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#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Tina Trezza at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: March 9, 2007.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 030807C]

#### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Research Steering Committee (Committee) in March, 2007, to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 29, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Radisson Hotel, 180 Water Street, Plymouth, MA 02360; telephone: (508) 747-4900; fax: (508) 747-8937.

*Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee will review several final cooperative research project reports and develop management advice for use by the Council; provide a list of 2007

research priorities for Council consideration and address the Northeast Fisheries Science Center's report on the impacts of fishing on groundfish spawning activities and related follow-up activities concerning the Northeast Region's Experimental Fishing Permit Program.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice 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 Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

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**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: March 9, 2007.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 030807A]

#### Endangered Species; File No. 1486

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

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of permit modification.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Harold M. Brundage, Environmental Research and Consulting, Inc., has been issued a modification to scientific research Permit No. 1486.

**ADDRESSES:** The modification and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

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 Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978)281-9300; fax (978)281-9394.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brandy Hutnak or Malcolm Mohead, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 16, 2007, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 1707) that a modification of Permit No. 1486, issued December 22, 2004 (69 FR 30287), had been requested by the above-named individual. The requested modification has been granted 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 222-226).

The modification authorizes Mr. Brundage to take 1,000 shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) early life stages (eggs and larvae) from the Delaware River System. Eggs will be collected using artificial substrates and larvae will be captured by passive ichthyoplankton nets, an epibenthic sled, and pump sampling. This research will help document spawning occurrence and location, as well as identify possible critical habitat or critical areas for shortnose sturgeon spawning and nursery.

Issuance of this modification, as required by the ESA was based on a finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered or threatened species, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: March 8, 2007.

**Tammy C. Adams,**

*Acting 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

#### Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Base Realignment and Closure Actions at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability (NOA).

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Army announces the availability of a DEIS that

evaluates the potential environmental impacts associated with realignment actions directed by the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

**DATES:** The public comment period for the DEIS will end 45 days after publication of an NOA in the **Federal Register** by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

**ADDRESSES:** Please send written comments on the DEIS to Mr. Buddy Keesee at: Department of the Army, Directorate of Safety, Health, and Environment, Attention: IMNE-APG-SHE-R (Bud Keesee), Building 5650, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005-5001 or via e-mail at [Buddy.Keesee@us.army.mil](mailto:Buddy.Keesee@us.army.mil).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Keesee at (410) 278-6755 during normal business hours Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Proposed Action and subject of the DEIS covers construction and renovation activities and the movement of personnel associated with the BRAC directed realignment of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

To implement the BRAC recommendations, Aberdeen Proving Ground will be receiving personnel, equipment, and missions from various realignment and closure actions within the Department of Defense. To implement the BRAC Commission recommendations, the Army will provide the necessary facilities/buildings and infrastructure to support the changes. Permanent facilities will be constructed or renovated to house the: Army Research Institute, Army Research Laboratory, Army Test and Evaluation Command, Joint Program Executive Office—Chemical Biological Defense, Walter Reed Army Institute for Research (Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense), Communications—Electronics Life Cycle Management Command, Communications—Electronics Research Development and Engineering Center, and other units and activities.

All the major planning, engineering, and siting analyses for the incoming BRAC actions at the Aberdeen Proving Ground are essentially complete, however, final design features continue to be reviewed. The DEIS shows areas within which potential construction and/or renovation will occur; although, the exact footprints, in many cases, have not yet been determined. The DEIS analyzes the potential impacts within these developmental areas.

Following a rigorous examination of all implementation alternatives, those alternatives found not to be viable were

dropped from further analyses in the DEIS. Alternatives carried forward include the Proposed Alternative and a No Action Alternative. The Proposed Alternative includes construction, renovation, and operation of proposed facilities to accommodate incoming military missions at Aberdeen Proving Ground as mandated by the 2005 BRAC recommendations. Minor alternative siting variations of proposed facilities were also evaluated. The DEIS addresses existing environmental resources likely to be affected by the Proposed Action, including those resources areas identified during the public scoping process. Implementation of the Proposed Alternative will result in significant impacts to transportation and socioeconomic factors. Depending on the final siting of some facilities, there is the potential for significant impacts to cultural resources due to adverse effects resulting from the disturbance or destruction of certain sites and buildings during renovation and construction activities. Impacts to these cultural resources would be direct, long-term, and significant.

No other significant beneficial or significant adverse impacts have been identified for land use, aesthetics and visual resources, air quality, noise, geology and soil, water resources, biological resources, utilities, or hazardous and toxic substances. The No Action Alternative provides the baseline conditions for comparison to the Proposed Alternative.

The Army invites the general public, local governments, other federal agencies, and state agencies to submit written comments or suggestions concerning the alternatives and analyses addressed in the DEIS. An electronic version of the DEIS is available for download on the U.S. Army BRAC Division Web site at: [http://www.hdqa.army.mil/acsim/brac/nepa\\_eis\\_docs.htm](http://www.hdqa.army.mil/acsim/brac/nepa_eis_docs.htm). The public and government agencies are invited to participate in a public meeting where oral and written comments and suggestions will be received.

Public meetings are scheduled for April 10, 2007 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Ramada Inn Conference Center, 1700 Van Bibber Road, Edgewood, Maryland, and April 11, 2007 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 1007 Beards Hill Road, Aberdeen, Maryland.

Dated: March 7, 2007.

**Addison D. Davis, IV**,  
*Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army,*  
*(Environment, Safety and Occupational Health).*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Meeting of the Board of Advisors (BOA) to the President, Naval Postgraduate School (NPS)

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

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of the meeting is to elicit the advice of the board on the Naval Service's Postgraduate Education Program and the collaborative exchange and partnership between NPS and the Air Force Institute of Technology. The board examines the effectiveness with which the NPS is accomplishing its mission. To this end, the board will inquire into the curricula, instruction, physical equipment, administration, state of morale of the student body, faculty, and staff, fiscal affairs, and any other matters relating to the operation of the NPS as the board considers pertinent. This meeting will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. All written comments regarding the NPS BOA should be received by April 6, 2007, and be directed to President, Naval Postgraduate School (Attn: Jaye Panza), 1 University Circle, Monterey, CA 93943-5000 or by fax 831-656-3145.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Naval Postgraduate School, Ingersoll Hall, 1 University Circle, Monterey, CA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jaye Panza, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA 93943-5000, telephone number 831-656-2514.

Dated: March 6, 2007.

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*Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate  
Generals Corps, U.S. Navy, Alternate Federal  
Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 14, 2007.