

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 030102D]

Fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Western Pacific Crustacean Fisheries; 2002 Bank-specific Harvest Guidelines

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

ACTION: Notification of no harvest guideline for crustaceans.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces that annual harvest guidelines for the commercial lobster fishery in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI) will not be issued for the year 2002.

ADDRESSES: Copies of background material pertaining to this action, which is identical to the action taken in 2001, may be obtained from Dr. Charles Karnella, Administrator, NMFS, Pacific Islands Area Office, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alvin Katekaru at 808-973-2937.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Fishery Management Plan for the Crustacean Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region, 50 CFR 660.50(b)(2), NMFS is required to publish the harvest guidelines for lobster Permit Area 1 around the NWHI. Although the lobster stock is not overfished, the NWHI lobster fishery has been closed since 2000: (a) as a precautionary measure to prevent overfishing of the lobster resources; (b) in compliance with an order of the U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii to keep the crustacean fisheries closed until an environmental impact statement and a biological opinion have been prepared for the crustacean fisheries in the western Pacific region; and (c) consistent with Executive Orders 13178 and 13196, issued in December 2000 and January 2001, respectively, that appear to close indefinitely the NWHI crustacean fishery.

NMFS announces that it will not be publishing any harvest guideline for this fishery for the year 2002 and no harvest of NWHI lobster resources will be allowed. NMFS intends to conduct biological research on the status of NWHI lobster resources and to examine the resulting data for indications as to the appropriate direction for future fishery management actions.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: March 7, 2002.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
[FR Doc. 02-6183 Filed 3-14-02; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3510-22-S

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Availability Missile Defense Agency Ground-Based Midcourse Defense Validation Of Operational Concept Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Missile Defense Agency

ACTION: Notice of availability

SUMMARY: The Missile Defense Agency (MDA) (formerly the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization) announces the availability of the Ground-Based Midcourse Defense (GMD) Validation of Operational Concept (VOC) Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA assesses the potential impacts of construction and test activities at GMD VOC test sites. The proposed action includes construction and operational testing of six ground-based interceptor (GBI) silos and support facilities, In-Flight Interceptor Communication System Data Terminals (IDTs), and Defense Satellite Communication System (DSCS) earth terminals in central Alaska; an IDT and DSCS earth terminal at Eareckson Air Station (AS), Alaska; construction of a missile transfer facility at Eielson Air Force Base (AFB), Alaska; use of the existing COBRA DANE Radar, with upgraded hardware and software and interior modifications, at Eareckson AS; interior modifications and hardware and software upgrades to the Early Warning Radar at Beale AFB, California; and Battle Management, Command and Control [BMC2] nodes at one or more of Peterson AFB, Cheyenne Mountain Complex and Shriever AFB in Colorado, Eareckson AS, Alaska, Beale AFB California, and contractor facilities in Alabama and California.

Fort Greely, Alaska was considered as the preferred alternative for the six GBI silos and support facilities and associated BMC3 including one IDT, one DSCS earth terminal, a BMC2 execution node and installation of terrestrial fiber optic cable. Clear Air Force Station, Alaska is being considered as an alternative location to Fort Greely, Alaska as the GBI silo and support facilities location.

The no-action alternative was also considered. Under the no-action alternative, MDA would not proceed

with construction and testing to support validation of the GMD operational concept through ground-based testing. Selection of the no-action alternative would not allow the operationally realistic testing needed to further develop the GMD element of the Midcourse Defense Segment.

Comments: Public comments on the EA must be received by April 13, 2002. Written comments or a request for a copy of the EA should be directed to: U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, ATTN: Mr. David Hasley, SMDC-EN-V, P.O. Box 1500, Huntsville, AL 35807-3801.

As the proposed action includes multiple locations, some of which are under the administrative control of the United States Army and some of which are under the administrative control of the United States Air Force, the MDA has used both Army Regulation 200-2 and Air Force Instruction 32-7061 in preparing the EA and Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI). An unsigned FNSI will be distributed with the final EA. The FNSI will be signed after a 30-day public review period, and the proposed action could be implemented unless the MDA determines that information presented during the 30-day public review period reveals an unassessed potential for significant impacts on the environment. Interested parties can also review the unsigned FNSI, EA, and referenced NMD Deployment EIS on the internet at: www.acq.osd.mil/bmdo/bmdolink/html/newrel.html#envir.ANC or at the following locations:

University of Alaska, Anchorage Consortium Library
3211 Providence Drive
Anchorage, AK 99508

Alaska Resources Library & Information Services

3150 C Street, Suite 100
Anchorage, AK 99503

Delta Junction Library
2288 Deborah Street
Delta Junction, AK 99737

Anderson School Library
1st Avenue
Anderson, AK 99744

Alaska State Library 344 W. 3rd. Avenue, Suite 125

Anchorage, AK 99501
Fairbanks North Star Borough Public Library
Noel Wien Library
1215 Cowles Street
Fairbanks, AK 99701-4313

University of Alaska, Fairbanks
Elmer E. Rasmuson Library
PO Box 756800

Fairbanks, AK 99775-6800

Barbo Branch Library
10321 Live Oak Blvd.
Live Oak, CA 95953

Beale Air Force Base
Military Library
Marysville, CA 95903
Sutter County Library
750 Forbes Avenue
Yuba City, CA 95991
Yuba City Library
303 2nd Street
Marysville, CA 95901
Yuba College Library
Yuba College
Marysville, CA 95901
Falmouth Public Library Reference Section
123 Katherine Lee Bates Rd
Falmouth, MA 02540
Mashpee Public Library
Steeple Street,
Mashpee Common
Mashpee, MA 02649
Sandwich Public Library
142 Main Street
Sandwich, MA 02563
U.S. Coast Guard Library
Building 502
Otis ANGB, MA 02542
Cape Cod Community College Library
2240 Iyanough Rd.
West Barnstable, MA 02668-1599
Defense Technical Information Center
8725 John J. Kingman Road, Suite 0944
Ft. Belvoir, VA 22060-6218

Dated: March 12, 2002.

L.M. Bynum,

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison
Officer, Department of Defense.*

[FR Doc. 02-6429 Filed 3-13-02; 1:41 pm]

BILLING CODE 5001-08-P

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Scientific Advisory Board

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force,
DoD.

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: The Sources and Collection Management Panel of the Predictive Battlespace Awareness to Improve Military Effectiveness Study will meet at McDill AFB. The purpose of this meeting is to allow the panel of this CSAF-directed study to continue the "data gathering" phase of the ongoing study efforts. The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b of Title 5, United States Code, specifically subparagraphs (10) and (4) thereof.

DATES: March 5, 2002.

ADDRESSES: McDill Air Force Base, FL.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: HQ
USAF Scientific Advisory Board
Secretariat, (703) 697-8404.

Pamela D. Fitzgerald,

Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

[FR Doc. 02-6276 Filed 3-14-02; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 5001-05-P

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Scientific Advisory Board

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force,
DoD.

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: The Prediction and Confirmation Tools Panel of the Predictive Battlespace Awareness to Improve Military Effectiveness Study will meet at Barksdale Air Force Base, Eglin Air Force Base, and Hurlburt Field. The purpose of this meeting is to allow the panel of this CSAF-directed study to continue the "data gathering" phase of the ongoing study efforts. The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b of Title 5, United States Code, specifically subparagraphs (10) and (4) thereof.

DATES: March 5-7, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Barksdale AFB, LA, Eglin AFB, FL, and Hurlburt Field, FL.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: HQ
USAF Scientific Advisory Board
Secretariat, (703) 697-8404.

Pamela D. Fitzgerald,

Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

[FR Doc. 02-6277 Filed 3-14-02; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 5001-05-P

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Scientific Advisory Board

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force,
DoD.

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: The Operational Architecture Panel of the Predictive Battlespace Awareness to Improve Military Effectiveness Study will meet Langley Air Force Base. The purpose of this meeting is to allow the panel of this

CSAF-directed study to continue the "data gathering" phase of the ongoing study efforts. The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b of Title 5, United States Code, specifically subparagraphs (10) and (4) thereof.

DATES: March 7-8, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Langley Air Force Base, VA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: HQ
USAF Scientific Advisory Board
Secretariat, (703) 697-8404.

Pamela D. Fitzgerald,

Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

[FR Doc. 02-6278 Filed 3-14-02; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 8010-01-P

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Federal Advisory Committee for the End-to-End Review of the U.S. Nuclear Command and Control System; Meeting

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force,
DoD.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of forthcoming meetings of the Federal Advisory Committee for the End-to-End Review of the U.S. Nuclear Command and Control System. The purpose of these meetings is to conduct a comprehensive and independent review of the NCCS positive measures to assure authorized use of nuclear weapons when directed by the President while assuring against unauthorized or inadvertent use. This meeting will be closed to the public.

DATES: 28 March 2002.

ADDRESSES: NSS, Skyline 3, Suite 500,
5201 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA
22041.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr.
William L. Jones, U.S. Nuclear
Command and Control System Support
Staff (NSS), Skyline 3, 5201 Leesburg
Pike, Suite 500, Falls Church, Virginia
22041, (703) 681-1924.

Pamela D. Fitzgerald,

Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

[FR Doc. 02-6221 Filed 3-14-02; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 5001-05-P