

determined that the total taking of affected species or stocks would not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of such species or stocks for taking for subsistence purposes.

Endangered Species Act

Of the species of marine mammals that may occur in the proposed survey area, six are listed as endangered under the ESA, including the blue, fin, humpback, sei, southern right, and sperm whales. Under section 7 of the ESA, the Navy has initiated formal consultation with NMFS, Office of Protected Resources, Endangered Species Act Interagency Cooperation Division, on this proposed survey. NMFS' Office of Protected Resources, Permits and Conservation Division, has also initiated formal consultation under section 7 of the ESA with NMFS' Office of Protected Resources, Endangered Species Act Interagency Cooperation Division, to obtain a Biological Opinion evaluating the effects of issuing the IHA on threatened and endangered marine mammals and, if appropriate, authorizing incidental take. NMFS will conclude formal section 7 consultation prior to making a determination on whether or not to issue the IHA. If the IHA is issued, the Navy, in addition to the mitigation and monitoring requirements included in the IHA, would be required to comply with the Terms and Conditions of the Incidental Take Statement corresponding to NMFS' Biological Opinion issued to both the Navy and NMFS' Office of Protected Resources, Permits and Conservation Division.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

The Navy has prepared a draft Overseas Environmental Assessment (OEA) to address the potential environmental impacts that could occur as a result of the proposed activity. To meet NMFS' National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) requirements for the issuance of an IHA to the Navy, NMFS will either adopt the OEA (if sufficient) or prepare an independent NEPA analysis. This analysis will be completed prior to issuance of a final IHA.

Proposed Authorization

As a result of these preliminary determinations, NMFS proposes to issue an IHA to the Navy for conducting a physical oceanographic survey off the southern coast of Africa, provided the previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated.

Dated: November 15, 2011.

James H. Lecky,

*Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID DOD-2011-OS-0129]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness/National Security Education Program, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness/National Security Education Program announces the proposed extension of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by January 20, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Federal Docket Management System Office, 4800 Mark Center Drive, East Tower, 2nd floor, Suite 02G09, Alexandria, VA 22350-3100.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness/National Security Education Program, Attn: Dr. Michael Nugent, PO Box 12221, Arlington, VA 22209-2221, or call at (703) 696-5673.

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: National Language Service Corps; DD Forms 2932, 2933, and 2934; OMB Number 0704-0449.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary to identify individuals with language and special skills who potentially qualify for employment or service opportunities in the public section during periods of national need or emergency.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 750.

Number of Respondents: 2,500.

Responses per Respondent: 1.807.

Average Burden per Response: 10 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

The DD Form 2932, *National Language Service Corps (NLSC) Pilot Application*, is the initial document used to collect information from members of the public. The NLSC Pilot Application form contains a brief set of screening questions and provides background data on where the applicant learned the foreign language and whether the applicant has used the language professionally. Applicants fill this out for basic information (age, citizenship, Foreign Language), and if they meet eligibility criteria, they proceed to the supplemental documents. Members are required to renew their DD Form 2932 information every four years. Those who enrolled in 2008 will need to start their renewals in 2012. Renewing applicants are in addition to those initially applying.

The supplemental documents are used to determine eligibility for membership in the NLSC. The DD Form 2934, *National Language Service Corps (NLSC) Global Language Self-Assessment*, provides an overall assessment of the applicant's foreign language ability. The DD Form 2933, *National Language Service Corps (NLSC) Pilot Detailed Skills Self-Assessment*, is a detailed description of the applicant's skills with respect to specific foreign language tasks. These two supplemental documents are used in conjunction for the certification of

language skills for entry into the NLSC and quality assurance of certification.

The information collected in the application and the supplemental documents is used solely by the NLSC.

Dated: November 16, 2011.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Advisory Board Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Advisory Board (EMAB). The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Monday, December 5, 2011, 9 a.m.–4:45 p.m.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kristen G. Ellis, Designated Federal Officer, EMAB (EM-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585. Phone (202) 586-5810; fax (202) 586-0293 or email: kristen.ellis@em.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of EMAB is to provide the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management (EM) with advice and recommendations on corporate issues confronting the EM program. EMAB contributes to the effective operation of the program by providing individual citizens and representatives of interested groups an opportunity to present their views on issues facing EM and by helping to secure consensus recommendations on those issues.

Tentative Agenda Topics:

- EM Update
- EMAB Acquisition and Project Management Subcommittee Report
- Tank Waste Strategy Update
- Management Excellence

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Individuals who would like to attend must RSVP to Kristen G. Ellis no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, November 25, 2011, at kristen.ellis@em.doe.gov. An early confirmation of attendance will help

facilitate access to the building more quickly. Please provide your name, organization, citizenship and contact information. Space is limited. Entry to the DOE Forrestal building will be restricted to those who have confirmed their attendance in advance. Anyone attending the meeting will be required to present government issued photo identification, such as a passport, driver's license, or government identification. EMAB welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Kristen G. Ellis at least seven days in advance of the meeting at the phone number or email address listed above. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to the agenda should contact Kristen G. Ellis at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Time allotted for individuals wishing to make public comments will depend on the number of individuals who wish to speak, but will not exceed five minutes.

Minutes: Minutes will be available by writing or calling Kristen G. Ellis at the address or phone number listed above. Minutes will also be available at the following Web site <http://www.em.doe.gov/stakepages/emabmeetings.aspx>.

Issued at Washington, DC on November 14, 2011.

LaTanya R. Butler,

Acting Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. P-14249-000]

KC Hydro LLC of New Hampshire; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On August 8, 2011, KC Hydro LLC of New Hampshire, filed an application for

a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the Lebanon Mascoma River Hydropower Project (project) to be located on the Mascoma River, near the Town of Lebanon, Grafton County, New Hampshire. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed project would consist of two developments with an installed capacity of 1.2 megawatts (MW) and an average annual generation of 5,000 megawatt-hours which would be sold to Public Service of New Hampshire. The two developments include:

Mascoma Lake Dam Development

The proposed Mascoma Lake Dam Development consists of: (1) The existing 575-foot-long, 18-foot-high, concrete gravity Mascoma Lake Dam equipped with a 125-foot-long spillway, four 6-foot-wide outlet gates, and seven 35-foot-wide stoplog bays; (2) an existing 1,155-acre impoundment with a normal maximum pool elevation of 750 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum; (3) a new 80-foot-long, 20 to 30-foot-wide power canal located below the existing outlet works; (4) a minimum flow turbine generator and a new 2,000-square-foot powerhouse containing one or two submersible or tubular-type turbine generators with a total installed capacity of 0.36 MW; (5) a new 150-foot-long tailrace; (6) a new 700-foot-long, 4.16-kilovolt (kV) transmission line; and (7) appurtenant facilities.

Riverside Dam Development

The proposed Riverside Dam Development consists of: (1) Reconstructing a 125-foot-long, 7-foot-high dam with 2-foot-high flashboards and impounding; (2) a new 0.25-acre impoundment with a normal maximum pool elevation of 541.5 feet mean sea level; (3) a new 470-foot-long, 7.5-foot-diameter steel penstock; (4) a new 1,800-square-foot powerhouse containing a single inclined shaft Kaplan turbine-generating unit with a total installed capacity of 0.84 MW; (5) a new 135-foot-long transmission line; and (6) appurtenant facilities.

Applicant Contact: Ms. Kelly Sackheim, Principal, KC Hydro LLC of New Hampshire, 5096 Cocoa Palm Way, Fair Oaks, California 95628; phone: (301) 401-5978.