

for the San Diego Creek Watershed Special Area Management Plan (SAMP)/Watershed Streambed Alteration Agreement (WSAA) Process. The San Diego Creek Watershed SAMP is a plan, which is comprised of the following elements: an Analytical Framework for Corps and Department decisionmaking; modified, watershed-specific permitting processes, including watershed- and resource-based permitting protocols and a mitigation framework for the Corps and the Department; a Strategic Mitigation Plan, which is based upon a riparian ecosystem restoration plan; a Mitigation Coordination Program to achieve implementation of the Strategic Mitigation Plan and foster a coordinated approach to aquatic resource management in the Watershed; and an implementation plan for the SAMP. The SAMP establishes alternative (aquatic resource-based and watershed-specific) permitting procedures for projects within the San Diego Creek Watershed that will alter the bed, bank or channel of rivers, streams, and lakes and associated riparian habitats under the Department's jurisdiction, and discharge dredged or fill material into waters of the United States subject to the Corps jurisdiction. The SAMP permitting procedures will improve the capacity of the Corps and the Department to evaluate such projects, as compared to the process each agency would normally follow in permitting such projects on a case-by-case basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Corice Farrar, Project Manager, Regulatory Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District at (213) 452-3296, by e-mail at Corice.J.Farrar@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Bound copies of the Draft Program EIS/EIR will be made available to the public for review at the following library reference desks: University of California at Irvine, Langson Library (Irvine, California); Newport Beach Central Library (Newport Beach, California); Heritage Park Regional Library (Irvine, California); and Santa Ana Public Library (Santa Ana, California). In addition, in-house review copies will be made available at the Department's San Diego Office by calling (858) 462-4201 and Regional Office in Los Alamitos by calling (562) 342-7115. A public meeting will be held at the Peter and Mary Muth Interpretive Center located at 2301 University Drive, Newport Beach, California 92660 on April 1, 2008, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. If you would like additional information or an electronic copy of the Draft Program EIS/EIR, please contact Ms. Corice

Farrar by phoning (213) 452-3296, by sending an e-mail to the address shown above, or by accessing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District's Web site at: <http://www.spl.usace.army.mil/samp/sandiegocreeksamp.htm>. Comments on the Draft Program EIS/EIR may be submitted in writing to Corice Farrar, either mailed to P.O. Box 532711, Los Angeles, CA 90053-2325, or delivered to 915 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 980, Los Angeles, CA 90017-3401, from March 7, 2008, to April 21, 2008, by 5 p.m. for consideration by the lead agencies in their decision-making process leading to certification of the Final Program EIS/EIR and a Record of Decision.

Dated: February 27, 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive Patent License: Newport Engineering & Science Company

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Special notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to Newport Engineering and Science Company, a revocable, nonassignable, partially exclusive license to practice throughout the United States the Government-owned inventions described in U.S. Pat. App. Ser. No. 11/296,722 COATING TO REDUCE FRICTION ON SKIS AND SNOWBOARDS filed on December 8, 2005.

DATES: Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license has fifteen (15) days from the date of this notice to file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any.

ADDRESSES: Written objections are to be filed with the Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Newport, 1176 Howell St., Bldg 990, Code 07TP, Newport, RI 02841.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Theresa A. Baus, Head, Technology Partnership Enterprise Office, Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Newport, 1176 Howell St., Bldg 990, Code 07TP, Newport, RI 02841, telephone 401-832-8728, or E-Mail: bausta@npt.nuwc.navy.mil.

Authority: 35 U.S.C. 207, 37 CFR part 404.

Dated: February 29, 2008.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Public Hearings for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Introduction of the P-8A Multi-Mission Maritime Aircraft (MMA) Into the United States Fleet

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), the Department of the Navy (Navy) has prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to evaluate the potential environmental consequences associated with providing facilities and functions to support the homebasing of P-8A MMA at established maritime patrol installations. Public hearings will be held to provide information and receive oral and written comments on the DEIS. Federal, state, and local agencies, and interested individuals are invited to be present or represented at the hearings.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: Four public hearings will be held. Each scheduled public hearing will be preceded by an open information session to allow interested individuals to review information presented in the DEIS. Navy representatives will be available during the information session to provide clarification as necessary related to the DEIS. Each information session will occur from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., followed by the formal public hearing from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Public hearings are scheduled at the following dates and locations:

1. Whidbey Island, Washington: Wednesday, March 26, 2008, Oak Harbor School District Office, ASC Boardroom, 350 S. Oak Harbor Street, Oak Harbor, WA 98277.

2. Honolulu, Hawaii: Tuesday, April 1, 2008, J.B. Castle High School, 45-386 Kaneohe Bay Drive, Kaneohe, HI 96744.

3. Coronado, California: Thursday, April 3, 2008, Early Childhood