

Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the permit action summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

#### Species Covered in This Notice

This notice is relevant to the following threatened salmonid ESU: Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast (SONCC) coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*).

#### Renewal and Modification Requests Received for Permit (1072)

The Trinity River Restoration Program has requested renewal and modification 2 of Permit 1072 for take of SONCC coho salmon associated with studies to compare juvenile coho production and the health of juvenile coho in both restored and un-modified reaches of the mainstem and tributaries to the Trinity River. Proposed capture methods are by minnow trap, seine, and electrofishing. Renewal and Modification of Permit 1072 was originally issued to Trinity River Restoration Program on May 12, 2005. The Trinity River Restoration Program is currently authorized take of up to 4,800 juvenile coho salmon, and to collect tissue samples from up to 300 adult coho salmon carcasses. The Trinity River Restoration Program has requested an additional non-lethal take of up to 16,100 juvenile coho salmon. Renewal and Modification of Permit 1072 will expire September 1, 2013.

Dated: March 14, 2006.

**Ann Garrett,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Endangered Species; File No. 1563

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

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries (NCDMF; Mr. Blake Price, Principal Investigator), P.O. Box 769, Morehead City, North Carolina 28557, has applied in due form for a permit to take threatened and endangered sea

turtles for purposes of scientific research.

**DATES:** Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before April 17, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)427-2521; and Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, Saint Petersburg, Florida 33701; phone (727)824-5312; fax (727)824-5309.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301)427-2521, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing email comments is [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 1563.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carrie Hubard or Patrick Opay, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

The applicant proposes to test two types of large mesh gillnets to ascertain which type of net will reduce sea turtle interactions while maintaining targeted catch rates for southern flounder (*Paralichthys lethostigma*). Both nets would be constructed of 0.52 mm diameter monofilament with 6-inch (15.2 cm) mesh webbing and would be 1,200 yards (1,097 m) long. The control net would be 25 meshes deep while the low profile net would be twelve meshes deep. Control nets would have additional floatation every six feet (1.8 m) and tie downs every 30 feet (9.1 m);

the experimental net would have neither. NCDMF plans to conduct 150 paired net deployments (one of each type of net). To follow fishing protocols, nets would be set at dusk and retrieved in the early morning. Captured sea turtles would be examined for any possible injuries and held for approximately two hours to ensure they are healthy before being transported away from the fishing area and released. Turtles would be identified to species, measured, photographed, and flipper and PIT tagged. Any comatose or debilitated turtles would be transported to a rehabilitation center. During the life of the permit, the applicant requests authorization to capture 23 Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), 23 loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), 22 green (*Chelonia mydas*), 2 hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), and 2 leatherback (*Dermodochelys coriacea*) sea turtles. Of the captured turtles, 11 Kemp's, 11 loggerhead, 11 green, 1 hawksbill, and 1 leatherback may be mortalities. Research would be conducted in Pamlico Sound, North Carolina and the permit would expire in December 2007.

Dated: March 10, 2006.

**Stephen L. Leathery,**

*Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Availability of the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Construction and the Operation of a Battle Area Complex and a Combined Arms Collective Training Facility Within U.S. Army Training Lands in Alaska

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Army announces the availability of a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for the construction and operation of a Battle Area Complex (BAX) and a Combined Arms Collective Training Facility (CACTF) within U.S. Army training lands in Alaska, and the execution of routine, joint military training at these locations. The purpose of the proposed project is to provide year-round, fully automated, comprehensive and realistic training and range facilities for U.S. Army, Alaska and other units. The SDEIS

analyzes the proposed action's impacts upon Alaska's natural and man-made environments. The Army's review of comments received following the initial Draft EIS release in November 2004 resulted in the decision by the Army to prepare a SDEIS. The Army prepared this SDEIS in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

**DATES:** Written comments on the SDEIS are invited during the 45-day public comment period, which begins on the date the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency publishes notice of receipt of the SDEIS in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be directed to: Mr. Kevin Gardner, U.S. Army Garrison Alaska, 724 Postal Service Loop #4500, Attention: IMPA-FRA-PWE (GARDNER), Fort Richardson, AK 99505-4500; facsimile: (907) 384-3047; e-mail: [kevin.gardner@richardson.army.mil](mailto:kevin.gardner@richardson.army.mil).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Major Kirk Gohlke, Public Affairs Officer, telephone: (907) 384-1542; facsimile: (907) 384-2060; e-mail: [kirk.gohlke@richardson.army.mil](mailto:kirk.gohlke@richardson.army.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** U.S. Army, Alaska (USARAK) proposes to construct and to operate two state-of-the-art, fully automated and instrumented combat training facilities on U.S. Army training lands in Alaska. This involved the construction and operation of a BAX (rural environment) and CACTF (urban environment). The BAX requires approximately 3,500 acres and the CACTF requires 1,100 acres of land suitable for the construction and operation of these ranges. In addition, surface danger zones are required for both the BAX and CACTF.

The purpose of the proposed action is to provide year-round, fully automated, comprehensive, and realistic training and range facilities, which, in combination, would support company (200 Soldiers) through battalion (800 Soldiers) combat team training events. The construction and operation of a BAX and CACTF would support required higher levels of realistic combat training in both urban and rural environments. Automated facilities would be used to provide timely feedback that is critical to effective training.

The BAX and CACTF would fully train Soldiers for war by maintaining unit readiness and availability in recognition of the threats facing our nation and the world today. The BAX would support company combat team live-fire operations on a fully automated rural maneuver range and would

provide for joint combined arms team training with other Department of Defense organizations. The CACTF would support battalion combat team training and joint operations in an urban environment.

The changes and additional analysis in the SDEIS are the result of public and agency comments following the initial release of the Draft EIS. The SDEIS provides additional analysis on such issues as: Project site selection; soil resources; wildlife and fisheries; cultural resources; surface water (particularly local flooding events); fire management; noise; human health and safety; airspace use; and mitigation. These issues have been analyzed based on the following proposed alternative courses of action: (1) No Action (maintain existing range infrastructure without constructing a BAX and a CACTF); (2) Construction and operation of a BAX and a CACTF within the Eddy Drop Zone; (3) Construction and operation of a BAX and a CACTF within the Donnelly Drop Zone; (4) Construction and operation of a BAX and a CACTF within the North Texas Range; and (5) Construction and operation of a BAX within the North Texas Range and a CACTF within the Eddy Drop Zone (new alternative). These three locations are within Donnelly Training Area, East, which is adjacent to Fort Greely, AK. The preferred alternative is to construct and operate a BAX and CACTF at Eddy Drop Zone.

Copies of the SDEIS are available for review at the following locations: Noel Wien Public Library, 1215 Cowles Street, Fairbanks, AK; Delta Junction Public Library, Deborah Street, Delta Junction, AK; Donnelly Training Area Natural Resources Office, Building T100, Room 201, Fort Greely, AK; and Fort Wainwright Environmental Resources Department, Building 3023, Fort Wainwright, AK. A copy of the SDEIS may be obtained at the following Web site: <http://www.usarak.army.mil/conservation>, or by contacting Major Kirk Gohlke (listed above).

Comments on the SDEIS, received during the 45-day public comment period, will be considered in preparing the Final Environment Impact Statement. The Army will hold public meetings to solicit comments on the SDEIS. Notification of the dates, times and locations for the meeting will be published in local newspapers.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Army Educational Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), announcement is made of the following committee meeting:

*Name of Committee:* U.S. Army War College Subcommittee of the Army Education Advisory Committee.

*Dates of Meeting:* April 27, 2006 and April 28, 2006.

*Place of Meeting:* U.S. Army War College, 122 Forbes Avenue, Carlisle, PA, Command Conference Room, Root Hall, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania 17013.

*Time of Meeting:* 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

*Proposed Agenda:* Receive information briefings; conduct discussions with the Commandant and staff and faculty; table and examine online College issues; assess resident and distance education programs, self-study techniques, assemble a working group for the concentrated review of institutional policies and a working group to address committee membership and charter issues; propose strategies and recommendations that will continue the momentum of federal accreditation success and guarantee compliance with regional accreditation standards.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request advance approval or obtain further information, contact Colonel Kevin T. Connelly.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, make a presentation, or file statements with the Committee after receiving advance approval for participation.

**Kevin T. Connelly,**

*Colonel, U.S. Army, Designated Federal Official.*

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