

APPENDIX A

Copies of the NOI and Public Notice

Act, provided the public has been notified of the CPSMT's and/or CPSAS's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

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Dated: April 13, 2001.

Bruce C. Morshead,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable
Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Preparation of a Special Area Management Plan and associated 404 Permit Actions for the San Juan Creek and western San Mateo Creek Watersheds, Orange County, CA

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District Regulatory Branch.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Fari Tabatabai, Regulatory Branch, CESPL-CO-RS, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, 911 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90017.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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The EIS will address impacts associated with future land development in the watersheds and actions to protect aquatic resources, as identified in the SAMP. They key environmental impacts to be addressed in the EIS are listed below:

- *Aquatic resources*—potential effects of proposed land use alternatives on the functional integrity and extent of aquatic resources due to altered biological, hydrological, and water quality conditions in the study area. Indirect impacts of land development and human activities in close proximity to aquatic resources will also be addressed.

- *Water quality*—potential effects on the quality of surface and ground water due to construction activities in the watersheds, and due to urban stormwater runoff associated with future development.

- *Threatened and endangered species*—potential adverse impacts on listed aquatic dependent species, including, but not limited to, arroyo toad, San Diego fairy shrimp, and least Bell's vireo. A Section 7 endangered species consultation will be conducted with the US Fish and Wildlife Service for potential impacts to listed species and designated critical habitat for the least Bell's vireo and arroyo toad. Potential impacts on the endangered California gnatcatcher habitat will be addressed.

- *Cultural Resources*—potential impacts on archaeological, ethnographic, paleontologic, and historic resources. The Corps of

Engineers will comply with the consultation requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

5.0 Schedule

A Draft EIS is expected to be issued for public review in Spring 2002.

Dated: April 9, 2001.

John P. Carroll,

Colonel, Corps of Engineers, District Engineer.

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UNIFORMED SERVICES UNIVERSITY OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:

Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences

TIME AND DATE: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., May 18, 2001

PLACE: Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Board of Regents Conference Room (D3001), 4301 Jones Bridge Road, Bethesda, MD 20814-4799

STATUS: Open—under "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b(e)(3))

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

8:30 a.m. Meeting—Board of Regents

- (1) Approval of Minutes—February 6, 2001
- (2) Faculty Matters
- (3) Departmental Reports
- (4) Financial Report
- (5) Report—President, USUHS
- (6) Report—Dean, School of Medicine
- (7) Report—Dean, Graduate School of Nursing
- (8) Comments—Chairman, Board of Regents
- (9) New Business

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Mr. Bobby D. Anderson, Executive Secretary, Board of Regents. (301) 295-3116.

Dated: April 16, 2001.

Linda Bynum,

OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer,
Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection requests.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the

tuna handline by the Pelagic Plan Team (PPT) in May 2005, suggests that the available data on landings may not require a limited entry program at this time. However, there were concerns that the reported statistics for this fishery (which is actually a mix of different hook and line gears) may be underestimates, and that serious efforts should be made to pursue accurate landings data for the fishery. The PPT also approved a protocol to be incorporated into the Pelagics FMP by which the Council would take action on international management of HMS species. This includes ensuring Council inclusion in US delegations to international fishery management meetings and the drafting of position papers on measures to reduce overfishing and rebuild stocks.

The Council will review PPT and SSC comments and recommendations and may take final action on an FMP amendment on how to deal with BET overfishing both in the domestic and international fisheries.

5. MPA Objectives and Goals, Criteria for Establishing Monitoring and Evaluating MPAs First Draft (Action Item)

The Council MPA Working Group is developing a guide for Council family reference when working on MPA issues. "MPA Goals and Objectives, and Criteria for Establishing, Monitoring and Evaluating MPAs" is a dynamic document, updated with the best available science. The Document incorporates a flowchart illustrating a NEPA based process to establish, monitor and evaluate MPAs, and criteria for establishing, monitoring and evaluating MPAs are detailed. The Council is asked to review a first draft of this document.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issue arising after publication of this document that requires emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

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(808)522-8220 (voice) or (808)522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: May 9, 2005.

Emily Menashes,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 041905B]

Endangered Species; File No. 1356

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Inwater Research Group Inc. has been issued a modification to scientific research Permit No. 1356.

ADDRESSES: The modification and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)427-2521;

Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701; phone (727)824-5312; fax (727)824-5517.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick O'pay or Ruth Johnson, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 23, 2005, notice was published in the Federal Register (70 FR 8767) that a modification of Permit No. 1356, issued July 11, 2002 (67 FR 45959), had been requested by the above-named organization. The requested modification has been granted under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226).

The modification authorizes the Holder to attach satellite transmitters to a subset of the green sea turtles already authorized to be captured under the existing permit. It also allows researchers to conduct sampling all months of the year and to modify their study area to include a 30 kilometer area

extending south, west and north of the Marquesas Keys.

Issuance of this modification, as required by the ESA was based on a finding that such permit modification (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of any endangered or threatened species, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: May 6, 2005.

Stephen L. Leathery,

Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Preparation of a Special Area Management Plan and Associated 404 Permit Actions for the San Juan Creek and Western San Mateo Creek Watersheds, Orange County, CA

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

ACTION: Revised Notice of Intent (NOI).

SUMMARY: The Corps of Engineers (Corps) published a Notice of Intent to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in the Federal Register (Vol. 66, No. 76, pages 20135-20136) on April 19, 2001, for a Special Area Management Plan (SAMP) within the San Juan Creek and western San Mateo Creek Watersheds. The Notice of Intent stated that the eventual document would be a joint state and federal document in coordination with the California Department of Fish and Game (Department). The Department intended to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act for the Department's proposed Master Streambed Alteration Agreement (MSAA), a proposed state program analogous to the SAMP. It is now necessary to revise the Notice of Intent to reflect that the document will now be a federal document and not a joint federal and state document.

Scoping commenced on April 19, 2001 with the publication of the original Notice of Intent in the Federal Register. In addition, the Corps issued a special public notice on the SAMP dated April 18, 2001, to the general public. A public scoping meeting was held on May 8, 2001, in San Juan Capistrano, California.

All comments received during the special public notice comment period between April 19, 2001, and May 18, 2001, and during the public meetings are being considered in this process. A new scoping period is not being started with the revised NOI.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jae Chung, Regulatory Branch, CESPL-CO-RS, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, 915 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90017.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Corps is developing the SAMP to address issues under Section 404 of the federal Clean Water Act for waters of the U.S., including wetlands, subject to the Corps' jurisdiction. The Department is also developing a parallel process known as the MSAA to address issues under Section 1600 *et seq.* of the state Fish and Game Code for streambeds subject to the Department's jurisdiction. The original Notice of Intent reported the Corps' intent to prepare a joint document (EIS/EIR) with the Department to address common issues for the SAMP and MSAA processes.

It subsequently was decided that the EIS for the SAMP document and associated Section 404 permit actions would be solely a federal document. The MSAA would be better analyzed in the joint EIS/EIR document for the Natural Community Conservation Program (NCCP)/Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for the South Subregion of Orange County, a comprehensive planning process prepared in conjunction with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to address long-term protection of sensitive species. Given the Department's participation in the NCCP/HCP, the analysis of the MSAA is more appropriate in the context of the Department's larger, more comprehensive role in the NCCP.

The Corps will continue to coordinate with the Department and with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to address issues common among the SAMP, the MSAA, and the NCCP/HCP. All three agencies will continue to communicate on refining alternatives and long-term management plans for natural resources, which should be conserved under these plans. The Corps may publish the draft EIS for the SAMP before the draft EIR/EIS document for the MSAA and the NCCP/HCP. Completion of a SAMP final EIS document is contingent upon completion of consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to Section 7 of the federal Endangered Species Act, because the SAMP and associated Section 404 permit actions may affect listed threatened and/or

endangered species and/or adversely modify the critical habitat of listed threatened and/or endangered species.

The draft EIS is expected to be issued for public review in Fall 2005.

James A. DeLapp,

Major, U.S. Army, Acting District Engineer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 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 July 11, 2005.

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 Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 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.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used

in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: May 9, 2005.

Angela C. Arrington,

Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Federal Student Aid

Type of Review: New.

Title: Experimental Sites Initiative—Data Collection Instrument.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; State, local, or tribal gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 150.

Burden Hours: 1,650.

Abstract: This data collection instrument will be used to collect specific information/performance data for analysis of nine experiments. This effort will assist ED/FSA in obtaining and compiling information to help determine change in the administration and delivery of Title IV programs. The experiments cover major financial aid processes.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2758. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov or faxed to 202-245-6621. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Joseph Schubart at his e-mail address Joe.Schubart@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

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San Juan / San Mateo Creek Watershed SAMP
Public Scoping Meeting

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT

Public Notice/Application No.: 199915966-FT

Comment Period: April 18, 2001 through May 18, 2001

Project Manager: Fari Tabatabai (213) 452-3291 ftatabai@spl.usace.army.mil

ACTIVITY: Public Scoping meeting for Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Preparation of a Special Area Management Plan (SAMP) and associated 404 Permit Actions for the San Juan Creek and western San Mateo Creek Watersheds, Orange County, CA

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District Regulatory Branch.

ACTION: Notification of a Public Scoping meeting to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

Interested parties are hereby notified that a Public Scoping meeting is being held for the San Juan / San Mateo Creek Watershed SAMP EIS. Interested parties are invited to provide their views on the issues of concern that should be considered in the EIS.

Comments should be mailed to:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District
Regulatory Branch
ATTN: CESPL-CO-R-199915966-FT
P.O. Box 532711
Los Angeles, California 90053-2325

Alternatively, comments can be sent electronically to: ftatabai@spl.usace.army.mil

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The EIS will addresses impacts associated with future land development in the watersheds and actions to protect aquatic resources, as identified in the SAMP. The key environmental impacts to be addressed in the EIS are listed below:

- *Aquatic resources* – potential effects of proposed land use alternatives on the functional integrity and extent of aquatic resources due to altered biological, hydrological, and water quality conditions in the study area. Indirect impacts of land development and human activities in close proximity to aquatic resources will also be addressed.
- *Water quality* - potential effects on the quality of surface and ground water due to construction activities in the watersheds, and due to urban stormwater runoff associated with future development.
- *Threatened and endangered species* - potential adverse impacts on listed aquatic dependent species, including, but not limited to, arroyo toad, San Diego fairy shrimp, and least Bell's vireo. A Section 7 endangered species consultation will be conducted with the US Fish and Wildlife Service for potential impacts to listed species and designated critical habitat for the least Bell's vireo and arroyo toad. Potential impacts on the endangered California gnatcatcher critical habitat will be addressed.
- *Cultural Resources* – potential impacts on archeological, ethnographic, paleontologic, and historic resources. The Corps of Engineers will comply with the consultation requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

5.0 Schedule

A Draft EIS is expected to be issued for public review in Spring 2002.

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