

environmental conditions described for San Diego Bay, enabling the implementation of shutdowns to avoid injury, serious injury, or mortality.

Effects on individuals that are taken by Level B harassment, on the basis of reports in the literature as well as monitoring from other similar activities, will likely be limited to reactions such as increased swimming speeds, increased surfacing time, or decreased foraging (if such activity were occurring). Most likely, individuals will simply move away from the sound source and be temporarily displaced from the areas of pile driving, although even this reaction has been observed primarily only in association with impact pile driving. The pile driving activities analyzed here are similar to numerous other construction activities conducted in San Francisco Bay and in the Puget Sound region, which have taken place with no reported injuries or mortality to marine mammals, and no known long-term adverse consequences from behavioral harassment. Repeated exposures of individuals to levels of sound that may cause Level B harassment are unlikely to result in hearing impairment or to significantly disrupt foraging behavior. Thus, even repeated Level B harassment of some small subset of the overall stock is unlikely to result in any significant realized decrease in viability for California coastal bottlenose dolphins, and thus would not result in any adverse impact to the stock as a whole. For pinnipeds, no rookeries are present in the project area, there are no haul-outs other than those provided opportunistically by man-made objects (the primary such haul-out, the bait barges, will be relocated away from the project area), and the project area is not known to provide foraging habitat of any special importance.

In summary, this negligible impact analysis is founded on the following factors: (1) The possibility of injury, serious injury, or mortality may reasonably be considered discountable; (2) the anticipated incidences of Level B harassment consist of, at worst, temporary modifications in behavior; (3) the absence of any major rookeries and only a few isolated and opportunistic haul-out areas near or adjacent to the project site; (4) the absence of any other known areas or features of special significance for foraging or reproduction within the project area; (5) the presumed efficacy of the planned mitigation measures in reducing the effects of the specified activity to the level of least practicable impact. In addition, none of these stocks are listed under the ESA or considered of special

status (e.g., depleted or strategic) under the MMPA. California sea lions and harbor seals (in California) are thought to have reached or to be approaching carrying capacity, while gray whales are thought to be increasing. The California coastal stock of bottlenose dolphins remained stable during the most recent period of trend analysis. In combination, we believe that these factors, as well as the available body of evidence from other similar activities, demonstrate that the potential effects of the specified activity will have only short-term effects on individuals. The specified activity is not expected to impact rates of recruitment or survival and will therefore not result in population-level impacts.

Determinations

The number of marine mammals actually incidentally harassed by the project will depend on the distribution and abundance of marine mammals in the vicinity of the survey activity. However, we find that the number of potential takings authorized (by level B harassment only), which we consider to be a conservative, maximum estimate, is small relative to the relevant regional stock or population numbers, and that the effect of the activity will be mitigated to the level of least practicable impact through implementation of the mitigation and monitoring measures described previously. Based on the analysis contained herein of the likely effects of the specified activity on marine mammals and their habitat, we find that the total taking from the activity will have a negligible impact on the affected species or stocks.

Impact on Availability of Affected Species or Stock for Taking for Subsistence Uses

There are no relevant subsistence uses of marine mammals implicated by this action.

Endangered Species Act (ESA)

The Navy initiated informal consultation under section 7 of the ESA with NMFS' Southwest Regional Office on March 5, 2013. NMFS concluded on May 16, 2013, that the proposed action may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect, western North Pacific gray whales. The Navy has not requested authorization of the incidental take of WNP gray whales and no such authorization is issued. There are no other ESA-listed marine mammals found in the action area. Therefore, no consultation under the ESA is required.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), as implemented by the regulations published by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), the Navy prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) to consider the direct, indirect and cumulative effects to the human environment resulting from the pier replacement project. NMFS made the Navy's EA available to the public for review and comment, in relation to its suitability for adoption by NMFS in order to assess the impacts to the human environment of issuance of an IHA to the Navy. Also in compliance with NEPA and the CEQ regulations, as well as NOAA Administrative Order 216–6, NMFS has reviewed the Navy's EA, determined it to be sufficient, and adopted that EA and signed a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on July 8, 2013. The Navy's EA and NMFS' FONSI for this action may be found at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/incidental.htm>.

Authorization

As a result of these determinations, we have issued an IHA to the Navy to conduct the specified activities in San Diego Bay for one year, from September 1, 2013, through August 31, 2014, provided the previously described mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated.

Dated: July 19, 2012.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DoD–2011–OS–0015]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by August 23, 2013.

Title, Associated Form and OMB Number: Application for Former Spouse

Payments From Retired Pay; DD Form 2293; OMB Control Number 0730-0008.

Type of Request: Reinstatement.

Number of Respondents: 29,127.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 29,127.

Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 7282 hours.

Needs and Uses: Under 10 U.S.C.

1408, state courts may divide military retired pay as property or order alimony and child support payment from that retired pay. The former spouse may apply to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) for direct payment of these monies by using DD Form 2293. This information collection is needed to provide DFAS the basic data needed to process the request.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Jasmeet Sehra.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Sehra at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

You may also submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by the following method:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

DOD Clearance Officer: Ms. Patricia Toppings.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Toppings at WHS/ESD Information Management Division, 4800 Mark Center Drive, East Tower, Suite 02G09, Alexandria, VA 22350-3100.

Dated: July 18, 2013.

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Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID DoD-2013-OS-0157]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Transition to Veterans Program Office, Office of the Secretary of Defense for Personnel & Readiness, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Transition to Veterans Program Office announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by September 23, 2013.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Federal Docket Management System Office, 4800 Mark Center Drive, East Tower, Suite 02G09, Alexandria, VA 22350-3100.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Center for Naval Analyses, ATTN: Mr. Jeffery Peterson, 4825 Mark Center Drive, Alexandria, VA

22311 or call Mr. Jeffery Peterson (703-824-2774) or Dr. Lauren Malone (703-824-2741).

Title: *Associated Form; and OMB*

Number: Veterans' Community Reintegration Focus Groups; OMB Control Number: 0704-TBD.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary to help the Transition to Veterans Program Office identify the particular challenges and issues veterans face in reintegrating with their communities. These focus groups are necessary since there is no single, existing dataset that captures veterans' community reintegration, beyond measuring employment or education. Our findings will help inform the development and implementation of their new transition program, Transition GPS (Goals, Plans, Success).

Affected Public: Individuals and Households.

Annual Burden Hours: 225.

Number of Respondents: 150.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 90 minutes.

Frequency: One time.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

In order to populate our focus groups, we will work with veteran organizations, such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, and Student Veterans of America in the metro-DC area, to find participants for our groups. We will ask the organizations to help us gather groups of veterans who are less than two years removed from active duty and who volunteer to participate.

Upon arrival, we will ask the focus group participants to fill out a voluntary intake information sheet that asks for age, gender, race, education level, marital status, number of children, service affiliation, officer vs. enlisted, rank, and length of time since last active duty. At no point will participants be asked to provide their names or any other individual-level information other than what is listed here. The demographic information will only be used to show how our focus group samples compare to the overall demographics of recently transitioned veterans, and will not be linked to any participants' replies. This is essential for determining the comparability of our findings. If, for example, our focus groups were to consist largely of females, we would find it important to caveat the implications of our findings to the overall military, which is largely male. In addition, the new TAP program, Transition GPS, has a goal of