

taken in commercial catches when an experimental flatfish-selective trawl net is used. If awarded, this EFP would allow six vessels to use the flatfish-selective trawl nets to fish for flatfish in the Trawl RCA south of 40°10' N. latitude and to retain groundfish species in excess of cumulative trip limits. Participating vessels will be required to carry state-sponsored samplers to monitor fishing activities and collect data that are otherwise not available shoreside.

Shelf flatfish species are abundant and commercially important off California, however, the harvest of these species is constrained by efforts to rebuild overfished shelf rockfish species, particularly bocaccio and canary rockfish. In 2001 and 2002, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) chartered commercial fishing vessels to develop and test flatfish-selective trawl nets. Testing was conducted to compare the new trawl net configurations with those that are typically used in the groundfish fishery. During the initial testing, a gear configuration similar to the design that is proposed for use under this EFP had significant reductions in the catch of overfished rockfish species relative to the catch of flatfish species. An EFP was issued to ODFW in 2003 to evaluate the performance of the experimental trawl net in the commercial flatfish fishery. This trawl net has since been referred to as "selective flatfish trawl gear."

Because this gear design meets the requirements of small footrope bottom trawl gear, as defined by regulations at 50 CFR 660, it is currently legal to use for fishing and it could become an effective way for fishery participants to reduce rockfish bycatch in the flatfish fishery south of 40°10' N. lat. Vessels participating under this EFP must submit a net plan and only gear that is consistent with the specified requirements may be used for EFP fishing. Fishing under this EFP will be restricted to areas outside of 3 nautical miles. The proposed EFP fishing period is from September 1 through December 31, 2004.

Data collected during this project are expected to benefit the management of the groundfish fishery by: (1) Providing catch rates by fishing location of species incidentally caught with the experimental flatfish-selective net, (2) allowing for the collection of biological data that is otherwise not available from landed catch, and (3) providing data that can be used to evaluate the full retention of rockfish as a management approach. The information gathered through this EFP may lead to future rulemaking.

The flatfish limits for limited entry trawl gear south of 40°10' N. lat., as currently published in the **Federal Register**, will be available to EFP participants. Vessels used to fish under the EFP may fish for these limits within the Trawl RCA as well as in areas not within the Trawl RCA. If the limits are lowered later in the year through an inseason adjustment, the current limits will continue to be allowed under the EFP. The total amount (discard plus retained) of flatfish allowed to be taken under this EFP is not expected to exceed 653 metric tons (mt) and the total amount (discard plus retained) of petrale sole is not expected to exceed 109 mt. The EFP fishing will be constrained by the following EFP limits for overfished species: bocaccio rockfish, 10.0 mt; cowcod, 0.5 mt; yelloweye rockfish, 0.5 mt; canary 0.5 mt; lingcod, 20.0 mt. If the total catch of any one of these overfished species reaches the EFP limit, the EFP will be terminated for the remainder of the 2004 fishing year. All harvests are expected to be within set asides for 2004 EFP harvests and, therefore, no optimum yield is expected to be exceeded.

In accordance with regulations, NMFS determined that CDFG's proposal warranted further consideration and, therefore, consulted with the Council. The Council considered the EFP application during its April 2003 meeting and recommended that NMFS issue the EFP. Contingent on review of public comments, NMFS intends to approve the EFP fishing. A copy of the application is available for review from NMFS (see **ADDRESSES**).

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

Dated: August 18, 2004.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DoD.

ACTION: Notice to alter a system of records.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Secretary of Defense proposes to alter a system of records to its inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

The Office of the Secretary is proposing to alter the existing system of

records to add a new category of individuals covered, *i.e.*, Joint Staff Officials.

DATES: The changes will be effective on September 22, 2004, unless comments are received that would result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to OSD Privacy Act Coordinator, Records Management Section, Washington Headquarters Services, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Juanita Irvin at (703) 601-4722, extension 110.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of the Secretary of Defense notices for systems of records subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address above.

The proposed systems reports, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, were submitted on August 13, 2004, to the House Committee on Government Reform, the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to paragraph 4c of Appendix I to OMB Circular No. A-130, "Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records About Individuals," dated February 8, 1996 (February 20, 1996, 61 FR 6427).

Dated: August 17, 2004.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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SYSTEM NAME:

Biographies of OSD and WHS Officials (May 11, 2004, 69 FR 26079).

CHANGES:

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SYSTEM NAME:

Add 'JS' to entry.

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CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Add 'and the Joint Staff (JS)' to entry.

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AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

Delete entry and replace with '10 U.S.C. 131, Office of the Secretary of Defense; 10 U.S.C. 192, Defense Agencies and Department of Defense Field Activities; oversight by the Secretary of Defense; and 10 U.S.C., Chapter 5, Chiefs of Staff'.

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DWHS P48**SYSTEM NAME:**

Biographies of OSD, WHS, and JS Officials.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Office of the Secretary of Defense, Chief Information Office, ATTN: Biographies of OSD, WHS, and JS Officials, 1950 Defense Pentagon, Room BG849, Washington, DC 20301-1950.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Military and civilian personnel currently occupying professional positions within the offices of the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), Washington Headquarters Services (WHS), and the Joint Staff (JS). A professional position is one occupied by a civilian in the grade of GS 13 and above or a military officer in the grade of major/lieutenant commander and above; employees in developmental programs such as Presidential Management Interns and Defense Fellows; and employees from other organizations serving as detailees and serving under intergovernmental personnel act agreements who are integrated within the OSD, WHS, and JS workforce.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Basic biographical information on individual OSD, WHS, and JS staff to include full name of the individual; rank/grade; title; organization/office; current assignments within OSD, WHS, and JS (starting with present and working backwards to cover all periods of assignment within OSD, WHS, and JS) past experiences (a brief history of other related past experiences); and education (optional). A photograph of the individual is optional.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

10 U.S.C. 131, Office of the Secretary of Defense and 10 U.S.C. 192, Defense Agencies and Department of Defense Field Activities: oversight by the Secretary of Defense; and 10 U.S.C., Chapter 5, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

PURPOSE(S):

To provide the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense, as well as the OSD Principal Staff Assistants (PSA), the Directors, Washington Headquarters Services and the Joint Staff with immediate access to biographical information on the OSD, WHS, and JS staff personnel. PSAs and the Directors of WHS and JS will only have access to those biographies for personnel who are employed, assigned, or detailed to their respective offices.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

The DoD 'Blanket Routine Uses' set forth at the beginning of OSD's compilation of systems of records notices applies to this system.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**STORAGE:**

Records are stored on electronic media.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Retrieved alphabetically by the individual's full name.

SAFEGUARDS:

Records are maintained in a secure, limited access or monitored area. Physical entry by unauthorized persons is restricted by the use of locks, guards, or administrative procedures. Access to personal information is limited to those who require the records to perform their official duties. All personnel whose official duties require access to the information are trained in the proper safeguarding and use of the information.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Records are deleted when the individual concerned departs the OSD, WHS, or JS staff.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Chief, Personnel Systems and Evaluation Division, Washington Headquarters Services, Human Resources Directorate, ATTN: Biographies of OSD, WHS, and JS Officials, 2521 Jefferson Davis Highway, Room 3124, Arlington, VA 22202-3903.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking to determine whether this system of records contains information about themselves should address written inquiries to the Chief, Personnel Systems and Evaluation Division, Washington Headquarters Services, Human Resources Directorate, ATTN: Biographies of OSD, WHS, and JS Officials, 2521 Jefferson Davis Highway, Room 3124, Arlington, VA 22202-3903.

Requests for information should contain individual's full name.

RECORDS ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals seeking to access information about themselves contained

in this system of records should address written inquiries to the Chief, Personnel Systems and Evaluation Division, Washington Headquarters Services, Human Resources Directorate, ATTN: Biographies of OSD, WHS, and JS Officials, 2521 Jefferson Davis Highway, Room 3124, Arlington, VA 22202-3903.

Requests for information should contain individual's full name.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

The OSD rules for accessing records, for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are published in OSD Administrative Instruction 81; 32 CFR part 311; or may be obtained from the system manager.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

The source of record is from the individuals concerned.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Air Force**

Notice of Intent (NOI) To Prepare Environmental Impact Statement(EIS) for F-35 Force Development Evaluation and Weapons School Permanent Beddown at Nellis AFB, NV

AGENCY: Air Combat Command, United States Air Force.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act(NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and AirForce policy and procedures (32 CFR part 989), the Air Force is issuing this notice to advise the public of its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of stationing F-35 tactical fighter aircraft at Nellis Air Force Base (AFB), Nevada.

A total of 36 F-35 aircraft would be permanently based at Nellis AFB in support of the Force Development Evaluation (FDE) mission and the United States Air Force Weapons School (USAFWS). The FDE mission is to test and evaluate state-of-the-art weapons systems and develop leading-edge tactics to improve the future combat capability of Air Force aerospace forces. The USAFWS mission