

2. January 27, 2009 - Bridge Pointe Hotel, 101 Howell Road, New Bern, NC 28582, telephone: (252) 636-3637;

3. February 3, 2009 - Key Largo Grande, 97000 South Overseas Highway, Key Largo, FL 33037, telephone: (305) 852-5553;

4. February 4, 2009 - Doubletree Hotel, 2080 N. Atlantic Avenue, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931, telephone: (321) 783-9222;

5. February 5, 2009 - Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum, 175 Bourne Avenue, Pooler, GA 31322, telephone: (912) 748-8888.

As part of the meeting schedule, a second round of public hearings will be held on the Council's Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) and Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 1 (CE-BA). The Council held an earlier round of public hearings in May 2008. The Council is developing the FEP to act as a source document to provide a greater degree of guidance on incorporation of fishery, habitat, and ecosystem considerations into management actions. The CE-BA includes alternatives to amend the Coral FMP to establish deepwater coral Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (HAPCs) and address information updates and spatial requirements of the Essential Fish Habitat final rule. In addition, the CE-BA includes alternatives to amend the Golden Crab FMP to establish allowable golden crab and deepwater shrimp fishing areas. Areas being considered for designation as HAPCs include: (a) Cape Lookout Lophelia Banks HAPC, (b) Cape Fear Lophelia Banks HAPC, (c) Blake Ridge Diapir, (d) the Stetson Reefs, Savannah and East Florida Lithoherms, and Miami Terrace HAPC, and (e) Portales Terrace HAPC.

The public scoping meetings will address overlapping fisheries issues for the South Atlantic region. Items under consideration for public scoping include a Comprehensive Annual Catch Limit Amendment to specify Annual Catch Limits (ACLs), Annual Catch Targets (ACTs), and Accountability Measures (AMs) for species within the Council's area of jurisdiction currently not undergoing overfishing. The amendment would also establish regulations to limit total mortality (landings and discards) to the Annual Catch Target. Measures to limit total mortality may include, but are not limited to: (a) commercial quotas and recreational allocations, (b) trip limits, (c) vessel limits, (d) size limits, (e) bag limits, (f) closed areas, (g) closed seasons, (h) permit endorsements, (i) fishing year changes, etc. The amendment also addresses spiny lobster fishery issues.

Amendment 18 to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan is also included as part of public scoping. Actions proposed in Amendment 18 include but are not limited to: options to limit participation and effort in the golden tilefish and black sea bass fisheries, extension of the fishery management unit range and designation of Essential Fish Habitat (EFH), changes to the golden tilefish fishing year, consideration of regional/state management of the snowy grouper quota, consideration of regional/state management of the gag recreational allocation, improvements to data reporting, and modifications to the current Wreckfish ITQ (Individual Transferable Quota) Program.

The Council is also scoping items to include in Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 2. These include updating EFH and EFH Habitat Areas of Particular Concern as required by the Final Rule and modifications to the harvest of octocorals and Sargassum.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 3 days prior to the start of each meeting.

Dated: December 30, 2008.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Intent (NOI) To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) To Analyze the Impacts of Grow the Army and Facilities Expansion at the Presidio of Monterey, CA

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.
ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army intends to prepare an EIS for the proposed expansion of the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center at the Presidio of Monterey. This EIS is being prepared to analyze the potential impacts of Grow the Army and the resulting increases of student, faculty, staff populations and the construction of additional facilities to accommodate the increased population. This proposed EIS is required to support the proposed development of new

facilities warranted under the new Proficiency Enhancement Program standards for foreign language training as mandated by the Department of Defense. The proposed action would include the construction of new facilities at both the Presidio and the Ord Military Community.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be forwarded to the Department of the Army, U.S. Army Garrison Presidio of Monterey, Directorate of Public Works, Master Plans (Attention: R. Guidi), PO Box 5004, Presidio of Monterey, California 93944-5004; e-mail at robert.g.guidi@us.army.mil; or fax at 831-242-7019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mark Reese, Presidio of Monterey, Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division at (831) 242-7925 (DSN 768-7925) or Mr. James Willison, Presidio of Monterey Director, Public Works (831) 242-7916 (DSN 768-7928).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed actions at the Presidio of Monterey and Ord Military Community would support the initiatives of Grow the Army and would have both direct and indirect impacts on the environment. The areas potentially affected would include the installation (Presidio of Monterey and Ord Military Community), the neighboring cities and surrounding communities, and Monterey County. The objective of this analysis is to provide a comprehensive EIS that functions as a planning tool and incorporates public comments and information into the decision-making process. Initial screening of the proposed action and alternatives for potentially significant environmental impacts suggests the following resource areas would have the greatest potential impacts and require more comprehensive analysis in this proposed EIS: Aesthetics, housing, land use, population, public services, endangered species and critical habitat, traffic circulation and water usage.

Alternatives: The proposed action and alternatives would include, but may not be limited to, the following development scenarios: (1) *No Action:* The existing facilities maintenance, improvement, and/or upgrades at the Presidio of Monterey would remain without new facilities to support the Grow Army initiatives. The Ord Military Community would continue to serve as a residential housing community for military personnel and their families; (2) *Alternative 1:* Improvements to the Presidio of Monterey—proposes that all primary and support facilities for the Defense Language Institute Foreign

Language Center would remain within the appropriate land use categories on the Presidio of Monterey. This alternative proposes to consolidate and focus new facility infrastructure within a centralized campus theme and would include new barracks, dining hall, general instruction buildings and recreation facilities; (3) *Alternative 2: Improvement and Expansion of Facilities at the Presidio of Monterey and Ord Military Community.* Alternative 2 is similar to Alternative 1 but instead of locating all new facilities at the Presidio of Monterey this proposes construction of new barracks, dining hall, general instructional buildings and recreation facilities at the Ord Military Community in addition to the Presidio of Monterey.

Federal, state, and local agencies, special interest groups and the public are invited to participate in the public scoping process for the preparation or this EIS. Notification of the times and locations for the scoping meetings will be published in local newspapers. Written comments to be analyzed in the Draft EIS will be accepted within 30 days of publication of this Notice of Intent in the **Federal Register** or 15 days after the last public scoping meeting, whichever is later.

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(Environment, Safety, and Occupational Health).*

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management 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 February 5, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Education Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

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 Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, 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: December 31, 2008.

Stephanie Valentine,

Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.

Federal Student Aid

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Student Assistance General Provisions—Subpart J—Approval of Independently Administered Tests.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 360,010.

Burden Hours: 181,110.

Abstract: This request is for approval of the reporting requirements that are contained in the Student Assistance General Provisions regulations—Subpart J, governing the approval of State processes for assessments used to measure a student's skills and abilities, as well as private test publisher submissions for approval by the Secretary and the administration of tests that may be used to determine a student's eligibility for assistance for the Title IV student financial assistance programs authorized under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA). The Secretary publishes a list of

approved tests which can be used to establish the ability to benefit for a student who does not have a high school diploma or its equivalent for Title IV, HEA eligibility purposes.

Requests for copies of the information collection submission for OMB review may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 3877. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@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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