

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before April 3, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to David Bizot, 301-713-7268 or David.Bizot@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

In order to gain access to the Tortugas ecological reserve, persons must obtain a permit. The permit holders must notify NOAA by radio no less than 30 minutes and no more than 6 hours before entering the reserve, and when leaving it. Permit actions may be appealed.

The purpose of the access permit and notifications are to (1) protect this unique deepwater coral reef and (2) facilitate the enforcement of the no-take regulations in this remote area. The overall intended effect of this collection is to protect the deepwater coral reef community in this area from being degraded by human activities.

II. Method of Collection

Applications and notifications are made by phone. Appeals must be in writing.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0418.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profit organizations; individuals or households; not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 49.

Estimated Time Per Response: 10 minutes for an application; 2 minutes for a radio call; and 90 minutes for an appeal.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 12.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$127.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 26, 2006.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 012506B]

Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open public meetings.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of meetings of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC). This will be the first of two meetings held in fiscal year 2006 to review and advise NOAA on management policies for living marine resources. Agenda topics are provided under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice. All sessions will be open to the public.

DATES: The meetings will be held February 14-15, 2006, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and February 16, 2006, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the International Game Fish Association, 300 Gulf Stream Way, Dania Beach, FL 33004.

Requests for special accommodations may be directed to MAFAC, Office of Constituent Services, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway #9508, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laurel Bryant, MAFAC Executive Director; telephone: (301) 713-2379 x171.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, notice is hereby given of meetings of MAFAC. MAFAC was established by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) on February 17, 1971, to advise the Secretary on all living marine resource matters that are the responsibility of the Department of Commerce. This committee advises and reviews the adequacy of living marine resource policies and programs to meet the needs of commercial and recreational fisheries, and environmental, state, consumer, academic, tribal, governmental and other national interests.

Matters to be Considered

February 14, 2006

The meeting will begin with remarks from Roy Crabtree, Southeast Regional Administrator for NMFS, and William T. Hogarth, Assistant Administrator for Fisheries. Next, the committee will receive an update on offshore aquaculture. There will also be a discussion of NMFS' role in seafood health and safety issues. The afternoon will include updates on international affairs and hurricane impacts and recovery in the Gulf of Mexico.

February 15, 2006

In the morning, the committee will be given an update on the status of litigation and briefed on Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act reauthorization. There will also be a discussion of overfishing. In the afternoon, the committee will discuss recreational fishing issues. Discussions on recreational fishing and seafood health may continue in two separate breakout groups.

February 16, 2006

The committee will reconvene to receive and discuss any breakout group reports. The rest of the morning will be devoted to administrative issues, such as the assignment of new members to subcommittees, determining the dates and locations of future meetings, and identifying follow-up assignments.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Laurel Bryant, MAFAC Executive Director; telephone: (301) 713-2379 x171.

Dated: January 27, 2006.

Gordon J. Helm,

Acting Director, Office of Constituent Services, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive Patent License to the National Center for Composite Systems Technology

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In compliance with 37 CFR 404 *et seq.*, the Department of the Army hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to The National Center for Composite Systems Technology, a corporation having its principle place of business at 2000 Composite Drive, Kettering, OH 45420, an exclusive relative to U.S. Army Research Laboratory (ARL) patent US 6,881,374 entitled, "Apparatus for Induction Lamination of Electrically Conductive Fiber-Reinforced Thermoplastic"; April 19, 2005, Gerhard *et al.*

DATES: Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license must file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any, not later than 15 days from the date of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Send written objections to Michael D. Rausa, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Office of Research and Technology Applications, ATTN: AMSRD-ARL-DP-T/Bldg. 434, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005-5425.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael D. Rausa, telephone (410) 278-5028.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

Brenda S. Bowen,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Halligan-Seaman Water Management Project in Northeastern Colorado

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the direct, indirect and cumulative effects of two water supply projects being proposed collectively as the Halligan-Seaman Water Management Project. Construction of the proposed Project(s) will result in temporary and permanent impacts to jurisdictional waters of the United States, thereby requiring Clean Water Act Section 404 permits. The Cities of Fort Collins and Greeley (Cities), and six other water providers (Participants), have proposed the Project(s) to provide drought protection of existing and future water demands, more efficiency in managing Participants' existing or future water rights, some operational redundancy, and possibly environmental benefits. Construction of the proposed Project(s) involves enlargement of two existing reservoirs: Halligan Reservoir and Milton Seamen Reservoir (Seaman Reservoir), resulting in approximately 88,592 acre-feet of additional storage capacity in the Cache la Poudre River Basin. The Halligan-Seaman Water Management Project would be a non-federal project constructed, owned and operated by the Cities and/or Participants.

DATES: Scoping meetings will be held:

1. February 23, 2006, 4 to 8 p.m., Livermore, CO.
2. February 27, 2006, 4 to 8 p.m., Fort Collins, CO.
3. February 28, 2006, 4 to 8 p.m., Greeley, CO.

ADDRESSES: The scoping meeting locations are:

1. February 23, 2006, at The Livermore Community Church, 160 Red Feather Lakes, Livermore, CO.
2. February 27, 2006, at the Lincoln Center, Canyon Room, 417 West Magnolia Street, Fort Collins, CO.
3. February 28, 2006, at the Bunk House at Island Grove, 501 North 14th Avenue, Greeley, CO.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions and comments regarding the proposed action and EIS should be addressed to Chandler Peter, Project

Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 2232 Dell Range Blvd., Suite 210, Cheyenne, WY 82009; (307) 772-2300 chandler.j.peter@usace.army.mil. For special needs (visual or hearing impaired, Spanish Translator, etc.) requests during scoping meetings, please call Chandler Peter by February 15, 2006.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The COE will be conducting public scoping meetings at three locations (See **DATES** and **ADDRESSES**) to describe the Project(s), the NEPA compliance process, and to solicit input on the issues and alternatives to be evaluated, and other related matters. Written comments for scoping will be accepted, until March 17, 2006. The COE has prepared a Scoping Document to familiarize other agencies, the public and interested organizations with the proposed Project(s) and potential environmental issues that may be involved. Copies of the Scoping Document will be available at the public Scoping Meetings or can be requested by mail.

The Participants are composed of water providers in the region and include three water districts collectively known as the Tri-District including North Weld County Water District, Fort Collins-Loveland Water District, and East Larimer County Water District, the City of Evans, the North Poudre Irrigation Company, and the Water Supply and Storage Company.

The Cities have proposed a preferred configuration of the Project(s) which involves the construction of new, larger dams immediately downstream of the existing Halligan and Seaman dams. Water stored in the expanded reservoirs will address needs associated with municipal and industrial water demands as well as some agricultural demands. Preliminary analyses by the Cities indicate that the enlarged reservoirs will fill primarily during the summer and fall months from North Fork Poudre River flows. Seaman Reservoir will also fill via a pump station on the Poudre River mainstem near the dam site. Small releases are proposed throughout the year on a periodic basis to maximize operational efficiency. The cities anticipate that both reservoirs are expected to remain mostly full except during drought periods.

The EIS will be prepared according to the COE's procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(c), and consistent with the COE's policy to facilitate public understanding and review of agency