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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; Permit No. 789 (P135C)

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

ACTION: Issuance of amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that permit no. 789 submitted by Dr. James H.W. Hain, NMFS, NOAA, Northeast Fisheries Science Center, 166 Water Street, Woods Hole, MA, 02543-1026, has been amended to extend the expiration date through December 31, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The amended permit is available for review by 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);

Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298, (508/281-9150); and

Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive, N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813/893-3141).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the provisions of § 216.39 of the regulations of the governing the taking and importing (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the provisions of § 222.25 of the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR part 222).

Issuance of this amended permit as required by the ESA was based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit; and (3) is consistent with

the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: July 23, 1997.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Department of the Air Force announces the proposed reinstatement of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. 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 of the proposed information collection; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by September 29, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to HQ AFROTC/RRUC, College Scholarship Section, 551 East Maxwell Blvd, ATTN: Mrs. Pamela J. Williams, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL 36112-6102.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call HQ AFROTC/RRUC, College Scholarship Section, at (334) 953-7783.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB

Number: Air Force ROTC College Scholarship Application, AF Form 113, OMB Number 0701-0101.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is used by the Air Force to identify the best-qualified applicants for the scholarship,

providing for a "whole person" evaluation.

Affect Public: Individuals and household.

Number of Respondents: 11,000.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 42 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Respondents are high school students or graduates between the ages of 16 and 21 years. Respondents must complete all requirements listed in the application package and return before the final deadline of December 1. Factors considered in the application process include GPA, SAT or ACT test scores, etc. Due to the number of factors that have proven to influence successful completion of a college program, it is necessary to collect information in all areas listed on the application. Additionally, the national average attrition from college is about 40 percent. In order to obtain a reasonable return for the dollars expended on scholarships, we must apply as comprehensive an evaluation of each candidate as possible. Without this screening process, the consequences to this federal program would be thousands of dollars wasted on individuals who attrited from the program prior to incurring an obligation to serve in the military. In addition to the concern for the economy of the scholarship dollar, Congressional oversight of the program demands that the services be able to report on the numbers and kinds of individuals who apply for scholarships and provide leads for AFROTC units around the nation.

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Alternate Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) on the Disposal and Reuse of the Savanna Army Depot Activity, Savanna, Illinois

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Public Law 101-510 (as amended), the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, the Defense Base Closure and

Realignment Commission recommended the closure of Savanna Army Depot Activity (SVDA).

The FEIS evaluates the environmental impacts of the disposal and subsequent reuse of the 13,062 acres. Alternatives examined in the FEIS include encumbered disposal of the property, unencumbered disposal of the property, and no action. Encumbered disposal refers to transfer or conveyance of property having restrictions on subsequent use as a result of any Army-imposed or legal restraint. Under the no action alternative, the Army would not dispose of property but would maintain it in caretaker status for an indefinite period.

While disposal of SVDA is the Army's primary action, the FEIS also analyzes the potential environmental effects of reuse as a secondary action by means of evaluating intensity-based reuse scenarios. The Army's preferred alternative for disposal of SVDA property is encumbered disposal, with encumbrances pertaining to unexploded ordnance, wetlands, historical resources, threatened and endangered species, utilities dependencies, easements, and remedial activities.

The Draft EIS was made available for public review and comment. A notice of availability (NOA) of the Draft EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on February 7, 1997 (62 FR 5825). The Army conducted a public meeting on March 6, 1997, to receive public input on the Draft EIS. Display advertisements informing the public were taken out in three area newspapers.

DATES: The public review period for this FEIS ends August 29, 1997.

COPIES: The FEIS is available for review at the Savanna Public Library, Galena Public Library, and Hanover Public Library. A copy of the FEIS may be obtained by writing to Mr. Glen Coffee at the Corps of Engineers, Mobile District (ATTN: CESAM-ED-E), 109 St. Joseph Street, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001 or by facsimile at (334) 694-2727.

Dated: July 24, 1997.

Raymond J. Fatz,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Corps of Engineers

Draft Jennings Randolph Lake Master Plan 1997 Update And Integrated Environmental Impact Statement

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

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the 1995 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act (Pub. L. 103-316, 108 Stat. 1701, dated 26 August 1994), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, has prepared the Draft Jennings Randolph Lake Master Plan 1997 Update and Integrated Environmental Impact Statement (EIA) to address potential future development at, and to update the NEPA documentation for the operation of, Jennings Randolph Lake, Garrett County, Maryland and Mineral County, West Virginia. The public review and comment period for the Draft Master Plan and integrated EIS will begin on July 31, 1997, and will end on September 16, 1997. Jennings Randolph Lake is located on the North Branch of the Potomac River, approximately 8 miles upstream of Bloomington, Maryland, and approximately 5 miles north of Elk Garden, West Virginia. The dam is a multi-purpose project authorized for flood protection, water quality, recreation, and water supply. The original Master Plan for Jennings Randolph Lake was completed in 1973. The current update reevaluates the assets, needs, and potential of the project. The 1997 Master Plan Update reflects changes that have occurred to the site, in the region, in recreation trends, and in Corps policy in the years since the original Master Plan was completed. The purpose of the update is to provide a guide for the use and development of natural and constructed resources on Corps fee-owned lands at Jennings Randolph Lake. The Master Plan is the basic document guiding Corps responsibilities pursuant to Federal laws to preserve, conserve, restore, maintain, manage, and develop the project lands, waters, and associated resources. The document also updates the existing environmental documentation for project operations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information or copies of the report may be obtained by calling Ms. Lacy Evans at (410) 962-6018. Requests for copies of the Draft Report and Integrated EIS may be mailed to District Engineer ATTN: CENAB-OP-TR (Evans), U.S.

Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, P.O. Box 1715, Baltimore, MD 21203-1715, or by sending an e-mail message to lacy.e.evans@ccmail.nab.usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Master Plan has been prepared in accordance with Engineering Regulation (ER) 1130-2-550, dated November 1996. This regulation prescribes "an overall land and water management plan, resource objectives, and associated design and management concepts" that provides the "best possible combination of response to regional needs, resource capabilities and suitabilities, and expressed public interests and desires consistent with authorized project purpose." Additional, as specified in the regulation, the Master Plan contributes to "providing qualities, characteristics, and potentials of the project;" and exhibits "consistency and compatibility and with national objectives and other state and regional goals and programs."

The decision to implement the proposed future development at Jennings Randolph Lake is based on an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activities on the environment, as well as public interest. Factors being considered include regional economics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural resources, flood hazards, fish and wildlife resources, flood plain management, land use, recreation, water supply, water quality, aesthetics, energy needs regional and local infrastructure, hazardous and toxic materials, public health and safety, food and fiber production and the general needs and welfare of the people.

Comments on the Draft Master Plan and Integrated EIS document from the public and from Federal, state, and local agencies and officials will be considered in the decision to implement the Master Plan at the project, and will be incorporated into the final Environmental Impact Statement. A public meeting will be held on Thursday, August 14, 1997, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the Mineral County Health Center, Harley O. Staggers Sr. Drive, Keyser, West Virginia. The public meeting will focus on discussing the Draft Master Plan and Integrated EIS.

This Notice of Availability is being sent to organizations and individuals known to have an interest in the Master Plan Update. Please bring this notice to the attention of any other individuals with an interest in this matter. Copies of the Draft Jennings Randolph Lake Master Plan 1997 Update and Integrated EIS are available for review at the following locations: