complex, and Suisun Marsh. The primary objectives to which ESA-listed salmonids and SDPS green sturgeon may be taken by Dr. Moyle are to determine the extent that native fishes use intertidal and subtidal shallow water and marsh (SWM) habitats in the northern arc of the SFE and to understand how fishes commonly inhabiting Suisun Marsh use the Sacramento River corridor to access SWM habitats that are not currently surveyed in Sherman Lake, Cache Slough and Lindsey Slough. Further, Dr. Moyle will model fish abundance and assembly using biophysical habitat data (including slough geomorphology, hydrology, and water quality) to guide restoration projects that will successfully support native fishes and discourage aliens.

Permit 17077 authorizes non-lethal take and low levels (not to exceed 20 percent, equivalent to one fish) of unintentional lethal take of adult and juvenile ESA-listed salmonids and both adult and juvenile SDPS green sturgeon. Permit 17077 does not authorize any intentional lethal take of ESA-listed salmonids or SDPS green sturgeon.

Angela Somma,
Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

Summary of Request

On December 27, 2012, we received a complete and adequate application from OCS requesting authorization for take of marine mammals incidental to hydrographic surveys conducted by OCS. The requested governing regulations would be valid for 5 years from the date of issuance. OCS operates active acoustic devices that have the potential to disturb marine mammals, and operates throughout coastal waters of the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone. During 2013–18, OCS plans to conduct surveys in all coastal waters of the U.S. except for those in the Caribbean and in Hawaii and other Pacific islands. Because the specified activities have the potential to take marine mammals present within the action areas, OCS requests authorization to take small numbers of multiple species or stocks of marine mammal.

Specified Activities

Hydrographic survey projects support OCS’s mandated mission to provide reliable nautical charts and other products necessary for safe navigation, economic security, and environmental sustainability in U.S. coastal waters. OCS surveys approximately 3,000 square nautical miles of coastal waters each year, and proposes to continue the same level of activity. In order to conduct these surveys, OCS uses active acoustic devices, including some that may result in behavioral harassment of marine mammals. These include high-frequency single-beam and multibeam echosounders and side-scan sonars mounted on or towed behind vessels traveling at a slow speed.

A more detailed description of the hydrographic surveys conducted by OCS may be found in their application, which is available at: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/incidental.htm.
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability of Government-Owned Inventions; Available for Licensing

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Navy and are available for licensing by the Department of the Navy.


DATES: Written objections are to be filed with Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Div, Code OOL, Bldg 2, 300 Highway 361, Crane, IN 47522–5001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Christopher Monsey, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Div, Code OOL, Bldg 2, 300 Highway 361, Crane, IN 47522–5001, telephone 812–854–4100.


C. K. Chiappetta,
Lieutenant Commander, Office of the Judge Advocate General, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

Second Extension of Hearing Record Closure Date

AGENCY: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

ACTION: Second extension of hearing record closure date.


Extension of Time: The Board now extends the period of time for which the hearing record will remain open to January 16, 2013, to further accommodate submission of answers to questions taken for the record during the course of the public hearing.

Contact Person for Further Information: Debra H. Richardson, Deputy General Manager, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004–2901, (800) 788–4016. This is a toll-free number.

Dated: January 2, 2013.

Peter S. Winokur,
Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records—Evaluation of the Pell Grant Experiments Under the Experimental Sites Initiative—2012

AGENCY: Institute of Education Sciences, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of a new system of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (Privacy Act), the Department of Education (Department) publishes this notice of a new system of records entitled “Evaluation of the Pell Grant Experiments Under the Experimental Sites Initiative—2012” (18–13–31).

DATES: Submit your comments on this proposed new system of records on or before February 7, 2013.

The Department filed a report describing the new system of records covered by this notice with the Chair of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, the Chair of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs,