

miles), from the waters west of the Golden Gate Bridge to the current sanctuary boundaries, and would support the Administration's focus on growing travel and tourism in the United States and in particular in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Review Process

The review process is composed of four primary stages:

1. Information collection and characterization, including public scoping meetings.
2. Preparation and release of a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) as required by Section 304(a) of the NMSA that identifies boundary expansion alternatives, as well as a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend the sanctuary regulations to reflect any new boundary if proposed.
3. Public review and comment on the DEIS and NPRM; and
4. Preparation and release of a final environmental impact statement, including a response to public comments, with a final rule if appropriate.

NOAA anticipates that the completion of the final environmental impact statement and concomitant documents will require approximately twelve months.

At this time, NOAA is opening a public comment period to:

1. Gather information and public comments from individuals, organizations, and government agencies on whether MBNMS should expand its boundary and the potential effects of a boundary expansion;
2. Help determine the scope of issues to be addressed in the preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS) pursuant to the NEPA, if warranted; and
3. Conduct a series of public scoping meetings to collect public comment. The public scoping meeting schedule is presented below.

Public Scoping Meetings: The public scoping meetings will be held on the following dates and at the following locations and times:

1. Santa Cruz, CA

Date: August 16, 2012.

Location: Loudon Nelson Community Center.

Address: 301 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

Time: 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

2. San Francisco, CA

Date: August 23, 2012.

Location: Golden Gate National Recreation Area Headquarters.

Address: Upper Fort Mason, Bldg. 201, San Francisco, CA.

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

3. Pacifica, CA

Date: September 12, 2012.

Location: Pacifica Community Center, The Card Room.

Address: 540 Crespi Drive Pacifica, CA 94044.

Time: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Consultation Under National Historic Preservation Act

This notice confirms that NOAA will fulfill its responsibility under section 106 of the NHPA through the ongoing NEPA process, pursuant to 36 CFR 800.8(a), including the use of NEPA documents and public and stakeholder meetings to meet the section 106 requirements. The NHPA specifically applies to any agency undertaking that may affect historic properties. Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.16(1)(1), historic properties includes: "any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure or object included in, or eligible for inclusion in, the National Register of Historic Places maintained by the Secretary of the Interior. The term includes artifacts, records, and remains that are related to and located within such properties. The term includes properties of traditional religious and cultural importance to an Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization and that meet the National Register criteria."

In fulfilling its responsibility under the NHPA and NEPA, NOAA intends to identify consulting parties; identify historic properties and assess the effects of the undertaking on such properties; initiate formal consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer, the Advisory Council of Historic Preservation, and other consulting parties; involve the public in accordance with NOAA's NEPA procedures, and develop in consultation with identified consulting parties alternatives and proposed measures that might avoid, minimize or mitigate any adverse effects on historic properties and describe them in any environmental assessment or draft environmental impact statement.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1431 et seq.; 16 U.S.C. 470.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Revisions to Electric Quarterly Report Filing Process; Availability of Draft XML Schema

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is making available on its Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) a draft of the XML schema that is being developed for use in filing Electric Quarterly Reports as proposed in the Commission's June 21, 2012 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 77 FR 39447 (July 3, 2012). Please refer to the Supplementary Information Section below for details.

DATES: The draft XML Schema is now available at the links mentioned below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christina Switzer, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St. NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-6379.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Take notice that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is making available on its Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) a draft of the XML schema that is being developed for use in filing Electric Quarterly Reports as proposed in the Commission's June 21, 2012 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. The XML schema is still in development, but is being made available as a draft so that interested parties may view the XML schema prior to submitting comments on the proposed rule. The link to the XML schema can be found at both the Events Calendar Web page at, <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?ID=6411&CalType=&CalendarID=116&Date=&View=Listview>, and on the main EQR Web page at, <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/eqr.asp>.

Dated: July 27, 2012.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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