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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of open public meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC). This will be the first meeting to be held in calendar year 2008 to review and advise NOAA on management policies for living marine resources. Agenda topics are provided under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice. All full Committee sessions will be open to the public.

DATES: The meetings will be held July 1, 2008, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., July 2, 2008, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and July 3, 2008, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Radisson Martinique Hotel, 49 West 32nd Street, New York, NY 10001; (212) 277-2702

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Holliday, Director, NMFS Office of Policy; telephone: (301) 713-2239 x120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, notice is hereby given of a meeting of MAFAC. MAFAC was established by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) on February 17, 1971, to advise the Secretary on all living marine resource matters that are the responsibility of the Department of Commerce. This committee advises and reviews the adequacy of living marine resource policies and programs to meet the needs of commercial and recreational fisheries, and environmental, State, consumer, academic, tribal, governmental and other national interests. The complete charter and summaries of former meetings are located online at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/ocs/mafac/index.htm>.

Matters To Be Considered

The order in which these matters is considered is subject to change.

July 1, 2008

The meeting will begin with opening remarks and introductions to the full committee from Dr. Jim Balsiger, Acting Assistant Administrator for NOAA Fisheries. MAFAC administrative matters will be discussed, including findings and recommendations of the MAFAC charter working group. The afternoon is dedicated to separate Subcommittee and working group meetings, including Strategic Planning, Commerce (aquaculture, ecolabeling, and seafood safety/quality), and Recreational Fisheries Statistics improvements.

July 2, 2008

Updates will be presented on Aquaculture, Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization, and International Fisheries, and legislative updates. Other topics to be discussed are the Vision 2020 Working Group; a Strategic Planning Subcommittee report on the present draft of a MAFAC Transition Paper; NOS/NMFS interactions; and National Monuments, Sanctuaries, and Marine Protected Areas.

July 3, 2008

The full Committee will reconvene from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to discuss findings and recommendations on Seafood Safety and Quality; receive a briefing on climate change impacts and NOAA Climate Service; and discuss findings and recommendations on Ecolabeling and Seafood Certification. The meeting will conclude with a review of action items and next steps, and the time and place of the Fall meeting.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mark Holliday, Director, NMFS Office of Policy; telephone: (301) 713-2239 x120 by 5 p.m., June 15, 2008.

Dated: June 5, 2008.

James W. Balsiger

Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Stormwater Treatment Areas in Everglades Agricultural Area Located in Palm Beach and Hendry Counties, FL

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is issuing this notice to advise the public that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) has been completed and is available for review and comment.

DATES: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), we have filed the Draft EIS with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for publication of their notice of availability in the **Federal Register**. The EPA notice officially starts the 45-day review period for this document. It is the goal of the USACE to have this notice published on the same date as the EPA notice. However, if that does not occur, the date of the EPA notice will determine the closing date for comments on the Draft EIS. Comments on the Draft EIS must be submitted to the address below under Further Contact Information and must be received no later than 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday, July 21, 2008.

Scoping: Scoping Meetings were held in West Palm Beach, FL, and Belle Glade, FL, on July 25th and 26th, respectively, to gather information for the preparation of the Draft EIS. Public notices were posted in Broward, Palm Beach and Hendry County newspapers, and e-mailed and air-mailed to current stakeholder lists with notification of the public meetings and requesting input and comments on issues that should be addressed in the Draft EIS.

A public meeting for this Draft EIS will be held on Wednesday, June 25, 2008, from 6 to 9 p.m. at University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, Everglades Research and Education Conference Center, 3200 E. Palm Beach Road, Belle Glade, FL 33430. The purpose of this public meeting is to provide the public the opportunity to comment, either orally or in writing, on the Draft EIS. Notification of the meeting will be announced following same format as the Scoping Meetings announcements.

ADDRESSES: The Draft EIS can be viewed online at <http://>

www.saj.usace.army.mil/regulatory/index.htm. Copies of the Draft EIS are also available for review at the following libraries:

Belle Glade Branch Public Library, 530 S. Main Street, Belle Glade, FL 33430,
Palm Beach County Main Library,
3650 Summit Blvd., W. Palm Beach,
FL 33406,
Clewiston Public Library, 120 W. Osceola Ave., Clewiston, FL 33440,
Pahokee Branch Public Library, 525 Bacom Point Rd., Pahokee, FL 33476,
Legislative Library, 701 The Capitol, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300,
Glades County Public Library, P.O. Box 505, Riverside Dr., Moorehaven, FL 33471,
South Bay Public Library, 375 SW. 2nd Ave., South Bay, FL 33493.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Tori White, Section Chief, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, 4400 PGA Boulevard, Suite 500, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410, Telephone: 561-472-3517, Fax: 561-626-6971.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) proposes to construct and operate stormwater treatment areas (STAs) on Compartments B and C of the Everglades Agricultural Area in Palm Beach and Hendry Counties, Florida. Compartment B STA will consist of approximately 6,700 acres of effective treatment area, and will be operated in close coordination with the existing STA 2 to assist in the phosphorus reduction capability of this STA, which discharges into Water Conservation Area (WCA) 2A. The SFWMD also proposes that the Compartment B STA be used to receive flows that otherwise would be directed to STA 1W and STA 1E assuming there is capacity in the existing canals. The Compartment C STA will consist of approximately 6,200 acres of effective treatment area, and will be operated in close coordination with existing STA 5 and STA 6 to assist in the phosphorus reduction capability of these two STAs, which discharge into WCA 3A and Rotenberger Wildlife Management Area. As proposed, the project would impact approximately 7,591 acres and 5,918 acres of jurisdictional wetlands and other waters of the United States associated with the construction of Compartments B and C, respectively. The SFWMD would need to obtain a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act from the USACE and an interim land use approval from Department of the Interior for construction of Compartments B and C which were purchased with federal

funds for Everglades restoration. This Draft Environmental Impact Statement evaluates the environmental effects of 5 alternatives including the SFWMD's preferred alternative described above, 2 additional alternatives that utilize Compartments B and C but with a different operational regime for Compartment B, an alternative that includes other lands for construction of an STA to assist existing STA 1W and STA 1E, and the no action alternative.

Dated: June 2, 2008.

Donald W. Kinard,

Deputy Chief, Regulatory Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for TRIDENT Support Facilities Explosives Handling Wharf, Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor, Silverdale, Kitsap County, WA and To Announce Public Scoping Meeting

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section (102)(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and the regulations implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), the Department of the Navy (Navy) announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of a proposed new Explosives Handling Wharf (EHW) located adjacent to, but separate from, the existing EHW on Hood Canal, NBK-Bangor, WA, to support TRIDENT submarines.

The proposed action consists of in-water and land-based construction and infrastructure enhancements including a covered ordnance operations area, a support building on the wharf, and a warping wharf. As part of the Navy's sea-based strategic deterrence mission, the Navy Strategic Systems Programs (SSP) directs research, development, manufacturing, test, evaluation, and operational support of the TRIDENT Fleet Ballistic Missile program. SSP is the Action Proponent and the Navy is the lead agency for this project.

The Navy will hold a public scoping meeting for the purpose of further identifying the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. Federal, State, and local agencies and the public are invited

to participate in the scoping process for the EIS. Comments are being solicited to help identify significant issues or concerns related to the proposed action, determine the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS, and identify and refine alternatives to the proposed action.

The Navy will conduct a public scoping meeting to receive oral and/or written comments on environmental concerns that should be addressed in the EIS. The public scoping meeting will be conducted in English and will be arranged in an informal, open house format. Attendees will be asked to sign in and will be directed to various stations manned by Navy representatives and technical staff assigned to provide information and answer questions. Several large display boards will be located throughout the meeting location to assist attendees in understanding the project and the alternatives. A comment table, supplied with comment sheets, will be placed in an easily accessible and comfortable location. Fact sheets about the project and alternatives will be available to participants.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: The public scoping meeting will be held on Thursday, June 26, 2008 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Silverdale Community Center, 9729 Silverdale Way, NW., Evergreen Room, Silverdale, WA 98383.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jack Spiller, Public Affairs Officer, Department of the Navy, Strategic Systems Programs, 2521 South Clark Street, Suite 1000, Arlington, VA 22202-3930, telephone: 703-601-9009, e-mail at: nbkehweis@ssp.navy.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed action is to construct and operate a proposed new EHW located adjacent to, but separate from, the existing EHW on Hood Canal, NBK-Bangor, WA, to support TRIDENT submarines. The purpose of the proposed action is to meet current and future technical program requirements for the TRIDENT mission. The need for the proposed action is to provide capability for loading and unloading missiles and torpedoes on submarines homeported at NBK-Bangor.

The new EHW is needed to maintain operational availability of the TRIDENT Program. The original plan for the TRIDENT base at Bangor, described in an environmental impact statement dated July 1974 provided for three EHWs. Two EHWs were constructed for the TRIDENT base at Kings Bay, Georgia, and operations at Kings Bay have demonstrated the efficiency and