

2018 IHA to the POK. Also in compliance with NEPA and the CEQ regulations, as well as NOAA Administrative Order 216–6, NMFS made a FONSI on October 24, 2016, for issuance of the 2017–2018 IHA. These NEPA documents are available at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-mammal-protection/incidental-take-authorizations-construction-activities>.

Since this IHA covers the same work covered in the 2017–2018 IHA, NMFS has reviewed our previous EA and FONSI, and has determined that our current action is consistent with categories of activities identified in CE B4 of the Companion Manual for NOAA Administrative Order 216–6A, which do not individually or cumulatively have the potential for significant impacts on the quality of the human environment and for which we have not identified any extraordinary circumstances that would preclude this categorical exclusion. Accordingly, NMFS has determined that the issuance of the IHA qualifies to be categorically excluded from further NEPA review. We have reviewed all comments submitted in response to this notice prior to concluding our NEPA process and making our final decision on the 2018–2019 IHA request.

Endangered Species Act (ESA)

Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA: 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires that each Federal agency insure that any action it authorizes, funds, or carries out is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated critical habitat. To ensure ESA compliance for the issuance of IHAs, NMFS consults internally whenever we propose to authorize take for endangered or threatened species. No incidental take of ESA-listed marine mammal species is expected to result from this activity, and none would be authorized. Therefore, NMFS has determined that consultation under section 7 of the ESA is not required for this action.

Authorization

NMFS has issued an IHA to POK for the incidental take of marine mammals due to in-water construction work associated with the POK Expansion Project for a period of one year, provided the previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated.

Dated: November 6, 2018.

Donna S. Wieting,

*Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Application for Appointment in the NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

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 January 14, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the internet at Jjessup@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to LT Jared Halonen—Chief, NOAA Corps Recruiting, or LT Ricardo Rodriguez—NOAA Corps Recruiting Officer; OMAO–CPC–OCMD, 8403 Colesville Road, Suite 500, Silver Spring, MD 20910, ((800)-299–6622), noaacorps.recruiting@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for extension of a currently approved information collection. The NOAA Commissioned Corps is the uniformed component of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), a bureau of the Department of Commerce. Officers serve under Senate-confirmed appointments and Presidential commissions (33 U.S.C. chapter 17, subchapter 1, sections 853 and 854). The NOAA Corps provides a cadre of professionals trained in engineering, earth sciences, oceanography, meteorology, fisheries

science, and other related disciplines, who are dedicated to the service of their country and optimization of NOAA's missions to ensure the economic and physical well-being of the Nation.

NOAA Corps officers serve in assignments throughout NOAA, as well as in each of NOAA's Line Offices (National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service, National Ocean Service, National Weather Service, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research and Office of Planning, Programming and Integration).

Persons wishing to be considered for a NOAA Corps Commission must submit a complete application package, including NOAA Form 56–42, at least three letters of recommendation, and official transcripts. A personal interview must also be conducted. Eligibility requirements include a bachelor's degree with at least 48 credit hours of science, engineering or other disciplines related to NOAA's mission, excellent health, and normal color vision with uncorrected visual acuity no worse than 20/400 in each eye (correctable to 20/20).

II. Method of Collection

Applicants must utilize the E-recruit electronic application process (<https://cpc.oma.noaa.gov/erecruit/login.jsp>) and then submit paper forms via mail. An in-person interview is also required.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–0047.
Form Number(s): NOAA 56–42 and NOAA 56–42A.

Type of Review: Regular submission (extension of a currently approved information collection).

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 150.

Estimated Time per Response: Written applications, 5 hours; interviews, 90 minutes; references, 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,088.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$10,875 in recordkeeping, recording and travel costs.

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: November 6, 2018.

Sarah Brabson,

NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense (DoD) is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council will take place.

DATES: Open to the public Tuesday, December 11, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The address of the open meeting is the Pentagon, 1155 Defense Pentagon PLC2, Pentagon Library and Conference Center, Room B6, Washington, DC 20301.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William C. Story, (571) 372-5345 (Voice), (571) 372-0884 (Facsimile), OSD Pentagon OUSD P-R Mailbox Family Readiness Council, *osd.pentagon.ousd-p-r.mbx.family-readiness-council@mail.mil* (Email). Mailing address is Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Military Community & Family Policy), Office of Family Readiness Policy, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22350-2300, Room 3G15. Website: <http://www.militaryonesource.mil/those-who-support-mfrc>. The most up-to-date changes to the meeting agenda can be found on the website.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory

Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.140 and 102-3.150.

Purpose of the Meeting: This is the first meeting of the Council for Fiscal Year 2019 (FY2019). During this meeting subject matter experts will present information to the Council concerning the Delivery of Service and Family Member Programs Tailored to Millennials, one of the focus areas chosen by the Council for FY2019.

Agenda: Opening Remarks, Status Updates, Administrative Issues, Review of Written Public Submissions, Effective Digital Communication Strategies to Reach Millennials, Installations of the Future-What Today's Millennials Want on Tomorrow's Installations, Marine Corps Community Services Innovation Effort, Military Community Outreach and Messaging to Millennials and Families, Questions and Answers and Council Member Discussion, Closing Remarks. Note: exact order may vary.

Meeting Accessibility: This meeting is open to the public. Members of the public who are interested in attending this meeting must RSVP online to *osd.pentagon.ousd-p-r.mbx.family-readiness-council@mail.mil* no later than December 4, 2018. Meeting attendee RSVPs should indicate if an escort is needed to the meeting location (non-CAC Card holders need an escort) and if handicapped accessible transportation is needed. All visitors without CAC cards that are attending the MFRC must pre-register prior to entering the Pentagon. RSVPs to the MFRC mailbox needing escort to the meeting will be contacted by email from the Pentagon Force Protection Agency (PFPA) with instructions for registration. Please follow these instructions carefully. Otherwise, members of the public may be denied access to the Pentagon on the day of the meeting. Members of the public who are approved for Pentagon access should arrive at the Pentagon Visitors Center waiting area (Pentagon Metro Entrance) no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting to allow time to pass through security check points and to be escorted to the meeting location. Contact Eddy Mentzer, (571) 372-0857 (Voice), (571) 372-0884, (Facsimile) if you have any questions about your RSVP.

Written Statements: Persons interested in providing a written statement for review and consideration by Council members attending the December 11, 2018 meeting must do so no later than close of business Tuesday, November 27, 2018, through the Council mailbox at *osd.pentagon.ousd-p-*

r.mbx.family-readiness-council@mail.mil. Written statements received after this date will be provided to Council members in preparation for the second MFRC meeting of FY2019. The Designated Federal Officer (DFO) will review all timely submissions and ensure submitted written statements are provided to Council members prior to the meeting that is subject to this notice. Written statements must not be longer than two type-written pages and should address the following details: Issue or concern, discussion, and a recommended course of action. Those who make submissions are requested to avoid including personally identifiable information (PII) such as names of adults and children, phone numbers, addresses, social security numbers and other contact information within the body of the written statement. Links or supporting documentation may also be included, if necessary, to provide brief appropriate historical context and background information.

Dated: November 6, 2018.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Board of Regents, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The DoD is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Board of Regents ("the Board"), Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) will take place.

DATES: Tuesday, November 6, 2018, open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to approximately 11:15 a.m. Closed session will occur from approximately 11:20 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, 4301 Jones Bridge Road, Everett Alvarez Jr. Board of Regents Room (D3001), Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joshua Barricklow, 301-295-9805 (Voice), 301-295-1960 (Facsimile), *joshua.barricklow@usuhs.edu* (Email).