

NMFS is investigating additional means of obtaining this data.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** EFPs are requested and issued under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) and/or the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*). Regulations at 50 CFR 600.745 and 50 CFR 635.32 govern scientific research activity, exempted fishing, and exempted educational activity with respect to Atlantic Highly Migratory Species.

The Blue Water Fishermen's Association requested exemptions from certain regulations applicable to the harvest and landing of Atlantic HMS in order to collect data on the performance of mandatory circle hooks with regard to target catch and bycatch rates, hooking location, and mortality of fish at haul back. The proposal included data collection in the existing Charleston Bump and Florida East Coast pelagic longline closed areas. After considering public comment received, as requested in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 11327, March 13, 2007); (72 FR 18208, April 11, 2007); (72 FR 25748, May, 7, 2007), the Agency has decided not to issue a permit as requested by the current application. Specifically, the proposal did not discuss anticipated effort levels or the spatio-temporal distribution of effort, did not identify "control" fishing locations, and did not justify the number of vessels proposed to participate in the fishery. Absence of this information limits the ability of the Agency to evaluate the potential effectiveness of the data collection program and to analyze its impacts.

NMFS supports collecting such data under controlled circumstances and as part of a program with a scientifically rigorous study design. These data are critical to evaluating the efficacy of bycatch mitigation efforts, including required bycatch reduction gears and time/area closures in the Atlantic pelagic longline fishery. As such, NMFS is actively considering under what circumstances and how best to conduct scientific research that is necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of current bycatch reduction measures.

Dated: August 3, 2007.

**Alan Risenhoover,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program, Scientific Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice is published in accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463). The topic of the meeting on September 11-13, 2007 are to review new start and continuing research and development projects requesting Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program funds in excess of \$1M. This meeting is open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file statements with the Scientific Advisory Board at the time and in the manner permitted by the Board.

**DATES:** September 11-12, 2007 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and September 13 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** SERDP Program Office Conference Center, 901 North Stuart Street, Suite 804, Arlington, VA 22203.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Sharee Malcolm, SERDP Program Office, 901 North Stuart Street, Suite 303, Arlington, VA or by telephone at (703) 696-2119.

Dated: August 3, 2007.

**C.R. Choate,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Intent To Modify a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Water Conservation Area 3 Decompartamentalization and Sheet-flow Enhancement in Broward County, FL

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent; modification.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Jacksonville District, previously published a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an integrated Project Implementation Report/Environmental Impact Statement (PIR/EIS) for the Water Conservation Area 3 Decompartamentalization and Sheet-flow

Enhancement Project (DECOMP), Part 1 on December 4, 2003 (68 FR 67841). Following publication of the NOI, the scope of this initial part of DECOMP was altered to focus specifically on the alternatives to reduce barriers to sheet-flow within WCA 3A. Modification of eastern Tamiami Trail, south of WCA 3, will be considered in future efforts. The project's collaborator, intent, authorization, plan formulation process, and issues to be addressed remain as described in the original NOI.

**DATES:** The meeting dates are:

1. August 21, 2007, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., West Palm Beach, FL.

2. August 23, 2007, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Pembroke Pines, FL.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting locations are:

1. South Florida Water Management District, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406.

2. Southwest Regional Library, 16835 Sheridan Street, Pembroke Pines, FL 33331.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Planning Division, Environmental Branch, P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville, FL 32232-0019; Attn: Mr. Ernest Clarke or by telephone at 904-232-1199 or e-mail at [ernest.clarke@saj02.usace.army.mil](mailto:ernest.clarke@saj02.usace.army.mil).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

a. *Authorization:* Section 601 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-541) authorized the implementation of the DECOMP Project.

b. *Study Area:* The study area includes the WCA 3 and the northeast section of Everglades National Park, in Broward and Miami-Dade Counties. While the project area and area of anticipated benefits is located almost entirely within WCA 3A, the potential area of impacts is broader. Therefore, the study area considered in the report will extend from the southern end of Lake Okeechobee to the north through WCA 3A and 3B to just south of the Tamiami Trail (US 41).

c. *Project Scope:* The scope includes conducting an assessment of the study area and continuing plans for restoring sheet flow through WCA 3A. The evaluation of the alternatives and selection of a recommended plan will be documented in the PIR/DEIS. The alternative plans will be reviewed under provisions of appropriate laws and regulations, including the Endangered Species Act, Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, Clean Water Act, and Farmland Protection Policy Act.

d. *Preliminary Alternatives:* The study includes two components of the Central & South Florida Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan: Backfilling

the Miami Canal and with a simultaneous increase in the conveyance capacity of the North New River Canal to compensate for lost flood damage reduction and water supply capabilities. Different scales of backfilling and alternate conveyance routes will be considered.

e. *Issues:* The DPIR/EIS will address the following issues: impacts to aquatic and wetland habitats; water flows; hazardous and toxic waste; water quality; flood damage reduction; the impacts of land acquisition on the tax base; aesthetics and recreation; fish and wildlife resources, including protected species; cultural resources; and other impacts identified through scoping, public involvement and interagency coordination.

f. *Scoping:* A scoping letter and multiple public workshops will be used to invite comments on alternatives and issues from Federal, State, and local agencies, affected Indian tribes, and other interested private organizations and individuals. Two identical scoping meetings are planned for this project (see **DATES** and **ADDRESSES**). Future meetings will be announced in public notices, local newspapers, and on <http://www.evergladesplan.org>.

g. *PIR/EIS Preparation:* The PIR/EIS is currently estimated for publication in July 2009.

**Brenda S. Bowen,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Meeting of the Chief of Naval Operations Executive Panel

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Executive Panel will report on the findings and recommendations of the Navy Civilian Workforce Subcommittee to the Chief of Naval Operations. The meeting will consist of the final report to Chief of Naval Operations regarding the internal personnel rules and practices supporting effective Navy civilian workforce management and will discuss anecdotal and specific personal information about individuals employed by the Department of the Navy.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on September 19, 2007 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in CNA Corporation Building, 4825 Mark Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22311, 2nd Floor Idea Center.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Kip Blecher, CNO Executive Panel, 4825 Mark Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22311, 703-681-4909.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2), these matters constitute sensitive information that is specifically authorized to be kept private. Accordingly, the Secretary of the Navy has determined in writing that the public interest requires that all sessions of this meeting be closed to the public because they will be concerned with matters listed in section 552b(c)(6) of Title 5, United States Code.

Individuals or interested groups interested may submit written statements for consideration by the Chief of Naval Operations Executive Panel at any time or in response to the agenda of a scheduled meeting. All requests must be submitted to the Designated Federal Officer at the address detailed below.

If the written statement is in response to the agenda mentioned in this notice, the statement must be received at least five days prior to the meeting in question in order to be considered by the Panel.

The Designated Federal Officer will review all timely submissions with the Chief of Naval Operations Executive Panel Chairperson and ensure they are provided to members of the Chief of Naval Operations Executive Panel prior to the meeting.

To contact the Designated Federal Officer, write to Executive Director, CNO Executive Panel (N00K), 4825 Mark Center Drive, 2nd Floor, Alexandria, VA 22311-1846.

**T.M. Cruz,**

*Lieutenant, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Acting Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection

requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 10, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Nicole Cafarella, Desk Officer, Department of Education, 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 Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, 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: August 6, 2007.

**James Hyler,**

*Acting Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.*

### Office of Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* Annual Mandatory Collection of Elementary and Secondary Education Data for EDFacts.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 59.

*Burden Hours:* 105,754.