

- B. NWHI Science Symposium Report
- C. MPA Objectives and Criteria Draft Document
- D. Ecosystem Workshop Agenda
- E. Essential Fish Habitat Guidance Revisions
- F. Coral Reef Plan Team Recommendations
- G. Public Comment

- H. Discussion and Recommendations
 - 3. Insular Fisheries

A. Initial Action on Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Bottomfish Management

- B. Update on Black Coral Research

- C. Public Comment

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Wednesday, February 23, 2005, 8:30 a.m.

- 4. Pelagics Fisheries

- A. Bigeye Overfishing Plan

- B. Joint Pacific Council and Western Pacific Council Meeting

- C. American Samoa & Hawaii Longline Fisheries 2004 Fourth Quarter Reports

- D. International Issues

1. 7th Preparatory Conference & First Meeting of the Western and Central Pacific Fishery Management Commission.

2. Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO) Technical Consultation on Turtles

3. Third International Fishers Forum (IFF3)

- E. Plan Team Recommendations

- F. Public Comment

- G. Discussion and Recommendations

- 7. Protected Species

- A. Sea Turtles

- 1. 25th Annual Sea Turtle Symposium

2. Results from First Year of Conservation Measures

- B. Marine Mammals

C. Petition to list Black Footed Albatross (BFAL) under the Endangered Species Act (ESA)

- D. Public Comment

- E. Discussion and Recommendations

Thursday, February 24, 2005, 8:30 a.m.

- 8. Other Business

- A. 89th SSC meeting

9. Summary of SSC Recommendations to the Council—Paul Callaghan

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, (808) 522-8220 (voice) or (808) 522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to meeting date.

Dated: February 2, 2005.

Alan D. Risenhoover,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0056]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Information Collection; Report of Shipment

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for an extension to an existing OMB clearance.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning report of shipment. The clearance currently expires on May 31, 2005.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Submit comments on or before April 8, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VIR), 1800 F Streets, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0056, Report of Shipment, in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT Jeritta Parnell, Contract Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-4082.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Military and, as required, civilian agency storage and distribution points, depots, and other receiving activities require advance notice of large shipments enroute from contractors' plants. Timely receipt of notices by the consignee transportation office precludes the incurring of demurrage and vehicle detention charges. The information is used to alert the receiving activity of the arrival of a large shipment.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 250.

Responses Per Respondent: 4.

Annual Responses: 1,000.

Hours Per Response: .167.

Total Burden Hours: 167.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals:

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VIR), Room 4035, 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0056, Report of Shipment, in all correspondence.

Dated: February 1, 2005

Julia B. Wise

Acting Director, Contract Policy Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for an Environmental Dredging Project on the Mahoning River in Ohio

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of

1969, as amended, the Pittsburgh District (District), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, intends to develop a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The Draft EIS will consider Federal actions associated with the District's proposal to restore the aquatic ecosystem of the lower Mahoning River in Ohio through (1) Dredging contaminated sediments lining the river; (2) bioremediating sediments in the bank and river where applicable; (3) capping contaminants in the bank; and (4) removing low-head dams along the river; or a combination of all four actions. The lower Mahoning River's ecosystem has been severely impacted by contamination from industries that once lined the valley and by several low-head dams that disrupt the river's natural hydrology. The proposed project will improve the lower Mahoning River's ecosystem to a level found at a model reach located just upstream of the project area.

ADDRESSES: Submit questions or comments regarding the environmental dredging project to Mr. Curtis N. Meeder, Chief, Planning and Environmental Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mahoning Environmental Dredging Project, 1000 Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4186, telephone (412) 395-7228 or e-mail: lrp.mahdredge@usace.army.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions or comments regarding this notice can be directed to Mr. Larry Moskovitz, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1000 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4186, Telephone: (412) 395-7205, e-mail: lrp.mahdredge@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The District is evaluating alternative strategies to restore, through environmental dredging, 31 miles of the lower Mahoning River that extends from Warren, Ohio to the Pennsylvania-Ohio state line. Through this project reach, the Mahoning River is considered a navigable waterway of the United States. The river sediment was contaminated from the heavy industrial use of the Mahoning River Valley through the early and mid 20th Century. Low head dams were constructed at that time to assure water supplies needed by industry. These dams have significantly altered the natural riverine habitat, and sediments in the river's bottom and banks were contaminated by decades of unregulated industrial waste disposal. The sediment contamination has severely impacted the aquatic life in this river and has led the Ohio Department of Health to issue two advisories against recreation on the Mahoning River from

Warren, Ohio to the Pennsylvania state line, one limiting fish consumption due to elevated levels of mercury and polychlorinated biphenols (PCBs) and another advising against coming in contact with sediments due to elevated levels of polyaromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). At the end of the 20th Century, many of the industrial facilities along the Mahoning River closed down, and the remaining companies improved their wastewater treatment facilities resulting in a marked improvement in river water quality. Despite this improvement, recent studies of the lower Mahoning River's ecosystem [including the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA's) 1994 Water Quality Study] suggest that the ecology of the Mahoning River will not be restored unless the contaminated sediments are removed, remediated, or capped and some or all of the dams are removed.

The project is being undertaken pursuant to the authority of Section 312 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-640), as amended by Section 205 of the WRDA of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-303) and Section 224 of the WRDA of 1999 (Pub. L. 106-53). Section 312 provides for the removal (dredging) of contaminated sediments within navigable waters for the purpose of ecosystem restoration and specifically identifies the Mahoning River in Ohio and Pennsylvania, due to the severity of contamination, as one of five rivers in the nation given top priority for removal and remediation of contaminated sediments. The District will prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement assessing the environmental impacts of the recommended and alternative plans.

Proposed Action: The Mahoning Environmental Dredging Project is designed to restore the ecosystem of the Mahoning River by removing contaminated sediment and low-head dams throughout a 31-mile stretch of the river (from Warren, Ohio to the Ohio-Pennsylvania border).

The Proposed Action involves removing contaminated sediments from the river utilizing mechanical or hydraulic dredging techniques and disposing of the material in an approved manner. Contaminated sediment located in the banks may be treated through hydraulic dredging, bioremediation, capping, or a combination of these three actions. Low-head dams that are no longer being used for water supply will be considered for removal.

Reasonable Alternatives: The District will evaluate a Future Without Project (No Action) Alternative and Future With Project Alternatives. The exact

nature and extent of the alternatives will be determined as part of the preparation of the Draft EIS. To facilitate scoping of the environmental effects of the project, the public may initially base comments upon a combination of possible actions that result in the removal of contaminated sediments from the riverbed and riverbank and the removal of unused low-head dams.

The primary issues to be analyzed in depth during the NEPA process will be the environmental impacts of proposed actions on the Mahoning River and cumulative impacts of this proposed Federal action in conjunction with reasonably foreseeable future actions by others. The analysis will include impacts to biological resources, cultural resources, socioeconomic resources, air quality, noise, and recreation.

In addition to the public notice, a notice will be mailed to each address on the Mahoning Environmental Dredging mailing list. Coordination throughout the project will be maintained with the appropriate local, state, and Federal agencies. Interested parties are encouraged to provide written comments relevant to issues to be addressed in the Draft EIS. The District requests that comments or requests for information be directed to the following study contact: Mr. Curtis N. Meeder, Chief, Planning and Environmental Branch (*see ADDRESSES* above).

Curtis N. Meeder,

Chief, Planning and Environmental.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

Overview Information; Early Childhood Educator Professional Development Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2005

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.349A.

Dates:

Applications Available: February 7, 2005.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: April 22, 2005.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: June 21, 2005.

Eligible Applicants: A partnership consisting of at least one entity from each of the following categories, as indicated below:

(i) One or more institutions of higher education, or other public or private