

Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area (FMP) by reducing fishery interactions with the endangered short-tailed albatross (*Phoebastria albatrus*) and other seabird species.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the EFP application may be requested from Sue Salvesson, Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, Alaska Region, NMFS, Attn: Lori Durall by: mail to P. O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802; fax to 907-586-7557; or email to Lori.Durall@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Rivera, 907-586-7424 or Kim.Rivera@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS manages the domestic groundfish fisheries in the BSAI under the FMP. The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) prepared the FMP under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). Regulations governing the groundfish fisheries of the BSAI appear at 50 CFR parts 600 and 679. The FMP and the implementing regulations at §§ 679.6 and 600.745(b) authorize the issuance of EFPs to allow fishing that would otherwise be prohibited. Procedures for issuing EFPs are contained in the implementing regulations.

NMFS received an application for an EFP from the WSGP. The purpose of this EFP is to authorize experimental fishing using integrated weight groundline to evaluate its effectiveness as a potential new seabird avoidance measure. The application calls for testing integrated weight groundlines against unweighted groundlines, with and without paired streamer lines. This proposed effort follows up on work that was completed in Alaska in 2002, and compliments efforts taking place in other fisheries. Information from this experiment could ultimately result in better and more effective seabird avoidance measures. The hook-and-line fishing industry appears especially interested in this experiment, because it may provide them a better tool with which to avoid the incidental catch of the endangered short-tailed albatross and other seabird species. In addition, potential exists for improved fishing efficiency with better gear handling characteristics and increased target catch rates resulting from getting baited hooks down more quickly. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service issued a Biological Opinion (September 2003) that includes a conservation recommendation for NMFS to support research efforts to develop new and novel deterrent technologies such as integrated weight groundlines. This

experiment would fulfill such a recommendation.

The goal of the experiment is to reduce the incidental catch of the endangered short-tailed albatross and other seabird species in ways that are consistent with Magnuson-Stevens Act National Standard 9 which requires conservation and management measures to minimize bycatch and bycatch mortality and that the effects on birds should be considered when selecting these measures. A preliminary WSGP investigation in 2002 evaluated four weightings of integrated weight groundline (25, 50, 75, and 100 g/m). The four weighting treatments were compared to a control of unweighted groundline in the sablefish fishery in the Aleutian Islands and the Pacific cod fishery in the Gulf of Alaska. Preliminary results strongly suggest that 50 g/m line was the optimal weighting. It was the most practical gear in terms of operational performance in mechanical baiting (auto-bait) longline systems and it sank quickly beyond the range of seabirds.

Based on these initial results, WSGP proposes to continue this work by comparing the catch rates of all species, the abundance and behavior of seabirds, and the sink rate of groundlines under three scenarios: 50 g/m integrated weight groundline, and un-weighted groundlines with and without paired streamer lines. Regulations at 50 CFR § 679.24(e)(4)(ii)(c) require the use of paired streamer lines by vessels greater than 55 ft (16.8 m) length overall. Thus, an EFP is necessary to conduct the experimental control treatments that call for the experimental gear to be deployed in the absence of paired streamer lines, to allow fishing in a way that would otherwise be prohibited. Work will take place on two freezer-longliner vessels using auto-bait systems in the Pacific cod fishery in the BSAI during the fall of 2004, and during 2005, if unforeseen circumstances prohibit completion of the work in 2004.

In accordance with § 679.6, NMFS has determined that the application warrants further consideration and has initiated consultation with the Council by forwarding the application to the Council for consultation. The Council will consider the application during its June 9-15, 2004, meeting which will be held at the Benson Hotel in Portland, Oregon. While the applicant has been invited to appear in support of the application, all interested parties may comment on the application at the meeting during public testimony.

The vessels that would conduct the experimental fishing were not identified on the application, but will be identified

on the EFP, once they have been selected for the project. The NMFS Regional Administrator may consider and attach additional terms and conditions to the EFP that are consistent with the purpose of the experiment. Public comment may help determine such conditions.

A copy of the application is available for review from NMFS (see **ADDRESSES**).

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Transformation of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light) to a Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT) in Hawaii

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: The Proposed Action includes training to be conducted at Schofield Barracks Military Reservation (SBMR), Dillingham Military Reservation, Kahuku Training Area and Kawaihoa Training Area on the island of Oahu and at Pōhakuloa Training Area on the island of Hawaii. Twenty-eight projects are proposed that would improve the existing support structure and facilities to provide the necessary field training required for an SBCT. These projects include construction of ranges, airfield upgrades, land acquisition, and new equipment such as new and modernized vehicles (namely the Stryker, an eight-wheeled, 20-ton combat vehicle) and weapons systems (105mm cannon, 155 mm howitzer, and 120mm mortar). The number of soldiers and vehicles stationed at SBMR also would increase. The Army would acquire land on the island of Oahu (approximately 1,400 acres) and on the island of Hawaii (approximately 23,000 acres) for training areas and road construction.

DATES: The waiting period for the Final EIS will end 30 days after publication of the NOA in the **Federal Register** by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

ADDRESSES: Direct questions and/or written comments regarding the Final EIS to, or a request for a copy of the document from, Ms. Cindy Barger, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu

Engineer District, Program and Project Management, Attention: CEPOH-PP-E (Barger), Building 230, Room 306, Fort Shafter, Hawaii 96858-5540.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Cindy Barger at (808) 438-4812; by facsimile at (808) 438-7801; or by e-mail at SBCT_EIS@poh01.usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SBCT Final EIS analyzes three alternative courses of action with respect to the transformation of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii: (1) The transformation of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light) to an SBCT with a range of supporting activities including new, additional, or modified ranges, facilities and infrastructure and acquisition of approximately 1,400 acres of additional training lands on the island of Oahu and 23,000 acres on the island of Hawaii (preferred alternative); (2) the transformation of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light) to an SBCT with a range of supporting activities including new, additional, or modified ranges, facilities and infrastructure, and acquisition of approximately 100 acres of additional training lands on the island of Oahu and 23,000 acres on the island of Hawaii; (3) the no action alternative, under which no transformation would occur in the near term and training would continue as currently exists.

Copies of the SBCT Final EIS are available for review at the following libraries: Hilo Public Library, 300 Waiuanue Avenue, Hilo; Kailua-Kona Public Library, 75-138 Hualalai Road, Kailua-Kona; Thelma Parker Memorial Public and School Library, 96767-1209 Mamalahoa Highway, Kamuela; Kahuku Public and School Library, 56-490 Kamehameha Highway, Kahuku; Mililani Public Library, 95-450 Makaimoimo Street, Mililani; Hawaii State Library, 478 South King Street, Honolulu; Wahiawa Public Library, 820 California Avenue, Wahiawa; Waianae Public Library, 85-625 Farrington Highway, Waianae; Waialua Public Library, 67-068 Kealohanui Street, Waialua; UH Environmental Center, Krauss Annex 19, 2500 Dole Road, Honolulu.

The Final EIS also may be reviewed at the SBCT Web Site <http://www.SBCTEIS.com>.

Dated: May 18, 2004.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Department of the Navy

ACTION: Notice to add systems of records.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy proposes to add two systems of records notices to its inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

DATES: This action will be effective on June 24, 2004, unless comments are received that would result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Department of the Navy, PA/FOIA Policy Branch, Chief of Naval Operations (DNS-36), 2000 Navy Pentagon, Washington, DC 20350-2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Doris Lama at (202) 685-6545 or DSN 325-6545.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of the Navy's record system notices for records systems 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 system reports, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) of the Privacy Act, were submitted on May 17, 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, (61 FR 6427, February 20, 1996).

Dated: May 18, 2004.

L.M. Bynum,

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SYSTEM NAME:

NATOPS Flight Personnel Training/Qualification Jacket.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

The NATOPS Flight Personnel Training and Qualification Jacket accompanies the individual aircrew member throughout his career in the Navy or U.S. Marine Corps. Upon completion of service, the jacket will be given to the individual. For a deceased, missing, or captured air crewman, the jacket will be treated as personal effects.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

All aeronautically designated commissioned Navy and U.S. Marine Corps officers and enlisted members assigned as aircrew members in the operation of an aircraft.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

OPNAV Forms 3710/2, 3710/7, 3760/32-32I, and NAVMED 6410/1 or 6410/2; containing name and Social Security Number of aircrew member; general flight-related information, including jacket review and certification record; a copy of the most recent PCS orders; recent aero-medical clearance or grounding notice; and the flight equipment issue record. Flight qualifications and achievements information, including a flight personnel designation record and a mission qualification record. Flight training information, including schools and courses attendance records, operational physiology and survival training record, NATOPS examinations record, NATOPS evaluation reports, and instrument rating reports. Flight records, including copies of Monthly Individual flight Activity Reports and aircraft mishap/violation record.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

10 U.S.C. 5013, Secretary of the Navy; 10 U.S.C. 5041, Headquarters, Marine Corps; OPNAVINST 3710.7, NATOPS General Flight and Operating Instructions; and E.O. 9397 (SSN).

PURPOSE(S):

To provide a consolidated record of the training status and readiness of an air crewman and serve as a repository for certain aviation records accumulated during active aviation tours, and to prove commanding officers with pertinent data to assist in assignment, utilization, and training of an air crewman.

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. 552(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. 552(b)(3) as follows:

The DoD 'Blanket Routine Uses' that appear at the beginning of the Navy's compilation of systems and records notices apply to the system.