

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****National Estuarine Research Reserve System**

AGENCY: Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Approval and Availability for the Revised Management Plan for the Chesapeake Bay Virginia National Estuarine Research Reserve.

SUMMARY: The Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Department of Commerce has approved the Chesapeake Bay Virginia National Estuarine Research Reserve Management Plan Revision. Notice and an opportunity for public comment on the Revised Management Plan was first published in the **Federal Register** on November 5, 2008 (73 FR 65837).

Four sites along the York River comprise the Chesapeake Bay Virginia National Estuarine Research Reserve; Sweet Hall Marsh, Taskinas Creek, the Catlett Islands, and the Goodwin Islands. The four sites were designated as the Chesapeake Bay Virginia National Estuarine Research Reserve in 1991 pursuant to Section 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1461. The reserve has been operating in partnership with the Virginia Institute of Marine Science under a management plan approved in 1991. Pursuant to 15 CFR Section 92.1.33(c), a state must revise their management plan every five years. The submission of this plan fulfills this requirement and sets a course for successful implementation of the goals and objectives of the reserve. A boundary expansion, a revised geographic vision for the reserve, new facilities, and updated programmatic objectives are notable revisions to the 1991 approved management plan.

The revised management plan outlines the administrative structure; the education, stewardship, and research goals of the reserve; and the plans for future land acquisition and facility development to support reserve operations. This management plan describes how the strengths of the reserve will focus on four areas relevant to the Chesapeake Bay: Functions and

linkages of land-margin ecosystems; ecosystem vulnerability to climate and human-induced stressors; water quality and aquatic stressors; and integrated ocean observing systems.

Since 1991, the reserve has added a coastal training program that delivers science-based information to key decision makers in the Chesapeake Bay; has completed a site profile that characterizes the reserve; and has expanded the monitoring, stewardship and education programs significantly. A new administrative building (2003) and a new science and education lab (2005) have been built to support the growth of reserve programs.

With the approval of this management plan, the Chesapeake Bay Virginia National Estuarine Research Reserve will change their total acreage from 2,849 acres to a new total of 2,705 acres. This change is attributable to boundary modifications at two of the reserve sites. At Sweet Hall Marsh, 189 acres of reserve property are being removed from the reserve boundary due to a change in ownership. At the Taskinas Creek site, 44.5 acres are being added to the reserve boundary to provide a deciduous and hardwood forest buffer to protect the estuarine areas used for research and education.

The 1991 Management Plan proposed a multi-phased expansion of the reserve that started with the four sites on the York River and planned to incorporate over 20 sites throughout Virginia to ensure adequate representation of Virginian estuarine areas important to the Chesapeake Bay. This expansion has not occurred since 1991. Due to the anticipated logistical, economic, and programmatic difficulties of having over 20 sites administered as part of the National Estuarine Research Reserve, the 2008 Management Plan focuses on the York River for the next five years.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Miglion at (301) 563-1126 or Laurie McGilvray at (301) 563-1158 of NOAA's National Ocean Service, Estuarine Reserves Division, 1305 East-West Highway, N/ORM5, 10th floor, Silver Spring, MD 20910. For copies of the Chesapeake Bay Virginia Management Plan revision, visit <http://web.vims.edu/cbnerr/index.htm>.

Dated: February 4, 2009.

David M. Kennedy,

Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Navy****Notice of Extension of Comment Period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement for the Northwest Training Range Complex**

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: A notice of availability was published by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 79473) on December 29, 2008 for the Northwest Training Range Complex (NWTRC) Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS). The public review period ends on February 11, 2009. This notice announces a seven-day extension of the public comment period until February 18, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Kimberly Kler, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Northwest, Attention: NWTRC EIS/OEIS, 1101 Tautog Circle, Suite 203, Silverdale, Washington 98315-1101; or <http://www.NWTRangeComplexEIS.com>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public comment period on the NWTRC Draft EIS/OEIS will be extended by seven days until February 18, 2009. Comments may be submitted in writing to Naval Facilities Engineering Command Northwest, Attention: Mrs. Kimberly Kler—NWTRC EIS/OEIS, 1101 Tautog Circle, Suite 203, Silverdale, WA 98315-1101. In addition, comments may be submitted online at <http://www.NWTRangeComplexEIS.com> during the comment period. All written comments must be postmarked by February 18, 2009, to ensure they become part of the official record. All comments will be addressed in the Final EIS/OEIS.

Copies of the Draft EIS/OEIS are available for public review at the following libraries:

1. Humboldt County Library, 1313 Third Street, Eureka, CA;
2. Jefferson County Rural Library, 620 Cedar Avenue, Port Hadlock, WA;
3. Kitsap Regional Library, 1301 Sylvan Way, Bremerton, WA;
4. Lincoln City Public Library, 801 SW Highway 101, Lincoln City, OR;
5. Oak Harbor Public Library, 1000 SE Regatta Drive, Oak Harbor, WA;
6. Port Townsend Public Library, 1220 Lawrence St., Port Townsend, WA;
7. Timberland Regional Library, 420 Seventh Street, Hoquiam, WA.

The NWTRC Draft EIS/OEIS is also available for electronic public viewing at: <http://www.NWTRangeComplexEIS.com>.

Dated: February 6, 2009.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Closed Meeting of the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Executive Panel

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The CNO Executive Panel will report on the findings and recommendations of the Northeast Asia Subcommittee to the Chief of Naval Operations. The meeting will consist of presentations, briefs, and discussions of the following topics that have been classified at the SECRET Level: Current and future Navy strategy; plans, and policies in support of U.S. deterrence planning crisis management and conflict escalation and control in Northeast Asia. The executive session of this meeting will be closed to the public.

The discussion of such information would be exempt from public disclosure as set forth in section 552b(c)(5), (6), and (7) of title 5, United States Code. For this reason, the executive session of this meeting will be closed to the public.

DATES: The closed Executive Session will be held on March 11th, 2009 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at CNA, 4825 Mark Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22311-1846, Room 1A01. The meeting will be handicap accessible.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LCDR Eric Taylor, CNO Executive Panel, 4825 Mark Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22311-1846, telephone: 703-681-4909.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice of meeting is provided per the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.). The executive session of the meeting consists of discussions of classified information. The proposed closed session 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. will include a discussion involving future Navy strategy; plans,

and policies in support of U.S. deterrence planning crisis management and conflict escalation and control in Northeast Asia. Discussion of such information cannot be adequately segregated from other topics, which precludes opening the executive session of this meeting to the public.

Accordingly, the Secretary of the Navy has determined in writing that the meeting shall be closed to the public because it will be concerned with matters listed in sections 552b(c)(5), and (7) of the title 5, United States Code.

Dated: February 6, 2009.

A.M. Vallandingham,
Lieutenant Commander, Office of the Judge Advocate General, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Assessment Governing Board; Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting and partially closed meetings.

SUMMARY: The notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Assessment Governing Board. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify members of the general public of their opportunity to attend. Individuals who will need special accommodations in order to attend the meeting (i.e., interpreting services, assistive listening devices, materials in alternative format) should notify Munira Mwalimu at 202-357-6938 or at Munira.Mwalimu@ed.gov no later than February 23, 2009. We will attempt to meet requests after this date, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

DATES: March 5-7, 2009.

Times

March 5: Committee Meetings

Assessment Development Committee: Open Session—12 noon to 2 p.m.

Ad Hoc Committee on NAEP Testing and Reporting on Students with Disabilities and English

Language Learners: Open Session—2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Executive Committee: Open Session—4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Closed Session—5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

March 6

Full Board: Open Session—8:30 a.m. to 12 noon; Closed Session—12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.; Open Session—1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

Assessment Development Committee: Open Session—9:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Committee on Standards, Design and Methodology: Closed Session—9:45 a.m. to 10:20 a.m. Open Session—10:20 a.m. to 12:15 a.m.

Reporting and Dissemination Committee: Open Session—9:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

March 7

Nominations Committee: Closed Session—7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Full Board: Closed Session—9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.; Open Session—9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Location: Mandarin Oriental Washington, DC, 1330 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20024

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Munira Mwalimu, Operations Officer, National Assessment Governing Board, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 825, Washington, DC 20002-4233, Telephone: (202) 357-6938.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Assessment Governing Board is established under section 412 of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994, as amended.

The Board is established to formulate policy guidelines for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). The Board's responsibilities include selecting subject areas to be assessed, developing assessment specifications and frameworks, developing appropriate student achievement levels for each grade and subject tested, developing standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons, developing guidelines for reporting and disseminating results, and releasing initial NAEP results to the public.

On March 5, the Assessment Development Committee will meet in open session from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. and the Ad Hoc Committee on NAEP Testing and Reporting on Students with Disabilities and English Language Learners will meet in open session from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thereafter, the Executive Committee will meet in open session from 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and in closed session from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

During the closed session the Executive Committee will receive a