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Response to RWTF FY12
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10:30 a.m.—12:15 p.m. Navy Harbor
Survey Program
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Wounded Warrior Regiment Survey
Program
3:00 p.m.—3:15 p.m. Break
3:15 p.m.—4:15 p.m. Marine Corps
Wounded Warrior Regiment Survey
Program (continued)
4:45 p.m.—5:00 p.m. Wrap Up

Public’s Accessibility to the Meeting:
Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR
102–3.140 through 102–3.165, and the
availability of space, this meeting is
open to the public. Seating is on a first-
come basis.

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and
102–3.140, and section 10(a)(3) of the
Federal Advisory Committee Act of
1972, the public or interested
organizations may submit written
statements to the Department of Defense
Task Force on the Care, Management,
and Transition of Recovering Wounded,
Ill, and Injured Members of the Armed
Forces about its mission and functions.
If individuals are interested in making
an oral statement during the Public
Forum time period, a written statement
for a presentation of two minutes must
be submitted and must identify it is
being submitted for an oral presentation
by the person making the submission.
Identification information must be
provided and at a minimum must
include a name and a phone number.
Individuals may visit the Task Force
Web site at http://dtf.defense.gov/rwtf/to
view the Charter. Individuals making
presentations will be notified by
Wednesday, February 20, 2013. Oral
presentations will be permitted only on
Wednesday, February 27, 2013 from
9:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. EDT before the
Task Force. The number of oral
presentations will not exceed ten, with
one minute of questions available to the
Task Force members per presenter.
Presenters should not exceed their two
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Written statements in which the
author does not wish to present orally
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response to the stated agenda of a
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All written statements shall be
submitted to the Designated Federal
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contact information in FOR FURTHER
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individual will ensure that the written
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Statements, either oral or written,
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agenda mentioned in this notice must be
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FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT no later
than 5:00 p.m. EDT, Monday, February
18, 2013 which is the subject of this
notice. Statements received after this
date may not be provided to or
considered by the Task Force until its
next meeting. Please mark mail
correspondence as “Time Sensitive for
February Meeting.”

The Designated Federal Officer will
review all timely submissions with the
Task Force Co-Chairs and ensure they
are provided to all members of the Task
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subject of this notice.

Reasonable accommodations will be
made for those individuals with
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for additional services should be
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325–6640, by 5:00 p.m. EDT, Monday,
February 18, 2013.


Aaron Siegel,
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Prepare an
Environmental Impact Statement for
Land-Water Interface and Service Pier
Extension, Naval Base Kitsap Bangor,
Silverdale, WA and To Announce
Public Scoping Meetings

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

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program. The SPE and supporting facilities are for Commander, Submarine Development Squadron Five (CSDS–5), CSDS–5 is the Immediate Superior in Command for all three SEAWOLF Class submarines and four DoN research, development, test, and evaluation (RDT&E) detachments based at NAVBASE Kitsap Bangor.

The DoN is the lead federal agency for this action. The DoN is requesting the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the National Marine Fisheries Service to be Coordinating Agencies. The DoN will hold public scoping meetings to receive oral and/or written comments on environmental concerns related to the proposed actions, to determine the scope of issues to address in the Draft EIS, and to identify and refine alternatives to the proposed actions. Federal, state, and local agencies, American Indian tribes, and the public are invited to participate in the scoping process.

The public scoping meetings will be conducted in English and will be arranged in an informal, open-house format. Attendees will be provided the opportunity to sign-in and then visit various stations hosted by DoN representatives and technical staff assigned to provide information and answer questions. Several large display boards will be located throughout the meeting locations to assist attendees in understanding the proposed actions and the alternatives. Fact sheets about the proposed actions and alternatives will be available to attendees. A comment table with comment sheets will be placed in an easily accessible location.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: The public scoping meetings will be held on the following dates and locations:

1. February 20, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Chimacum High School Commons, 91 West Valley Road, Chimacum, WA 98325; and
2. February 21, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the North Kitsap High School Commons, 1780 Northeast Hostmark Street, Poulsbo, WA 98370.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Naval Facilities Engineering Command Northwest, Attn: Thomas Dildine, LWI/SPE EIS Project Manager, 1101 Tautog Circle, Silverdale, WA 98315–1101, Email: nwnepa@navy.mil, Phone: 360–396–6387, or Web site: https://www.nbkeis.com/lwi/.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the LWI project is to comply with DoD directives to protect TRIDENT submarines from increased and evolving threats and to prevent the seizure, damage, or destruction of military assets. The purpose of the SPE project is to eliminate deployment constraints and improve maintenance of SEAWOLF Class submarines.

The need for the LWI is to:
• Enhance security within the WRA. Protection of strategic military assets is a vital national security concern. Aggressive security improvements within the DoN pre-date the USS Cole incident and the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 and continue today.

The need for the SPE is to:
• Remove restrictions on navigating SEAWOLF Class submarines through Rich Passage under certain tidal conditions;
• Improve long-term operational effectiveness for the three SEAWOLF Class submarines at NAVBASE Kitsap Bangor;
• Provide berthing and logistical support at the DoN’s submarine RDT&E hub, which is located on NAVBASE Kitsap Bangor; and
• Improve submarine crew training and readiness through co-location of the SEAWOLF Class submarines and crew with command functions at NAVBASE Kitsap Bangor submarine training center.

The LWI and SPE are related actions due to their proximity, anticipated timing of construction, and potential to affect similar resources, but are not connected projects because each proposed action would function independently. While independent in function, the projects may have the potential to affect related resources, so the DoN has chosen to analyze both projects in a single EIS.

The EIS must evaluate reasonable alternatives in accordance with the CEQ regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] § 1502.14) and DoN regulations (32 CFR Part 775) that implement the NEPA. Alternatives for the proposed action were identified based on security and program requirements, avoiding or minimizing environmental impacts, and compatibility with existing facilities, infrastructure, and operational missions. The DoN is considering the following alternatives to satisfy each purpose and need:

(i) LWI Alternative 1 (No Action)—Under the No Action Alternative, the DoN would not build the LWI and associated PSB modifications. DoD and DoN security requirements for the TRIDENT program would not be met. (ii) LWI Alternative 2 (Pile-Supported Pier and PSB Modification)—Under this alternative, the LWI structure would include two pile-supported piers built from shore to the seafloor to connect with the existing PSB system at the north and south sides of the NAVBASE Kitsap Bangor WRA. Each pier would connect to a solid concrete abutment to be constructed on the shore, and an anchoring structure for the PSBs to be installed at the seaward end of each pier. The LWI pier structure would be 280 feet long at the northern location and 730 feet long at the southern location. The piers would be supported by up to fifty-four 24-inch diameter steel piles at the northern location and up to eighty-two 24-inch diameter steel piles at the southern location. A fence would be installed along the length of the piers. Fifty 30 foot tall towers would be installed on the piers to support lights and cameras, and a mesh/grate with sensors would extend from the bottom of the pier walkway to the seafloor.

(iii) LWI Alternative 3 (Port Security Barrier Modification)—This alternative, the DoN would build the LWI using PSBs instead of a pile supported pier. The LWI structures would consist of modifying and lengthening the existing PSBs at the same north and south locations as the pile supported pier alternative. The PSB sections would be 280 feet long at the northern location and 730 feet long at the southern location. The existing PSB system would be modified and lengthened to extend across the intertidal zone and would attach to shoreline abutments. Two solid concrete abutments would be constructed at the shore end of the north and south location to form a secure barrier from the bluff to the intertidal zone. Three 30 foot tall in-water towers would be installed to support lights and security equipment. The in-water towers would each be supported by a platform resting on four 24 inch piles. Two additional 30 foot tall towers would be installed on land.

(iv) SPE Alternative 1 (No Action)—The DoN would not consolidate SEAWOLF berthing and support services. The SEAWOLF Class submarines would continue to have reduced operational availability (due to tide windows limiting safe navigation through Rich Passage) and the long-term operations and maintenance efficiency and effectiveness resulting from consolidation of SEAWOLF Class submarines in one location would not occur.

(v) SPE Alternative 2 (Short Pier Configuration) The DoN would consolidate SEAWOLF Class submarines on NAVBASE Kitsap Bangor and build and operate the SPE proposed action using a side by side submarine mooring configuration. The proposed new facilities associated with this option include a 600 foot pier, a 3,100-square-foot Pier Services and Compressor Building, a pier crane, a
50,000-square-foot shoreside Maintenance Support Facility, and a shoreside emergency diesel generator facility. The new Maintenance Support Facility would be built within an existing parking lot. To support additional personnel, a 6-acre upland parking lot and lay down area would be constructed near the proposed Maintenance Support Facility. The SPE would be supported by approximately 320 steel piles.

(vi) SPE Alternative 3 (Long Pier Configuration)—The DoN would consolidate SEAWOLF Class submarines on NAVBASE Bangor and build and operate the SPE proposed action using an in-line berth submarine mooring configuration. The proposed new facilities associated with this option include a 1,200-lineal-foot SPE, a 3,100-square-foot Pier Services and Compressor Building, a pier crane, a 50,000-square-foot shoreside Maintenance Support Facility, and a shoreside emergency diesel generator facility. The new Maintenance Support Facility would be built within an existing parking lot. To support additional personnel, a 6-acre upland parking lot and lay down area would be constructed near the proposed Maintenance Support Facility. The SPE would be supported by approximately 700 steel piles.

The proposed actions will be designed to minimize environmental impacts to the extent practicable. Project details including construction methods, schedule, operations, and maintenance, will be developed during the design process and analyzed in the Draft EIS.

No decision will be made to implement any alternative until the EIS process is completed and a Record of Decision is signed by the acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations, and Environment).

The impacts to be evaluated include, but will not be limited to, effects on federally listed threatened and endangered species and critical habitat, impacts relating to underwater noise and airborne noise from pile driving and other actions, loss of eelgrass and other marine habitat, decreased opportunities for migratory and transient movement of fish and wildlife within the waterfront, reduction in water quality, effects on littoral drift (shoreline sediment movement), and effects on tribal resources.

The analysis will include an evaluation of direct, indirect, short-term, and long-term impacts of construction and operation of each project as well as cumulative impacts from other DoN and non-DoN activities in the project area.

The DoN is initiating the scoping process to identify community concerns and local issues to be addressed in the EIS. Federal, state, and local agencies, American Indian tribes, and interested persons are encouraged to provide written comments at scheduled public scoping meetings. All written statements will become part of the public record and will be responded to in the Draft EIS.

Written comments should be mailed to Naval Facilities Engineering Command Northwest, 1101 Tautog Circle, Silverdale, WA 98385–1101, Attention: Thomas Dildine, LWI/SPE EIS Project Manager. Comments may also be submitted online at https://www.nbeis.com/lwi/ during the comment period. All comments must be received by March 17, 2013 to ensure they become part of the official record.


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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Electronically mail ICDOcketMgr@ed.gov. Please do not send comments here.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department’s information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: High School Longitudinal Study of 2009 (HSLS:09) High School Transcript and 2013 Update Full Scale Study and Panel Maintenance

AGENCY: Department of Education (ED), Institute of Education Sciences.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 et seq.), ED is proposing a revision of an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 4, 2013.

CONTACT: Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov by selecting Docket ID number ED–2013–ICCD–0008 or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Room 2E105, Washington, DC 20202–4537.

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