

1999), NMFS reviewed the information contained in NSF's EA and determined that the NSF EA accurately and completely describes the proposed action alternative, and the potential impacts on marine mammals, endangered species, and other marine life that could be impacted by the preferred alternative and the other alternatives. Accordingly, NMFS adopted the NSF EA under 40 CFR 1506.3 and made its own FONSI. The NMFS FONSI also took into consideration additional mitigation measures that are not in NSF's EA. Therefore, because the actions described in that EA are similar in context and intensity to the current seismic activity by SIO, it is not necessary for NMFS to issue a new EA, a supplemental EA or an environmental impact statement for the issuance of an IHA to SIO for this activity. A copy of the EA and previous FONSI for this activity is available upon request. A copy of the NSF EA for this activity is available upon request (see ADDRESSES).

Conclusions

NMFS has determined that the impact of conducting the seismic survey in the SPO may result, at worst, in a temporary modification in behavior of small numbers of certain species of marine mammals. This activity is expected to result in no more than a negligible impact on the affected species or stocks.

For reasons stated previously in this document, this determination is supported by: (1) the likelihood that, given advance notice through relatively slow ship speed and ramp-up, marine mammals are expected to move away from a noise source that is annoying before it becomes potentially injurious; (2) recent research that indicates that TTS is unlikely (at least in delphinids) until levels closer to 200–205 dB re 1 microPa are reached rather than 180 dB re 1 microPa; (3) the fact that 200–205 dB isopleths would be well within 100 m (328 ft) of the vessel even in shallow water; and (4) the likelihood that marine mammal detection in the safety zone by trained observers is close to 100 percent during daytime and remains high at night to the short distance from the seismic vessel. As a result, no take by injury or death is anticipated or authorized, and the potential for temporary or permanent hearing impairment is very low and would be avoided through the incorporation of the required mitigation measures mentioned in this document.

While the number of potential incidental harassment takes will depend on the distribution and abundance of marine mammals in the vicinity of the

survey activity, the number of potential harassment takings is estimated to be small. In addition, the proposed seismic program will not interfere with any known legal subsistence hunts, since seismic operations will not take place in subsistence whaling and sealing areas and will not affect marine mammals used for subsistence purposes.

Authorization

On this date, NMFS issues an IHA to SIO to take marine mammals, by Level B harassment, incidental to conducting seismic surveys in the SPO for a 1-year period, provided the mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are undertaken.

Dated: December 12, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

DoD Task Force on Mental Health Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs); DoD.

ACTION: Notice of meeting change.

SUMMARY: This notice updates the previous notice, "Notice of Open Meeting" published on December 6, 2006 (71 FR 70743). In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of Public Law 92–463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act, announcement is made of the following meeting.

Name of Committee: DoD Task Force on Mental Health, a Subcommittee of the Defense Health Board.

Dates: December 18, 2006 (Afternoon—Open Session), December 19, 2006 (Morning—Open Session), December 20, 2006 (Morning and Afternoon—Open Session).

Times: 1300–1500 hours (18 December), 0800–1100 hours (19 December), 0800–1700 hours (20 December).

Location: Hyatt Regency Crystal City, 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Agenda: The purpose of the meeting is to obtain, review, and evaluate information related to the Mental Health Task Force's congressionally-directed task of assessing the efficacy of mental health services provided to members of the Armed Forces by the Department of Defense. The Task Force members will

receive briefings on topics related to mental health concerns among military service members and mental health care delivery. The Task Force will hold a "Town Hall Meeting" session to hear concerns from the Washington, DC metro area active Duty Military, National Guard and Reserve, and Veterans communities and conduct executive working sessions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Colonel Roger Gibson, Executive Secretary, Defense Health Board, Skyline One, 5205 Leesburg Pike, Suite 810, Falls Church, VA 22041, (703) 681–3279, ext. 123.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The afternoon session on December 18, the morning session on December 19, and both morning and afternoon sessions on December 20, 2006 will be open to the public in accordance with Section 552b(b) of Title 5, U.S.C., specifically subparagraph (1) thereof an Title 5, U.S.C., appendix 1, subsection 10(d). Open sessions of the meeting will be limited by space accommodations. Any interested person may attend, appear before or file statements with the Board at the time and in the manner permitted by the Board.

Dated: December 13, 2006.

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Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests.

SUMMARY: The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507 (j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by January 24, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the emergency review should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Rachel Potter, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of