

restoration to baseline (the resource quality and conditions that would exist if the spill had not occurred) is complete.

The DWH Trustees are:

- U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), as represented by the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Land Management;
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), on behalf of the U.S. Department of Commerce;
- U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA);
- U.S. Department of Defense (DOD);¹
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA);
- State of Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, Oil Spill Coordinator's Office, Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and Department of Natural Resources;
- State of Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality;
- State of Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and Geological Survey of Alabama;
- State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; and
- For the State of Texas, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas General Land Office, and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Upon completion of the NRDA, the DWH Trustees reached and finalized a settlement of their natural resource damage claims with BP in a Consent Decree approved by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. Pursuant to that Consent Decree, restoration projects in Alabama are now chosen and managed by the Alabama Trustee Implementation Group (TIG). The Alabama TIG is composed of the following Trustees:

- U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), as represented by the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Land Management;
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), on behalf of the U.S. Department of Commerce;
- U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA);
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA); and
- State of Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and Geological Survey of Alabama.

The DWH Trustees received extensive comments and restoration project ideas during the scoping process in 2011 for the comprehensive Gulf Spill Restoration Plan and Programmatic EIS prepared by NOAA on behalf of the Trustees (76 FR 9327–9328). The DWH Trustees released this document, titled *Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill: Final Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan (PDARP) and Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)* in February 2016. Future restoration projects, including those developed in this recreational use RP/EIS, will be developed in accordance with the PDARP/PEIS.

The purpose of the scoping process is to identify the concerns of the affected public and Federal agencies, states, and Indian tribes, involve the public in the decision making process, facilitate efficient restoration planning and environmental review, define the issues and alternatives that will be examined in detail, and save time by ensuring that draft documents adequately address relevant issues. This scoping notice is also intended to elicit your restoration project ideas. The scoping process reduces paperwork and delay by ensuring that important issues are considered early in the decision making process. Following the scoping process, the Alabama TIG will prepare a draft RP/EIS, at which time the public will be encouraged to comment on the document. A public comment meeting or meetings will be held at that time to gather public input on the document.

Invitation To Comment

The Alabama TIG seeks public involvement in the scoping process and development of the recreational use RP/EIS. The Alabama TIG invites public comment during the 30-day public comment period regarding (1) the scope, content, and any significant issues the Alabama TIG should consider in the RP/EIS, and (2) potential restoration project ideas. The Alabama TIG has published a Scoping Announcement which can be accessed at www.alabamacoastalrestoration.org.

Next Steps

Following scoping, the Alabama TIG intends to release the draft RP/EIS by late summer or early fall 2016. At that time, the Alabama TIG will invite public review and comment on the document.

Administrative Record

The documents comprising the Administrative Record can be viewed electronically at the following location: <https://www.doi.gov/deepwaterhorizon/adminrecord>.

Authority

The authority of this action is the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.*), and the implementing Natural Resource Damage Assessment regulations found at 15 CFR part 990.

Dated: June 21, 2016.

Samuel D. Rauch III,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Notice of Intent to an Exclusive Patent License

AGENCY: Office of Research and Technology Application.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of Part 404 of Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, which implements Public Law 96–517, as amended, the Department of the Air Force announces its intention to grant an exclusive license in favor of Rocco, LLC, having a place of business at 2602 Clover Basin Drive, Suite D, Longmont, CO 80301 in any right, title, and interest the Air Force has in the following patents:

U.S. Patent No. 7,895,795, issued 1 March 2011, titled “Triangular rollable and collapsible boom,” by Thomas W. Murphey *et al.*

U.S. Patent No. 8,356,774, issued 22 January 2013, titled “Structure for storing and unfurling material,” by Jeremy A. Banik *et al.*

U.S. Patent No. 7,354,033, issued 8 April 2008, titled “Tape-spring deployable hinge,” by Thomas W. Murphey *et al.*

U.S. Patent No. 7,435,032, issued 14 October 2008, titled “Resilient joint for deployable structures,” by Thomas W. Murphey *et al.*

U.S. Patent No. 8,462,078, issued 11 June 2013, titled “Deployable shell with wrapped gores,” by Thomas W. Murphey *et al.*

U.S. Patent No. 8,434,196, issued 7 May 2013, titled “Multi-axis compliant hinge,” by Thomas W. Murphey *et al.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For an objection to the prospective license to be considered, it must be submitted in writing and be received at the following address within fifteen (15) days from the date of publication of this Notice.

¹ Although a trustee under OPA by virtue of the proximity of its facilities to the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill, DOD is not a member of the Trustee Council and does not participate in DWH Trustee decision-making.

Written objection should be sent to: James M. Skorich, Esq. 2251 Maxwell Street SE., 377th AFNWC/JAN, Kirtland AFB NM 87117. Phone: (505) 846-5172.

Henry Williams,

Acting Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Army Science Board Partially Closed Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of a partially closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (U.S.C. 552b, as amended) and 41 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 102-3.140 through 160, the Department of the Army announces the following committee meeting:

Name of Committee: Army Science Board (ASB) Summer Voting Session.

Date: Wednesday, July 27 and Thursday, July 28, 2016.

Time:

Closed portion: 1330-1700 on July 27, 2016.

Open portion: 0900-1200 on July 28, 2016.

Location: Arnold and Mabel Beckman Center of the National Academies of Sciences and Engineering, 100 Academy Way, Irvine, CA 92617.

Purpose of Meeting: The purpose of the meeting is for all members of the Board and its subcommittees to meet and present five of six Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16) studies to the voting members for their consideration, deliberation, and vote.

Agenda: The board will present findings and recommendations for deliberation and vote on the following five FY16 studies:

The Military Benefits and Risks of the Internet of Things. This study is not classified and will be presented during the open portion of the meeting. The purpose of this study is to determine the advisability of the Army applying the commercial practice of networking civilian physical systems into a military analog of the "internet of things (IOT)." As IOT moves beyond the exchange of information in cyber space to the networking of operating systems of physical objects. It will apply and extend relevant findings and recommendations of the Army Science Board studies on cyber vulnerability and electronics countermeasures, the Navy Studies Board network vulnerability study, and the Defense

Science Board cyber vulnerability study and autonomy study.

Robotic and Autonomous Systems-of-Systems Architecture. This study contains classified and unclassified material and will be presented in the open and closed portions of the meeting. The objective of this study is to identify the Army formations with the greatest potential to benefit from adoption of robotics and autonomous systems (RAS) technology in both the near term (7-10 years) and the long term (10-25 years). For each selected application, the study will define the benefits of RAS, considering such factors as cost, manpower reduction, survivability, and mission effectiveness. The study team will make maximum use of existing platforms available in the Army, other Services, or commercially.

Countering Enemy Indirect Fires, Target Acquisition Using Unmanned Aerial Systems, and Offensive Cyber/Electronic Warfare Capabilities. This study is classified and will be presented in the closed meeting. The purpose of this study is to conduct a thorough threat assessment of capabilities, both today and in the future, of various adversaries; examine existing and potential means to counter each element of indirect fire systems, to include target acquisition using unmanned aerial systems, and direction finding technologies; develop means to counter each element of the indirect fire systems and determine the effect of countering each element; determine the cost (manpower and materiel) and effectiveness of the counter to each element of the threat system; determine if modern means of engineering and manufacturing can correct the problems in many of today's munitions that cause them to become treaty prohibited; determine the cost-effectiveness of combining various counter means to threat systems; and propose the most cost-effective set of actions necessary to counter future enemy indirect fire capabilities.

Future Armor/Anti-Armor Competition. This study is classified and will be presented in the closed meeting. The study objective is to provide an independent assessment of current and future anti-armor weapons versus armored vehicles.

Army Efforts to Enhance Soldier and Team Performance. This study contains classified and unclassified material and will be presented in the open and closed portions of the meeting. This study will provide an independent assessment of current and future Soldier enhancement techniques the Army may adopt as long-term practices. It will look at the advances in biological, biomedical, and

pharmaceutical technologies as they apply to the Army. The study will also analyze trends in the broader area of human enhancement for relevant application to future force capabilities, and consider individual, organizational, and cultural risks of application within the military. Finally, it may consider whether and how cultural values of foreign nations may facilitate the development and application of enhancements that the U.S. Government would see as more extreme or unethical.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Army Science Board, Designated Federal Officer, 2530 Crystal Drive, Suite 7098, Arlington, VA 22202; LTC Stephen K. Barker, the committee's Designated Federal Officer (DFO), at (703) 545-8652 or email: stephen.k.barker.mil@mail.mil, or Mr. Paul Woodward at (703) 695-8344 or email: paul.j.woodward2.civ@mail.mil.

Public's Accessibility to the Meeting: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 3.165, and the availability of space, the open portion of this meeting is open to the public. Seating is on a first-come basis. The Beckman Center is fully handicapped accessible. For additional information about public access procedures, contact LTC Stephen Barker at the telephone number or email address listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. The Department of the Army has determined that the closed portion of this meeting is properly closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1), which permits Federal Advisory Committee meetings to be closed which are likely to "disclose matters that are (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive Order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive Order."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.140d, the Committee is not obligated to allow the public to speak; however, interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the Subcommittees. Individuals submitting a written statement must submit their statement to the DFO at the address listed above. Written statements not received at least 10 calendar days prior to the meeting may not be considered by the Board prior to its scheduled meeting.

The DFO will review all timely submissions with the Board's executive committee and ensure they are provided to the specific study members as necessary before, during, or after the meeting. After reviewing written comments, the study chairs and the