

pockets of native coastal sage scrub, riparian vegetation, and a high level of human-induced disturbance, especially during the last 20 to 30 years. A prominent result of changes in the watershed has been a significant increase in sediment yield in response to higher volumes of runoff and an increased sediment supply throughout the watershed. Increased sedimentation has adversely affected the local habitat communities of Goat Canyon and downstream within the Tijuana River Estuary. By the mid-1980s, it was estimated that erosion and sedimentation had resulted in the loss of 30 acres of intertidal wetland area in the Tijuana River Estuary. The composition and distribution of native habitat communities along the creek and on the alluvial fan have been altered, as has the morphology of the creek. Further, during storm events, sediment is deposited on Monument Road, which in turn blocks public access to Border Field State Park and impedes the U.S. Border Patrol.

On August 10, 2000, the National Ocean Service published in the **Federal Register** a Notice of Intent to prepare a joint Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (Vol. 65 No. 155, 48971-48972). The stated intent of the proposed project was to enhance the existing Goat Canyon Creek and its natural habitat communities, including the Tijuana River Estuary, through the management of sediment within the canyon and on the adjacent alluvial fan. A notice announcing the availability of the draft EIS/EIR was published on October 12, 2001.

The final EIS/EIR examines the potential effects of the No Project Alternative and four project alternatives for construction of a sedimentation retention system within Goat Canyon and the alluvial fan. NOAA has identified Alternative D-1 as the Preferred Alternative based on an evaluation of the comparison of the impacts between the alternatives.

Alternative D-1 features an in-canyon diversion structure and sedimentation basin system consisting of two basins in series to capture the flow in Goat Canyon Creek. The system has been designed to contain the full 100-year flood event. The Preferred Alternative also involves construction of access roads around the basins, staging areas adjacent to the basins, a visual berm located between the basins and Monument Road, improvements to part of Monument Road and a multi-purpose trail, and creation of wetland habitat. The Preferred Alternative would be the most efficient at capturing sediment and would result in the least impacts to

sensitive wetland habitats and endangered species.

Document Availability

Copies of the final EIS/EIR are available for review at the California State Parks, San Diego Coast District Office, 9609 Waples, Suite 200, San Diego, California, 92108, (858) 642-4200, the Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve at 301 Caspian Way, Imperial Beach, California 91932, (619) 575-3613, and at the Imperial Beach Public Library, 810 Imperial Beach Boulevard, Imperial Beach, 91932, (619) 424-6981.

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Dated: December 21, 2001.

Alan Neuschatz,

Associate Assistant Administrator for Management, Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and cancellation of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Ad Hoc Groundfish Multi-Year Management Committee (GMMC) will hold a work session, which is open to the public. A previously noticed meeting of the GMMC is canceled.

DATES: The GMMC meeting noticed for Thursday, January 10, 2002, and Friday, January 11, 2002, is cancelled (see 66 FR 64954, December 17, 2001). Instead, the GMMC will meet Thursday, January 31, 2002, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.; and Friday, February 1, 2002, from 8 a.m. until business for the day is completed.

ADDRESSES: The work session will be held at the Pacific Fishery Management Council, West Conference Room, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97220; telephone: 503-326-6352.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Dan Waldeck or Dr. Don McIsaac, Pacific Fishery Management Council, 503-326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The formation of this ad hoc committee is in response to the Council's request for a committee to scope multi-year management approaches for the West Coast groundfish fishery. Multi-year management of the groundfish fishery would be synchronized with a multi-year groundfish stock assessment schedule. Full accommodation of federal notice and comment requirements would also be incorporated into the multi-year cycle. This is the second meeting of the committee, and the primary purpose of the meeting is to further develop the purpose and objectives of multi-year management, as well as alternative multi-year management approaches.

Although nonemergency issues not contained in the GMMC meeting agenda may come before the GMMC for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal GMMC action during the meeting. GMMC action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the GMMC's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Carolyn Porter at 503-326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: December 31, 2001.

Dean Swanson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Sand and Gravel Dredging on the Allegheny and Ohio Rivers, Pennsylvania

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District (Corps), will prepare and circulate a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and 40 CFR 1500 through 1508. The overall purpose of the EIS is to evaluate the environmental, economic, and social consequences related to the issuance of Section 10 and 404 Permits for Commercial Sand and Gravel Dredging in the Allegheny and Ohio Rivers in Pennsylvania. The action area studied includes River Miles 0 to 69.5 on the Allegheny River and River Miles 0 to 40 on the Ohio River. The Corps and Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) issue permits for commercial dredging activities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please address questions or comments regarding this notice to Mr. Albert H. Rogalla, CELRP-OR-F, Pittsburgh District, Corps of Engineers, William S. Moorhead Federal Building, 1000 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4186. Submit electronic comments to Irp.sandgraveleis@usace.army.mil

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: a. The commercial dredging companies seek extensions of their Corps Dredging Permits and PADEP Water Obstruction and Encroachment Permits, and PADEP Sand and Gravel License Agreements. These permits may be issued, suspended or modified pending completion of the NEPA process.

b. The purpose of this action is the issuance of permits to extract sand and gravel from the Allegheny and Ohio Rivers for commercial sale. This material supports diverse infrastructure and construction requirements for a variety of customers in the region.

c. Alternatives to be assessed are the complete cessation of commercial river dredging within the study area following denial of permit extensions and the expiration of existing permits held by the applicants; obtaining sand and gravel from the Allegheny and Ohio Rivers by commercial dredging by granting and extending the Department of the Army Section 10 and 404 permits to commercial sand and gravel companies for the removal of sand and gravel between river miles 0-69.5 on the Allegheny River and between river miles 0-40 on the Ohio River; and using land-based operations or importation of sand and gravel from other locations to meet the regional need for this material, implying complete cessation of commercial river dredging (other than for navigational purposes) and denial to

extend existing permits held by the applicants.

d. The Corps has held numerous Stakeholder meetings between 1996 and 2000 in which the scope and direction of the study were discussed. State agencies; federal agencies; a public interest organization; and sand and gravel companies directly impacted by the permit request participated in these discussions.

e. Interested parties are encouraged to send written or electronic comments concerning issues to be addressed, required studies, alternatives, procedures or other related matters or requests for information regarding the proposed study process to the point-of-contact above. All comments and information requests should be postmarked no later than 30 days after this Notice of Intent is published in the **Federal Register**.

f. The EIS will assess the impacts of sand and gravel dredging on various ecological resources including aquatic resources (fish, mussels, threatened and endangered species, and water quality), hydrology, noise, and cultural resources.

g. Appendix B, 33 CFR Part 325, provides that the Corps District Engineer may require the Permit Applicant and/or his/her consultant to provide relevant information for the Corps use in preparing an EIS. The applicants are collecting information to provide to the Corps. Prior to preparation of the Draft EIS, however, the Corps is required to solicit public input into the process.

h. The Corps will schedule a public hearing after the Draft EIS is issued.

i. The Draft EIS is expected to be available to the public no later than June 2002.

Raymond K. Scrocco,

Colonel, Corps of Engineers, District Engineer.
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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 4, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Karen Lee, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address Karen_F_Lee@omb.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Dated: December 31, 2001.

John Tressler,

*Leader, Regulatory Information Management,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

Office of the Undersecretary

Type of Review: New.

Title: Reading Excellence Act: School and Classroom Implementation and Impact Study.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs; Federal Government.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 1,035

Burden Hours: 735.

Abstract: The Reading Excellence Act School and Classroom Implementation and Impact Study (REA-SCII) is a six-year study to learn about the implementation and impact of the REA legislation on instructional practice in