

ACTION: Issuance of photography permit no. 955-1518-00

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Julian Hector, The Natural History Unit, BBC, Whiteladies Road, Bristol, BS8 2LU, United Kingdom, has been issued a permit to take by Level B harassment northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*) for purposes of commercial/educational photography.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS,

1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, 709 W. 9th Street, Federal Building, Room 461, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, Alaska 99802 (907/586-7235).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 2, 1999, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 29626) that the above-named applicant had submitted a request for a permit to take northern fur seals by Level B harassment during the course of commercial/educational photographic activities on St. Paul Island and surrounding waters. The requested permit has been issued, under the authority of § 104(c)(6) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*).

Dated: July 9, 1999.

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

TIME AND DATE: Thursday, July 22, 1999, 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Room 420, East West Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

STATUS: Closed to the Public.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Compliance Status Report

The staff will brief the Commission on the status of various compliance matters.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-0709.

CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL

INFORMATION: Sadye E. Dunn, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207 (301) 504-0800.

Dated: July 13, 1999.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Special Panel on Military Operations on Vieques; Meeting

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Panel will conduct two public meetings to receive and discuss information associated with military operations at Vieques, Puerto Rico and in the adjoining ocean range complex. The panel will receive information from Congressman Carlos A. Romero-Barceló on July 16 and from the Department of the Navy on July 23. Because of the short timeframe of the panel's review, and the accelerated pace of the meeting schedule, this announcement must be made less than 15 days before the meetings will take place.

DATES: July 16 and July 23, 1999 from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. and 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., respectively.

ADDRESSES: 1401 Wilson Boulevard, Room 400, Arlington, VA 22209.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact Dr. Hector O. Nevarez, the Designated Federal Officer, 1401 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 400, Arlington, VA 22209, phone (703) 696-9456, fax (703) 696-9482, or via Email at *Hector.Nevarez@osd.pentagon.mil*. Written comments must be sent to Dr. Nevarez and received no later than Wednesday, July 21, 1999. Copies of the draft meeting agenda can be obtained by contacting Debra Crnkovic at (703) 695-5493.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Seating in the panel meeting room is limited, and spaces will be reserved only for panel members and invited representatives. The remaining seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. No teleconference lines will be available. Written comments for the record may be mailed to the Panel and will be distributed to the Panel members after the adjournment of the July 16 and 23, 1999 meetings.

Dated: July 12, 1999.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability for the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Disposal and Reuse of Fort McClellan (FMC), Alabama

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Record of decision.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army announces the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the disposal and reuse of Fort McClellan, Anniston, Alabama. It has been determined that the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the disposal and reuse of the installation adequately assesses the impacts of the proposed action and related alternatives on the biological, physical and cultural environment. The Army installation is being closed in accordance with the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990. A 22,567 acre National Guard Enclave will remain after Fort McClellan closes. The ROD establishes the Army's decision to proceed with disposal of excess properties and facilities in accordance with the Army's preferred alternative (Encumbered Disposal) described in the FEIS.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the ROD and/or FEIS may be obtained by contacting Mr. Curtis Flakes, US Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District (ATTN: CESAM-PD-EC), P.O. Box 2288, Mobile, AL 36602-3630.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Curtis Flakes at (334) 690-2777 and telefax: (334) 690-2727.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FEIS analyzed three disposal alternatives: (1) The No Action Alternative, which entails maintaining the property in caretaker status after closure; (2) the Encumbered Disposal Alternative, which entails transferring the property to future owners with Army-imposed limitations, or encumbrances, on the future use of the property; and (3) the Unencumbered Disposal Alternative, which entails transferring the property to future owners with fewer or no Army-imposed restrictions on the future use of the property. The preferred action identified in the FEIS is Encumbered Disposal of excess property at Fort McClellan. Based upon the analysis contained in the FEIS, encumbrances

and deed restrictions associated with the Army's disposal actions for Fort McClellan will be mitigation measures.

Planning for the reuse of the property to be disposed of is a secondary action resulting from closure. The local community established the Fort McClellan Development Commission (FMDC) to produce a reuse development plan for the surplus property. The impacts of reuse are evaluated in terms of land use intensities. This reuse analysis is based upon implementing one of three reuse alternatives, all of which are based upon the FMDC reuse plan. The Army has not selected one of these three alternatives as the preferred action. Selection of the preferred reuse plan is a decision that will be made by the local community. This ROD allows the Army to initiate action to dispose of the excess property at Fort McClellan in accordance with the Fort McClellan Comprehensive Reuse Plan.

Dated: July 8, 1999.

Raymond J. Fatz,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army,
(Environment, Safety and Occupational
Health) OASA (I&E).*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of Army, Corps of Engineers

Intent to Prepare a Feasibility Study and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Anacostia Levee Corridor Feasibility Study—Prince George's County, Maryland

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: A U.S. House of Representatives resolution dated September 8, 1988, authorized a study on the Anacostia River and several of its tributaries. In accordance with that resolution and with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Baltimore District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is initiating the Anacostia Levee Corridor Feasibility Study and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). This feasibility study is the third study conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the Anacostia watershed. The feasibility study will focus on the Prince George's County, Maryland, portion of the Anacostia River watershed. The study area is near the confluence of the Northeast and Northwest Branches of the Anacostia River and involves the towns of

Bladensburg, Brentwood, Colmar Manor, Cottage City, Edmonston, Hyattsville, and Riverdale. An existing levee system, authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1950 (Pub. L. 516), was completed in the mid-1950s and is in place along portions of the Anacostia River and the Northeast and Northwest Branches. The existing levee project includes approximately 14,400 feet of flood control channels, 28,100 feet of levees, four pumping stations, and one pressure conduit.

The Anacostia Levee Corridor Feasibility Study will have four components: flood damage reduction, fish and wildlife habitat restoration, aesthetics, and recreation. The flood damage reduction component will evaluate the existing levee system's capacity to provide adequate protection from the 100-year flood event. Based on that evaluation, the study team will identify and design modifications that will provide 100-year flood protection for the levee corridor. (The study will also evaluate alternative flood damage reduction options for high priority flood-prone areas and the residual flood hazard risk.) The fish and wildlife habitat restoration component of the study will evaluate the potential for re-establishing wetland, instream, and upland habitats within the levee corridor. Restoring habitat would benefit water quality and the biological communities both in the study area and downstream of the project. The study components concerned with improving aesthetics and recreational improvements in the levee area and in the surrounding urban environment. A DEIS will be integrated into the feasibility report to document existing conditions, project actions, and project effects and products. Prince George's County, Maryland, the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission—Prince George's County, and the Maryland Department of the Environment are the project sponsors.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions about the proposed action and DEIS can be addressed to Ms. Kathryn Conant, Study Team Leader, Baltimore District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: CENAB-PL-P, PO Box 1715, Baltimore, Maryland 21203-1715, telephone (410) 962-5175. E-mail address: kathryn.j.conant@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 1. The Anacostia Levee Corridor Feasibility Study is the third study to be initiated under the original 1988 authority. The first study, titled the Anacostia River and Tributaries Feasibility Study was completed by the Corps in 1994 and

determined that previous Corps activity in the Anacostia River watershed has had a detrimental impact to the ecosystem of the watershed. That first study was a broad overview of the watershed and recommended environmental restoration projects in various watershed locations. The study also recommended that additional feasibility studies focusing on environmental restoration should be pursued. Based on that recommendation, the Baltimore District Corps of Engineers, Montgomery County, and Prince George's County identified the potential for additional environmental restoration opportunities within the Anacostia watershed. A second study, initiated by the Corps and Montgomery County in 1996, is investigating potential projects along the Northwest Branch. This third feasibility study, being initiated by the Corps and Prince George's County, will focus on potential projects along the stream reaches upstream and downstream of the Northeast-Northwest Branch confluence and two small tributaries that flow into the levee corridor.

2. The study area is in the western central portion of Prince George's County, within a mile of the Maryland-District of Columbia border. The study will focus on modifications to and within the existing levee project along the Anacostia River and the Northeast and Northwest Branches. During the study, the team will gather baseline data on the level of protection currently provided by the existing local flood protection project and on existing environmental conditions within the study area. Information gathered will include the hydraulic capacity and physical condition of the existing levee. Alternatives for improving local flood protection will include a variety of possible levee heights, lengths, and types of structure. Alternative environmental improvements will include a range of locations, targeted habitat types or communities, and project sizes for instream and terrestrial habitat restoration and wetland restoration projects.

3. The study will include coordination and preparation for a series of public involvement activities, such as workshops or information meetings and newsletters. In addition to meetings organized by the study team, it is anticipated that the study team will participate in a number of locally sponsored meetings with citizen interest groups or other entities. The purpose of the first public scoping workshop, to be held in the summer 1999, will be to provide information on the existing conditions data and to identify public