 1601 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite 1110, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814-4700, (808/973-2937).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeannie Drevenak at 301/713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On April 25, 2000, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 24186) that a request was received for a scientific research permit on three (3) captive bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) and one (1) captive false killer whale (*Pseudorca crassidens*) for studies on the hearing and echolocation processes in odontocete cetaceans. The research will occur over a five year period. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: July 17, 2000.

**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

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** 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:* Application for a Department

of the Army Permit; ENG Form 4345; OMB Number 0710-0003.

*Type of Request:* Reinstatement.

*Number of Respondents:* 15,500.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 15,500.

*Average Burden per Response:* 10 hours.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 155,000.

*Needs and Uses:* The Corps of Engineers uses the information to evaluate proposed construction of filling in U.S. waters for impacts on the environment and nearby properties as required by federal law to determine if issuance of a permit is in the public interest. Respondents are private landowners, businesses, non-profit organizations, and government agencies. *Affected Public:* Individuals; Business or Other For-Profit; Not-For-Profit Institutions; Farms; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Mr. Jim Laity.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Laity at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for U.S. Army COE, Room 10202, 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, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: July 14, 2000.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison  
Officer, Department of Defense.

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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 June 21, 2000, 65 FR 38518, the Department of Defense published a notice to announce a meeting of the Defense Partnership Council to be held July 26, 2000.

This notice is to announce that the meeting is cancelled due to conflicts in members' schedules.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Ben James, 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: July 14, 2000.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Air Force

#### Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Barry M. Goldwater Range Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan

**AGENCY:** Department of the Air Force, DoD.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR 1500 to 1508), the Departments of the Air Force and Navy, in partnership with the Department of the Interior and the State of Arizona (Arizona Game and Fish Department), intend to prepare an EIS to evaluate the environmental effects of the implementation of the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan being prepared for the Barry M. Goldwater Range.

**DATES:** Comments must be received no later than August 28, 2000 to ensure full consideration in the EIS.

**ADDRESSES:** See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for meeting addresses.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Luke Air Force Base, 56 FW/RMO, 6605 North 140th Drive, Luke AFB, AZ 85309-1934 (Attn: Mr. Bob Barry, telephone 623-856-3823, extension 242); Marine Corps Air Station Yuma at Range Management Department, Box 99160, Yuma, AZ 85369-9160 (Attn: Mr. Ron Pearce, telephone 520-341-3401); Bureau of Land Management at Phoenix Field Office, 2015 West Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, AZ 85027 (Attn: Mr. Gene Dahlem, telephone 623-580-5525); or Arizona Game and Fish Department, 2221 W. Greenway Road WM-HB, Phoenix, AZ 85023-4312 (Attn: Mr. John Kennedy, telephone 602-789-3602).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Barry M. Goldwater Range, located in southwestern Arizona, was rewithdrawn from the public domain for military

training purposes under the Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1999 (Public Law 106-65). In compliance with this Act, the Air Force and Marine Corps, in partnership with the Department of the Interior and the State of Arizona (Arizona Game and Fish Department), will manage the natural resources present on the Range in accordance with the Sikes Act (16 U.S.C. 670).

Accordingly, the Air Force and Marine Corps, in partnership with the Department of Interior and the State of Arizona (Arizona Game and Fish Department), are preparing and will implement an Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan for the Goldwater Range. Pursuant to the requirements of Public Law 106-65 and the Sikes Act, this Plan will provide for: (1) Management of natural and cultural resources present on the Range in support of the requirements of the military mission, (2) sustainable public use to the extent that use is compatible with military activities and natural and cultural resource compliance requirements, (3) compliance with laws protecting sensitive biological and cultural resources, including endangered species management, and (4) participation in local initiatives to advance regional biodiversity goals. The EIS, which is being prepared concurrently with the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan, will evaluate the environmental effects of the management alternatives proposed in the Plan. Given the military purposes of the Range and the safety and security requirements associated with those purposes, the alternatives to be studied will focus on the protection, conservation, and management of resources and public use opportunities to the extent possible while not jeopardizing the military purposes of the Range.

Environmental issues to be addressed in the EIS include but are not limited to earth, biological, cultural, water, and visual resources; regional biological diversity management; wildlife management; threatened and endangered species; air quality; noise; land use compatibility; socioeconomic; recreation; environmental justice; and public health and safety.

The Air Force and Marine Corps, in partnership with the Department of the Interior and the State of Arizona (Arizona Game and Fish Department), are initiating a scoping process to determine the extent of issues to be addressed and identify the significant issues related to this action. Scoping meetings will be held in six southern Arizona communities, as indicated in

the Meetings section below. Each meeting will begin with an open house at which the public may review maps and other displays. At each meeting location, the open house will be followed by a formal presentation beginning at 7:00 p.m. These meetings also will be advertised in area newspapers. A Tohono O'odham translator will be available at the meeting in Sells, AZ.

Air Force, Marine Corps, Department of the Interior, and State of Arizona representatives will be available at these meetings to receive comments from the public regarding issues of concern to the public. Federal, state and local agencies, any affected Native American tribes, and interested individuals are encouraged to take this opportunity to identify environmental concerns that should be addressed during the preparation of the EIS. Agencies and the public are also invited and encouraged to provide written comment on issues that are important to them in addition to, or in lieu of, oral comments at the public meeting. To be most helpful, comments should clearly describe specific issues or topics, which the commentor believes the EIS should address. Written statements and or questions regarding the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan and associated EIS should be mailed to BMGR INRMP, P.O. Box 67132, Phoenix, AZ 85082-7132.

#### Meetings

Public scoping meetings will be held:

1. Monday, August 7, 2000, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Glendale Adult Center Palo Verde Building, 7121 North 57th Avenue, Glendale, AZ.
2. Tuesday, August 8, 2000, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Ajo Community Center, 290 East 5th Street, Ajo, AZ.
3. Wednesday, August 9, 2000, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., El Rio Center, 1390 West Speedway Boulevard, Tucson, AZ.
4. Thursday, August 10, 2000, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Kofa High School, 3100 Avenue A, Yuma, AZ.
5. Friday, August 11, 2000, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Gila Bend Union High School, 308 North Martin, Gila Bend, AZ.
6. Tuesday, August 15, 2000, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers, Sells, AZ.

**Janet A. Long,**

*Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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