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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency and Commodity Credit Corporation

Availability of Final Environmental Assessment Regarding Spartina Control Cost-Share Program for Willapa Bay Estuary, WA

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency and Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In May 1997, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) will make available their Final Environmental Assessment regarding their proposed Spartina Control Cost-Share Program. FSA and CCC have an interest in controlling Smooth Cordgrass (*Spartina alterniflora*) in the Willapa Bay Estuary region of Washington State. The proposed Spartina control action focuses on the coordinated use of mechanical/physical and chemical treatment methods, also known as Integrated Pest Management (IPM), in an environmentally and economically sound manner.

(Authority: Pub. L. 104-127, Sec. 334.)

ADDRESSES: To receive a copy of FSA and CCC's Spartina Control Cost-Share Program Final Environmental Assessment, mail requests to: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Environmental Protection Division, ATTN: Mike Linsengler, USDA, FSA, CEPD, STOP 0513, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-0513.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Linsengler, 202-720-6303.

Signed at Washington, DC, on May 26, 1997.

Bruce R. Weber,

Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency and Acting Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Minority Business Development Agency

Business Development Center Applications: Chicago II, North

AGENCY: Minority Business Development Agency, Commerce.

ACTION: Amendment.

SUMMARY: The Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) is revising the announcement to solicit competitive applications under its Minority Business Development Center (MBDC) Program to operate the Chicago II MBDC. The revised award number for the Chicago II, North MBDC is 05-10-97002-01. This solicitation was originally published in the **Federal Register**, Tuesday, May 27, 1997, Vol. 62, No. 101, page 28673.

11.800 Minority Business Development Center

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance)

Dated: May 28, 1997.

Frances B. Douglas,

Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Minority Business Development Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will meet the week

of June 16, 1997, in Kodiak, AK. All meetings are open to the public with the exception of Council executive sessions.

DATES: See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for specific dates and times of the Advisory Panel (AP), Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Implementation Team and Council meetings.

ADDRESSES: AP Meeting: Elks Lodge, 102 Marine Way, in Kodiak.

SSC and IFQ Implementation Team: Fishermen's Hall in the Harbormaster's Building, 403 Marine Way West, in Kodiak.

Council Meeting: Harbor Room of the Kodiak Inn, 236 Rezanof Drive West, in Kodiak.

Other committee or workgroup meetings may be held on short notice during the meeting week; notices of any meeting will be posted in the lobby of the Kodiak Inn, 236 Rezanof Drive West, in Kodiak, AK.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Council staff, telephone: 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council, its SSC, AP, and IFQ Implementation Team will meet as follows:

SSC: Monday, June 16, beginning at 8:00 a.m., through Wednesday, June 19, 1997.

AP: Monday, June 16, beginning at 8:00 a.m., through Thursday, June 20, 1997.

IFQ Implementation Team: Monday, June 16, 1997, beginning at 6:30 p.m., ending by 9:30 p.m.

Council: Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 17, and ending on Sunday, June 22, 1997.

The agenda for the meetings will include the following issues. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

1. Reports from NMFS and Alaska Department of Fish and Game on the current status of the fisheries off Alaska, NMFS and U.S. Coast Guard reports on enforcement, and a report on Steller sea lions.

2. Finalize alternatives and problem statement and give direction to staff for analysis of allocation of pollock between inshore and offshore fishing operations.

3. Take final action on measures to amend the halibut and sablefish individual fishing quota program to allow transfer of privileges to surviving heirs, and to amend vessel ownership requirements for the program. The Council will also consider initiating an analysis for the North Pacific Loan Program, and receive a response from NMFS on enforcement concerns in the IFQ program.

4. Take final action on seabird avoidance measures in the halibut fisheries.

5. Take final action on a halibut catch sharing plan for International Pacific Halibut Commission halibut regulatory Area 4.

6. Review an initial management plan for the Sitka Sound halibut fishery.

7. Take final action on a regulatory amendment to create and define a halibut subsistence/personal use fishery category.

8. Review a ecosystem research initiative from the U.S. Department of the Interior.

9. Take final action on an amendment to the Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Fishery Management Plan to initiate improved retention and utilization measures.

10. Review a proposed rule for the groundfish and crab license limitation and community development programs and provide comments, and receive progress report on development of industry buyback program for crab fisheries.

11. Discuss and give staff further direction in development of a skipper reporting system.

12. Review and take action on a request to lengthen a vessel for safety reasons under the moratorium.

13. Consider extending existing Observer Program beyond 1997, review alternative observer program structures, and give staff further direction for analysis.

14. Review progress on meeting new requirements under the Magnuson-Stevens Act, including a progress report on essential fish habitat and direction to staff to initiate an analysis.

15. Review a bycatch proposal submitted by the Alaska Marine Conservation Coalition, consider further action.

16. Comment on NMFS proposal to draft a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement on groundfish management in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands (BSAI) and Gulf of Alaska (GOA).

17. Consider final action on reporting requirements.

18. Under GOA groundfish issues, the following subjects will be discussed:

(a) Final action on an amendment to revise management authority of pelagic shelf rockfish.

(b) Initial review of an amendment to initiate rolling closures in the sablefish fisheries during the annual sablefish survey.

(c) Give further direction to staff for analysis of a trawl-only fishery for pollock.

(d) Give further direction to staff for analysis of trip limits for pollock in the Gulf of Alaska.

19. Under BSAI groundfish issues, the following subjects will be discussed:

(a) Final action on an amendment to allocate Atka mackerel to vessels using jig gear.

(b) Discussion and further direction to staff on gear storage and preemption issues.

(c) Discussion and direction to staff on shortraker/rougheye rockfish bycatch.

(d) Take final action on halibut discard mortality rates in the BSAI Pacific cod fishery for second half of 1997.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Helen Allen, 907-271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: May 28, 1997.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Availability, Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) for the Disposal and Reuse of Fort Sheridan, IL

AGENCY: Department of Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1988, Public Law 100-526, directed the Defense Secretary's Commission on Base Closure and Realignment to recommend military installations for realignment or closure. The Commission recommended the closure of Fort Sheridan, Illinois. In accordance with the recommendation, Fort Sheridan closed on June 1, 1993.

This document evaluates the disposal and reuse alternatives of the surplus

property at Fort Sheridan, and the socioeconomic and environmental impacts of these actions. It serves as a companion document to the final environmental impact statement for the closure of Fort Sheridan issued in 1990. The result of the assessment was a finding of no significant impact.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Ray Haynes, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District, P.O. Box 59, Louisville, KY 40201-0059 or call (502) 582-6475.

Dated: May 27, 1997.

Richard E. Newsome,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the National Park Seminary Historic District (NPSHD) Located at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC)

AGENCY: Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Department of the Army.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The Army intends to prepare an EIS to assist it in deciding upon a plan of action for the NPSHD. The NPSHD, Forest Glen Annex, is located within the Forest Glen area of Montgomery County, Maryland, approximately 1.5 miles north of the District of Columbia. The Annex is bounded by the Capital Beltway (I-495) to the north, Rock Creek Park to the west, Brookville Road to the south, and the main line of the CSX Rail System to the east.

The NPSHD consists of a 26-acre parcel containing 24 buildings, which has been listed as a historic district on the National Register of Historic Places since 1972 and the Montgomery County Master Plan for historic preservation since 1991. The NPSHD is located on the north end of Forest Glen Annex and is bounded by the Capital Beltway (I-495) to the north, Smith Drive on the east, and Linden Lane to the south and west. The NPSHD is comprised of a collection of late 19th and early 20th century architecturally eclectic buildings and structures associated with a land development company and later with a private finishing school. The Army, after acquisition in 1942, utilized the property and its improvements as a