

New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council has established these working groups to develop background information and approaches to problems and issues to be considered by the Council and its committees. The working groups will not make any final decisions about the selection of approaches or alternatives that might be adopted by the Council.

The purpose of the ABC Control Rule Working Group is to prepare a work plan on how the Council should proceed in developing acceptable biological catch (ABC) control rules that incorporate the Council's risk tolerance into the process for setting ABCs. The work plan will enable the Council to approve a process for developing the risk policy as a Council priority.

The purpose of the Electronic Monitoring Working Group is to identify barriers or necessary steps to the approval by NMFS of Northeast Multispecies (Groundfish) sector operations plans that rely on electronic monitoring to achieve the compliance and catch attribution requirements for groundfish sectors.

Special Accommodations

The meetings will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: August 7, 2013.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Western Pacific Fisheries; Approval of a Marine Conservation Plan for Pacific Insular Areas; Western Pacific Sustainable Fisheries Fund

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

ACTION: Notice of agency decision.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces approval of a marine conservation plan for Pacific

Insular Areas other than American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

DATES: This agency decision is effective from August 1, 2013, through July 31, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the marine conservation plan, identified by NOAA-NMFS-2013-0126, are available from www.regulations.gov, or the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council), 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813, tel 808-522-8220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jarad Makaiau, Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office, 808-944-2108.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 204(e) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) authorizes the Secretary of State, with the concurrence of the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) and in consultation with the Council, to negotiate and enter into a Pacific Insular Area fishery agreement (PIAFA). A PIAFA would allow foreign fishing within the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) adjacent to any Pacific Insular Area other than American Samoa, Guam, or the Northern Mariana Islands, that is, in the EEZ around the Pacific remote island areas (PRIA). The PRIA are Baker Island, Howland Island, Jarvis Island, Johnston Atoll, Kingman Reef, Midway Island, Wake Island, and Palmyra Atoll. Before entering into a PIAFA, the Council must develop a 3-year Marine Conservation Plan (MCP) providing details on uses for any funds collected by the Secretary under the PIAFA.

The Magnuson-Stevens Act requires that payments received under a PIAFA, and any funds or contributions received in support of conservation and management objectives for the PRIA, be deposited into the Western Pacific Sustainable Fisheries Fund (Fund) for use by the Council. Additionally, amounts received by the Secretary attributable to fines and penalties imposed under the Magnuson-Stevens Act for violations by foreign vessels occurring within the EEZ off any PRIA are also deposited into the Fund for use by the Council.

An MCP must be consistent with the Council's fishery ecosystem plans, must identify conservation and management objectives (including criteria for determining when such objectives have been met), and must prioritize planned marine conservation projects. The Council, at its 157th meeting held June 26-28, 2013, reviewed and approved this MCP and recommended its

submission to the Secretary for approval.

The MCP contains five conservation and management objectives, and identifies major task areas for planned activities, as follows:

Objective 1. Support quality research and obtain the most complete scientific information available to assess and manage fisheries within an ecosystem approach.

a. Support cooperative research on U.S. purse seine vessels fishing on fish aggregation devices in the PRIA.

b. Support tagging studies in the PRIA to provide better understanding of pelagic species.

c. Support collection and analysis of life history characteristics of federally managed species through bio-sampling.

Objective 2. Conduct education and outreach to foster good stewardship principles and broad and direct public participation in the Council decision-making process by supporting education and outreach activities related to sustainable fisheries management of pelagic fisheries in the PRIA.

Objective 3. Promote regional cooperation to manage domestic and international fisheries, by participating in international fishery policy development in Pacific Regional Fishery Management Organizations.

Objective 4. Encourage development of technologies and methods to achieve the most effective level of monitoring, control, and surveillance, and to ensure safety at sea.

a. Support pilot programs to test new technologies for information gathering, in coordination with federal, state, and industry representatives.

b. Support observer programs or other monitoring efforts that are adequate to monitor the harvest, bycatch, and compliance of foreign fishing vessels that fish under a PIAFA in the PRIA.

c. Participate in Pacific-wide vessel monitoring system consultations.

Objective 5. Support activities that promote western Pacific community demonstration projects and the western Pacific community development program.

Section 204(e)(7)(C) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act authorizes the Council to use monies deposited into the Fund to meet conservation and management objectives in the State of Hawaii, consistent with the Fishery Ecosystem Plan for the Hawaii Archipelago. The MCP includes an appendix describing these objectives. At the 157th meeting, the Council recommended amendments to the appendix relating to fisheries research.

The MCP also outlines a process by which the Council's Executive

Committee could revisit the project ranking to adapt to changing management needs.

This notice announces that NMFS has determined that the PRIA MCP satisfies the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act and approves the MCP for the 3-year period from August 1, 2013, through July 31, 2016.

Dated: August 7, 2013.

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Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of Air Force

Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Gulf Regional Airspace Strategic Initiative (GRASI) Landscape Initiative

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The Air Force is issuing this notice to advise the public of its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Gulf Regional Airspace Strategic Initiative (GRASI) Landscape Initiative (GLI) is a U.S Air Force-led partnership with the State of Florida and other state and federal agencies to expand the capacity of the region to safely host military test and training operations.

Under the GLI EIS, the Air Force's Proposed Action is to utilize Blackwater River State Forest (BRSF) and Tate's Hell State Forest (THSF) for establishing helicopter landing and drop zones, airstrips, and a number of different land and air training activities which currently occur within the interstitial (areas between designated test/training sites) areas of the Eglin Air Force Base (AFB) Range. The Air Force is also proposing to establish up to 12 radar, telemetry, and training emitter sites throughout northwest Florida. The emitter sites would support development of an integrated air defense system, which would provide unique, viable, and robust air training.

Scoping: In order to effectively define the full range of issues to be evaluated in the EIS, the Air Force will determine the scope (i.e. what will be covered and in what detail) by soliciting comments from interested state and federal agencies and interested members of the public through the **Federal Register** and various media in the local communities near the Proposed Action. The Air Force

will also hold a series of scoping meetings to further solicit input regarding the scope of the proposed action and any reasonable alternatives.

DATES: Scoping meetings will be held in the local communities near the state forests. The scheduled dates, times, locations and addresses for the scoping meetings will be published in local media a minimum of 15 days prior to the scoping meetings. The Air Force intends to hold scoping meetings in the following communities on the following dates:

August 27, 2013: Milton Community Center, Gracie Room, 5629 Byrom St., Milton, Florida

August 28, 2013: Blountstown Civic Center, 17773 Ne Pear St., Blountstown, Florida

August 29, 2013: Apalachicola Community Center, 1 Bay Ave, Apalachicola, Florida

Scoping comments can be submitted to the mailing address below or via the GRASI GLI EIS Web site (grasieis.leidoseemg.com) by the date indicated. Comments will be accepted at any time during the environmental impact analysis process. However, to ensure the Air Force has sufficient time to consider public input in the preparation of the Draft EIS, comments should be submitted to the Web site or the address listed below by September 9, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mike Spaits, Eglin AFB Public Affairs Office, 96 TW/PA, 101 West D Avenue, Suite 110, Eglin AFB, FL 32542-5499, (850) 882-2836 spaitsm@eglin.af.mil September 9, 2013.

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DAF, Acting Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2013-ICCD-0102]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; NAEP Wave 2 (TEL and Assessment Feedback) Under the National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) 2014-2016 System Clearance

AGENCY: Institute of Education Sciences/ National Center for Education Statistics (IES), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44

U.S.C. chapter 3501 *et seq.*), ED is proposing a new Generic information collection to an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 11, 2013.

ADDRESSES: 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-0102 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.

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: NAEP Wave 2 (TEL and Assessment Feedback) under the National Assessment of Education