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Species Covered in This Notice

The following species and evolutionarily significant units (ESU's) are covered in this notice:

Sea turtles

Threatened and endangered Green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*)
Endangered Hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*)
Endangered Kemp's ridley turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*)
Endangered Leatherback turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*)
Threatened Loggerhead turtle (*Caretta caretta*)

Fish

Coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*): threatened Southern Oregon/Northern California Coasts (SONCC).
Steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*): threatened lower Columbia River (LCR)

Permits and Modified Permits Issued

Permit 1260

Notice was published on August 31, 2000 (65 FR 52988), that Dr. Joseph Powers, of SERO applied for a scientific research permit (1260). The applicant has requested a 4-year permit to take listed sea turtles in the coastal waters of the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico. The research conducted in these areas support the National Marine Fisheries Service sea turtle recovery program. Research activities include: directed in water research, aerial surveys, resource surveys, and fishery technology testing and implementation. Leatherback, loggerhead, green, hawksbill and Kemp's ridley sea turtles are the focus of the recovery efforts in the southeast region. Permit 1260 was issued on June 18, 2001, authorizing take of listed species. Permit 1260 expires April 1, 2004.

Permit 1262

Notice was published on August 17, 2000 (65 FR 50185), that Dr. Cindy Driscoll, of MD Department of Natural Resources applied for a scientific research permit (1262). The applicant has requested a 5-year permit to take 50 loggerhead, 30 Kemp's ridley, 10 leatherback, 5 green and 5 hawksbill turtles from the upper and middle Chesapeake Bay for scientific research purposes. Each turtle would be captured, handled, measured, weighed,

tagged, and have biological samples (tissue and blood) collected and then released. Yearly sampling would occur from May to November. Permit 1262 was issued on June 19, 2001, authorizing take of listed species. Permit 1262 expires July 31, 2006.

Permit 1135

Notice was published on March 2, 1998 (63 FR 10198), that USGS applied for a scientific research permit (1135). Permit 1135 was issued to USGS on June 18, 2001. Permit 1135 authorizes USGS an annual take of adult and juvenile, threatened, LCR steelhead associated with research designed to provide information on the survival rates, growth rates, habitat use, population densities, fish health, and life history diversity of steelhead in the Wind River Basin of southern Washington. The research will provide information that will assist state, tribal, and Federal managers in their effort to restore LCR steelhead populations and their habitats in the Wind River Basin. ESA-listed adult and juvenile steelhead will be observed/harassed during snorkel surveys and during habitat surveys at selected sites in the Wind River Basin. ESA-listed juvenile steelhead will also be collected using a backpack electrofisher, anesthetized, sampled for biological data (length, weight, disease status) and tissues/scales, allowed to recover from the anesthesia, and released. Indirect mortalities associated with the research are authorized. In addition, ESA-listed juvenile steelhead will be taken lethally for pathological analyses. Permit 1135 expires on December 31, 2002.

Permit 1177

NMFS has issued an amendment to the Corps' scientific research/enhancement permit to extend the permit through June 30, 2003. The permit was due to expire on June 30, 2001. The permit authorizes take of adult and juvenile, threatened, SONCC coho salmon associated with scientific research and an adult fish trap-and-haul program at Elk Creek Dam on the Rogue River in OR. The purpose of the trap-and-haul program is to move returning ESA-listed adult fish above Elk Creek Dam, an impassable barrier for adult salmonids, so that the fish may use the habitat upstream of the dam for natural spawning. To determine the annual spawning success of the fish upstream of the dam, ESA-listed juvenile fish will be observed by snorkeling. In addition, ESA-listed adult fish carcasses will be examined for evidence of spawning and immediately

returned to the stream. Permit 1177 expires on June 30, 2003.

Dated: June 22, 2001.

Phil Williams,

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Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Public Hearing on the Draft Supplement to the 1997 Environmental Impact Statement for the Yuma Training Range Complex

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Announcement of public hearing.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), the Department of the Navy has prepared a Supplement to the 1997 Environmental Impact Statement for the Yuma Training Range Complex to evaluate the cumulative impacts on the Sonoran Pronghorn, an endangered species, of Marine Corps actions when added to other past, present and reasonably foreseeable future actions. Three public hearings will be held in order to collect public comments on the document as indicated below.

DATES: Public hearings will be held on the following dates and at the locations listed below.

1. Tuesday, July 10, 2001, in the Gila Vista Junior High School Cafeteria, 2245 Arizona Avenue, Yuma, AZ, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

2. Wednesday, July 11, 2001, in the Gila Bend High School Cafeteria, 308 North Martin, Gila Bend, AZ, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

3. Thursday, July 12, 2001, in the Northwest Neighborhood Center, 2160 North 6th Ave, Tucson, AZ, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: All written comments regarding the document should be received by July 30, 2001, and may be directed to Commander, Southwest Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Code 5DPR.DT (Attn: Ms. Deb Theroux), 220 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA, 92132-5190.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Deb Theroux, telephone (619) 532-1162, FAX (619) 522-1242.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Marine Corps completed an

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in 1997 addressing its military aviation and associated ground training impacts on the Yuma Training Range Complex. This complex includes portions of the Barry M. Goldwater Range, AZ, which contains habitat for the Sonoran Pronghorn.

On February 12, 2001, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia found that the cumulative impact analysis in the 1997 Yuma Training Range Complex EIS was deficient in that it failed to provide sufficient analysis of cumulative impacts on the Sonoran Pronghorn in accordance with 40 CFR 1508.7. The Court remanded the matter to the Marine Corps for further consideration of such impacts.

Accordingly, the Department of the Navy is preparing a supplement to the EIS, in accordance with 40 CFR 1502.9(C), that will evaluate the cumulative impacts on the Sonoran Pronghorn of Marine Corps actions when added to other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions regardless of what agency or person undertakes such other actions. The draft supplemental environmental impact statement analyzing these impacts was distributed to the public on June 8, 2001.

Three public hearings on the document will be held as discussed in the **DATES** section of this notice. The purpose of these hearings is for interested persons to review displays and ask questions regarding the cumulative effects analysis, and to provide comments on the draft supplemental environmental impact statement. Each hearing will be conducted in an open house format.

Dated: June 26, 2001.

Jane Brattain,

Acting Head, U.S. Marine Corps, Military Construction and Land Use Branch Facilities and Services Division Installations and Logistics Department Headquarters.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 30, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Lauren Wittenberg, Acting Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address Lauren_Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, *e.g.* new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Dated: June 26, 2001.

John Tressler,

Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Reinstatement

Title: Performance Report for the Training Programs for Federal TRIO Programs.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses: 25. Burden Hours: 113.

Abstract: Data assures that grantees have conducted the project for which funded, signals problems of implementation, and indicates extent and quality of performance. Reports are

used in evaluating project's continuations, determining future funding levels and in assigning scores for future competition.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO_IMG_Issues@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Joseph Schubart at (202) 708-9266 or via her internet address Joe.Schubart@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Comment Period for Specific Individuals for the Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, NV

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of comment period for specific individuals.

SUMMARY: On May 4, 2001, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) published a Notice of Availability (66 FR 22540) of its Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada (Draft EIS) (DOE/EIS-0250D-S) and announced a 45-day public comment period ending June 25, 2001. In response to requests from the public, DOE extended the comment period to July 6, 2001 (66 FR 33534). DOE has discovered that some individuals had requested and received a copy of the Draft EIS, but were not sent the Supplement to the Draft EIS. DOE has now distributed the Supplement to those individuals, and will accept comments from those individuals transmitted or postmarked by August 13, 2001.