

Times, Dates, and Agenda for specific dates and times. To submit comments, see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**ADDRESSES:** For locations of the meetings see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. Information on the meetings will be updated periodically on NMFS' web page: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/constitlsessions12003.html>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patricia Lawson, NMFS, telephone: 301-713-2239; fax: 301-713-1940; email: [patricia.lawson@noaa.gov](mailto:patricia.lawson@noaa.gov). To submit e-Comments (see E-Comments Pilot Program).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Meeting Times, Dates, and Agenda**

1. Western Pacific Meeting: June 10, 2003, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. and June 11, 2003, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. The meeting location is the Ala Moana Hotel, 410 Atkinson Drive Honolulu, HI 96814, telephone: 808-955-4911.
2. North Pacific Meeting: June 13, 2003, 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. The meeting location is the Kodiak Inn-Best Western, 236 Rezanof Drive West, Kodiak, AK 99615, telephone: 907-486-5712.
3. Caribbean Meeting: June 20, 2003, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. The meeting location is the Wyndham Sugar Bay Resort and Spa, 6500 Estate Smith Bay, St. Thomas, USVI, telephone: 340-777-7100.
4. Gulf of Mexico Meeting: July 15, 2003, 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. The meeting location is The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club, 851 Gulf Shore Blvd. North, Naples, FL 34102, telephone: 800-237-7600.
5. Mid-Atlantic Meeting: August 5, 2003, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. The meeting location is the Wyndham Baltimore - Inner Harbor, 101 West Fayette Street, Baltimore, MD 21201, telephone: 410-752-1100.
6. Pacific Meeting: September 8, 2003, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. and September 9, 2003, 8 a.m. - 11 p.m. The meeting location is the Double Tree Guest Suites Seattle Southcenter, 16500 Southcenter Parkway, Seattle, WA 98188, telephone: 206-575-8220.
7. New England Meeting: September 16, 2003, 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. The meeting location is the Holiday Inn Express, 110 Middle Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719, telephone: 508-997-1281.
8. South Atlantic Meeting: September 18, 2003, 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. The meeting location is the Pawley's Plantation, 70 Tanglewood Drive, Pawley's Island, SC 29585, telephone: 800-367-9959.

**E-Comments Pilot Program**

NMFS encourages the public to participate in submitting comments by the e-comment program. To this end, NMFS is accepting comments by submitted mail, fax, and the Internet as part of its e-Comments pilot project. The e-Comments pilot project is designed to introduce electronic commenting to its constituents. You can respond to the questions on the e-comment page through NMFS' web page <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/constitlsessions12003.html>. The public is encouraged to use the new web site to compose and submit comments on the regional constituent meetings. In submitting comments, please include your name, address and reason for each comment. NMFS also invites public comments on the e-Comments program that allows you to submit your comments on line. Please submit your comments by only one means. Comments received from the public will become part of the public record and will be posted on the e-Comments web site <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/emeetings>.

Areas NMFS is soliciting public comments on:

- (1) Issue(s) - What are the key issue(s) facing fisheries management, nationally or regionally?
- (2) Responsibility - Who should have management or conservation responsibility? (If commenting, indicate issue comment relates to.)
- (3) Process - How could the Federal process of managing fisheries be improved?
- (4) Performance Measure - How could one measure whether the solution is being properly implemented and working? (If commenting, indicate issue performance measure relates to.)
- (5) Contact - Briefly describe the best way for NMFS to keep the public informed about changes within the agency and fisheries management.

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Patricia Lawson (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) 2 weeks before each meeting.

Dated: May 12, 2003.

**William T. Hogarth,**

*Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Army**

**Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation Board of Visitors; Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for the meeting of the Board of Visitor (BoV) for the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC). Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463). This board was chartered on February 1, 2002, in compliance with the requirements set forth in 10 U.S.C. 2166.

*Date:* June 3-4, 2003.

*Time:* 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (June 3, 2003). 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (June 4, 2003).

*Location:* Pratt Hall, Building 35, 7011 Morrison Ave., Fort Benning, GA 31905.

*Proposed Agenda:* the WHINSEC BoV will elect BoV leadership for calendar year 2003, establish its 2003 schedule; validate and or establish sub-committees; receive status briefings of actions taken on last year's BoV recommendations and on new activities and efforts since December 2002. The Board will look into the areas deferred from the 2002 sessions: WHINSEC fiscal affairs and physical equipment. The Board will also look into any matters it deems important and will meet with groups of WHINSEC students.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ken LaPlante, BCPI, Limited, Army G-3 (Room 2D337), 400 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310, telephone (703) 692-7419 or Dr. Mary Grizzard at (703) 614-8414.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public. There will be time set aside for public comments by individuals and organization on June 4, 2003. Public comment and presentations will be limited to two minutes each and members of the public desiring to make oral statements or presentations must inform the contact personnel, in writing. Requests must be received before Wednesday, May 28, 2003. Mail written presentations and requests to register to attend the public sessions to: Dr. Mary Grizzard or Mr. LaPlante. Public seating is limited, and is available on a first come, first served basis.

Dated: May 5, 2003.

**John C. Speedy III,**

*SES, Designated Federal Officer, WHINSEC BoV.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Royal D'Iberville Hotel and Casino Development, City of D'Iberville, Harrison County, MS

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** This notice of availability announces the public release of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Proposed Royal D'Iberville Hotel and Casino Development, City of D'Iberville, Harrison County, MS. On February 23, 1998, Royal D'Iberville, Inc. submitted a Joint Permit Application and Notification to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Mobile District, the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources for the D'Iberville project. The proposed action involves the construction of a dockside casino adjacent to the west side of the I-110 bridge over the Back Bay of Biloxi in D'Iberville, Harrison County, Mississippi. Based on a review of the level of impacts associated with the proposed action, the Mobile District published in **Federal Register**, November 21, 2001 (66 FR 58459), a notice of intent to prepare a DEIS for the proposed Royal D'Iberville Casino and Hotel, located in D'Iberville, Harrison County, MS. This DEIS has been developed by the Corps (lead agency) and 10 cooperating Federal and state agencies. The DEIS provides a comprehensive environmental analysis to aid in the decision-making process to deny or approve the Department of the Army permit for the proposed D'Iberville Hotel and Casino Project.

**DATES:** The public comment period for the DEIS will extend through June 30, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** To receive a copy of the DEIS, or to submit comments, contact U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, Coastal Environment Team, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, AL 36628-0001. A copy of the full document may also be viewed in the

Gulfport Public Library, Gulfport, the Margaret Sherry Memorial Library in Biloxi, the D'Iberville Public Library in D'Iberville, or in the Mobile District.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Susan Ivester Rees, Ph.D., EIS Manager, (334) 694-4141, facsimile number (334) 690-2727 or e-mail address ([susan.i.rees@sam.usace.army.mil](mailto:susan.i.rees@sam.usace.army.mil)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Public comments can be submitted through a variety of methods. Written comments may be submitted to the Corps by mail, facsimile, or electronic methods, comments (written or oral) may be presented at a public meeting to be scheduled during the month of June in D'Iberville, MS. Additional information on these meetings will be mailed in a public notice to the agencies and public and announced in news releases.

Dated: May 5, 2003.

**Ronald A. Krizman,**

*Chief, Regulatory Branch.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Proposed Section 227 National Shoreline Erosion Control Demonstration Project, 63rd Street, "Hotspot" Miami Beach, Dade County, FL

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) intends to prepare a Technical Report and 100% Plans and Specifications with a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the placement of an innovative breakwater design to help control erosion along the upcoming Test Fill at North Miami Beach using a domestic upland sand source. The proposed project is to be constructed from NE. 63rd Street to NE. 65th Street, Miami Beach, Dade County, FL. The Secretary of the Army is responsible for report approval. a collaborative effort between the Jacksonville District and Waterways Experiment Station, Vicksburg, MS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul C. Stevenson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Planning Division, Plan Formulation Branch, 701 San Marco Blvd, Jacksonville, FL, 32207,

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

a. *Authorization.* Authority and funds for the project are provided by section 227, of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1996, as amended. The proposed section 227, National Shoreline Erosion Control Demonstration Project, 63rd Street, "Hotspot", Miami Beach, Dade County, Florida, has awarded a contract to URS Group to complete 100% plans and specifications for an innovative breakwater to help control erosion along the Dade County Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Protection (BEC&HP) Project in the same location. The BEC&HP for Dade County, Florida was authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1968 (with supplemental Appropriation Act of 1985 and WRDA 1986) to protect, reduce the loss of public beachfront and to prevent or reduce periodic damages and potential risk life, health and property in the developed lands adjacent to the beach.

b. *Study Area:* The project area begins at NE. 63rd Street and continues north to NE. 65th Street, Miami Beach, FL, an erosion hot spot.

c. *Project Scope:* The proposed project area is very specific to the erosion hot spot area of Miami Beach, between NE. 63rd Street and NE. 65th Street. The proposed project footprint will cover approximately 1,800 linear foot by 40-foot wide and 4.5 to 6-foot high, covered by at least one foot of water at Mean Low Water (MLW), 150-foot from the toe of fill.

d. *Preliminary Alternatives:* The DEIS will evaluate the No Action Plan and the nearshore Submerged Artificial Reef Training (SMART) structure. SMART is proposed approximately 150-foot from the toe of fill for the Test Beach Renourishment at Miami Beach, in the vicinity of 63rd Street, "Hotspot", Miami Beach, FL. The SMART design consists of groupings of reef modules in 200-foot by 40-foot segments, attached to an articulated armor concrete mat, parallel to the shoreline for a total length of 1,800-foot. The artificial reef modules would vary in size from 2,400 (4.5-foot high) pounds to 9,800 (6-foot high) pounds and be covered by a minimum of 1-foot of water at MLW. The reef modules would be anchored to the mats to prevent "rolling". Mat ends would be free of reefs modules to help prevent scouring. The SMART design breakwater is proposed to help control erosion along the renourished and provide environmental benefits (*see ftp site <ftp://ftp.saj.usace.army.mil/pub/uploads/k3cdstjv/>*