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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Board of Overseers

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Board of Overseers of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award on Thursday, June 8, 2000. The Board of Overseers is composed of eleven members prominent in the field of quality management and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce, assembled to advise the Secretary of Commerce on the conduct of the Baldrige Award. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and review information received from the National Institute of Standards and Technology with the members of the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. The agenda will include: Review Roles/Responsibilities of Judges and Overseers; Health Care and Education Update; 2000 Baldrige Criteria Changes and Future Criteria Evolution; New Marketing Documents; Discussion of Program Issues, and Key Issues from the June 7 Judges' Meeting.

DATES: The meeting will convene June 8, 2000, at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 3:00 p.m. on June 8, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Administration Building Tenth Floor Conference Room, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Harry Hertz, Director, National Quality Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, telephone number (301) 975-2361.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that there will be a closed meeting of the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award on Wednesday, June 7, 2000. The Judges Panel is composed of nine members prominent in the field of quality management and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The purpose of this meeting is to Review the 2000 Baldrige Award Cycle; Discussion of Senior Examiner Training for Site Visits and Final Judging Interaction; Judges' Survey of Applicants; and Judging Process Improvement. The applications under review contain trade secrets and proprietary commercial information submitted to the Government in confidence.

DATES: The meeting will convene June 7, 2000, at 11:00 a.m. and adjourn at 4:30 p.m. on June 7, 2000. The entire meeting will be closed.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Chemistry Building, Room A228, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Harry Hertz, National Quality Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, telephone number (301) 975-2361.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on March 31, 2000, that the meeting of the Judges Panel will be closed pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, as amended by section 5(c) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Pub. L. 94-409. The meeting, which involves examination of records and discussion of Award applicant data, may be closed to the public in accordance with section 552b(c)(4) of Title 5, United States Code, since the meeting is likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Notice of Availability of Draft Stock Assessment Reports

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

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS has revised the Alaska, Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico, and Pacific marine mammal stock assessment reports in accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). Draft revised 2000 reports are available for public review and comment.

DATES: Comments must be received by August 16, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send requests for printed copies of the draft Reports to: Chief, Marine Mammal Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226, Attn: Stock Assessments. Copies of the regional reports may also be requested from Anita Lopez, Alaska Fisheries Science Center (F/AKC), NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE BIN 15700, Seattle, WA 98115-0070 (Alaska); Janeen Quintal, Northeast Fisheries Science Center, 166 Water St., Woods Hole, MA 02543 (Northwest Atlantic); Steven Swartz, Southeast Fisheries Science Center, 75 Virginia Beach Dr., Miami, FL 33149 (Mid-Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico); and Tim Price, Southwest Regional Office (F/SWO3), NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (Pacific). Electronic copies of the reports can be found at the following internet address: http://www.nmfs.gov/prot_res/mammals/sa_rep/sar.html. Electronic copies of the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico Marine Mammal Stock Assessments can also be found at the following internet address: <http://www.nefsc.nmfs.gov/psb/assesspdfs.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Emily Hanson, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, at (301) 713-2322, ext. 101, Anita Lopez (206) 526-4045,

regarding Alaska regional stock assessments; Janeen Quintal, (508) 495-2252 regarding Northwest Atlantic regional stock assessments; Steven Swartz, (305) 361-4487, regarding Mid-Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico regional stock assessments; or Tim Price, (562) 980-4020, regarding Pacific regional stock assessments.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 117 of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) requires NMFS and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to prepare stock assessment reports (SARs) for each stock of marine mammals that occurs in waters under the jurisdiction of the United States. These reports contain information regarding the distribution and abundance of the stock, population growth rates and trends, estimates of annual human-caused mortality from all sources, descriptions of the fisheries with which the stock interacts, and the status of the stock.

The MMPA also requires NMFS and FWS to review these reports annually for strategic stocks of marine mammals and at least every three years for stocks determined to be non-strategic. NMFS, in conjunction with the Alaska, Atlantic, and Pacific Scientific Review Groups, reviewed the status of marine mammal stocks as required, and revised reports for which new information was available. Summary tables for all stocks of marine mammals in the three regions (Tables 1-3) indicate revisions to the reports. NMFS solicits public comments on these draft revised Alaska, Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico, and Pacific reports.

Alaska Stocks

NMFS, in conjunction with the Alaska Scientific Review Group, reviewed information available for all strategic stocks of Alaska marine mammals under its authority, as well as Pacific white-sided dolphins, harbor porpoise (3 stocks), Dall's porpoise, and gray whales for the 2000 Stock Assessment Reports. A total of 14 of the 32 Alaska stock assessment reports were revised for 2000. These reports are identified by a November 1, 1999, date-stamp at the beginning of each report.

Most proposed changes to the stock assessment reports incorporate new information into mortality estimates. New Potential Biological Removal level (PBR) estimates have been calculated for those stocks having new abundance estimates. The new information on abundance and mortality did not change the status (strategic or not) of any of the Alaska stocks relative to the last time the respective stock assessment report was revised.

As recommended by the Alaska Scientific Review Group (ASRG), NMFS

proposes to change the recovery factor for the Cook Inlet stock of beluga whales. The proposed recovery factor for this stock would decrease from 0.5 to 0.3. The ASRG recommended a recovery factor of 0.1 be incorporated into the draft 2000 report. However, three significant pieces of information have become available. First, the Alaska Natives in the Cook Inlet area are cooperating to control the harvest, and no beluga were killed for subsistence in 1999. Second, the 1999 surveys indicate that the decline of the stock has abated. Third, the first year of observer coverage reported no beluga taken in Cook Inlet fisheries, suggesting that mortality incidental to commercial fishing does not appear to be a significant factor affecting the Cook Inlet beluga stock. Therefore, NMFS intends to use a recovery factor of 0.3 until additional information indicates that a revision is warranted.

The proposed minimum population estimate for the North Pacific stock of Pacific white-sided dolphins was reduced from 486,719 animals to 26,880 animals, which would reduce the Potential Biological Removal level (PBR) from 4,867 animals to 269 animals. The minimum population estimate of 486,719 animals was based on an abundance estimate that reflected the range-wide estimate of Pacific white-sided dolphins, rather than one that could be applied just to the North Pacific stock. The full estimate is not considered appropriate to apply to the North Pacific management stock, but the portion of the estimate derived from sightings north of 45°N in the Gulf of Alaska can be used as the population estimate for this stock, yielding the proposed minimum population estimate of 26,880 animals.

Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico Stocks

The draft 2000 Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico Stock Assessment Reports were prepared by staff of the Northeast Fisheries Science Center and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. The reports were presented at the November 1999 meeting of the Atlantic Scientific Review Group, and subsequent revisions were based on the group's advice. The 2000 Stock Assessment Reports contain updated assessments for Atlantic strategic stocks and for Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico stocks for which new information was available. These reports are identified by a December 1999 date-stamp at the beginning of each report.

A total of 28 of the 60 Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico SARs were revised for 2000. Most of the proposed changes incorporate new information into

sections on population size and mortality estimates. The revised reports include 15 strategic and 13 non-strategic stocks. For the first time, individual species abundance estimates are available for the Western North Atlantic stocks of Atlantic spotted and Pantropical spotted dolphins.

Based on recent modeling that suggests that the population of the Western North Atlantic stock of Northern right whales is in decline, the maximum net productivity for this stock has been estimated as zero, and therefore PBR for this stock would be reduced to zero. This decrease would change the focus of the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Team from concentrating on reducing to eliminating the incidental mortality and serious injury of right whales. Information on human interactions (fishery and ship strikes) between the right whale, humpback whale, fin whale, and minke whale stocks were reviewed and updated.

The stock definition for humpback whales is proposed to be changed from the North Atlantic Stock to the Gulf of Maine stock, based on genetic analysis and the fidelity of whales to this region for feeding. Although the stock structure was revised, the abundance estimate is based on the entire North Atlantic aggregation of humpback whales. Existing data does not allow NMFS to separately estimate abundance for the Gulf of Maine feeding stock.

The Western North Atlantic stock of long-finned pilot whales was changed to "strategic" based on the annual incidental mortality estimate.

Pacific Stocks

The draft 2000 Stock Assessment Reports present a complete set of revised stock assessments for Pacific marine mammal stocks under NMFS jurisdiction. New abundance estimates are available and have been included for ten Hawaiian stocks and 25 U.S. West Coast stocks. The assessments in this report include stocks studied by the Southwest Fisheries Science Center and the National Marine Mammal Laboratory. The Pacific and Alaska Scientific Review Groups reviewed and commented on earlier versions of these draft stock assessment reports.

Mortality estimates for the California drift gillnet fishery are based on data from 1997-98 because entanglement rates of marine mammals decreased after implementation of the Take Reduction Plan in 1997.

The California/Oregon/Washington stock of short-finned pilot whales is proposed to be classified as not strategic. Including driftnet mortality

only for years after implementation of the Take Reduction Plan (1997–1998), the average annual human-caused mortality in 1997–1998 (3 animals) is estimated to be less than the PBR, and therefore they would not be classified as strategic.

The Central California stock of harbor porpoise is proposed to be classified as strategic because of increased mortality from the halibut set gillnet fishery. The average annual mortality for 1996–1998 is greater than the calculated PBR for Central California harbor porpoise. Based on the success of reducing harbor porpoise mortality in east coast fisheries, efforts are currently underway to encourage voluntary use of pingers in the central California set gillnet fishery.

The observer program for this fishery is scheduled to be continued and will provide information on the success of any voluntary measures.

The Hawaii stock of false killer whales is proposed to be listed as strategic because the rate of serious injury to false killer whales within the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone in the Hawaii longline fishery exceeds the PBR. However, the available abundance estimate, on which PBR is based, is based only on a portion of the species' range in Hawaiian waters. Additional studies of abundance, distribution, and fishery-related mortality would be required to re-evaluate this species' status in the future.

The stock assessment report for the California/Oregon/Washington stock of dwarf sperm whale (*Kogia simus*) has been discontinued. The lack of reliable sighting or stranding records off the U.S. west coast since the 1970s suggests the stock does not occur in waters under U.S. jurisdiction on a regular basis.

The stock of blue whale formerly known as the 'California/Mexico stock' has been renamed the "Eastern North Pacific stock" to reflect current knowledge of whale movements between the U.S. west coast and the eastern tropical Pacific (Mate et al. 1999, Stafford et al. 1999).

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Table 1--Summary table of Alaska marine mammal stocks. Marine mammal stock assessment reports that were revised relative to the 1999 reports, and that have draft 2000 Stock Assessment Reports available, are identified by an 11/1/99 date of last revision. Changes to the estimates of abundance, human-caused mortality, and other items are also indicated.

Species	Stock Area	NMFS Center	Nmin	Rmax	Fr	PBR	Total Annual Mortality	Annual Fishing Mortality	Strategic Status	Last Revision
Baird's beaked whale	Alaska	AKC	N/A	0.02	0.50	N/A	0	0	N	6/25/99
Bearded seal	Alaska	AKC	N/A	0.06	0.50	N/A	2	2	N	8/8/97
Beluga whale	Beaufort Sea	AKC	32,453	0.02	1.00	649	184	0	N	6/25/99
Beluga whale	East Chukchi Sea	AKC	3,710	0.02	1.00	74	68	0	N	6/25/99
Beluga whale	East Bering Sea	AKC	6,439	0.02	1.00	129	122	1	N	6/25/99
Beluga whale	Bristol Bay	AKC	1,316	0.02	1.00	26	20	1	N	6/25/99
Beluga whale	Cook Inlet	AKC	273 303	0.02	0.50 0.30	2.7 1.8	87	0	Y	11/1/99
Bowhead whale	Western Arctic	AKC	7,738	0.02	0.50	77	49	0	Y	11/1/99
Cuvier's beaked whale	Alaska	AKC	N/A	0.02	0.50	N/A	0	0	N	6/25/99
Dall's porpoise	Alaska	AKC	76,874	0.02	1.00	1,537	42	42	N	11/1/99
Fin whale	Northeast Pacific	AKC	N/A	0.02	0.10	N/A	0	0	Y	12/30/98
Gray whale	Eastern North Pacific	AKC	21,597 24,477	0.02	1.00	432 490	47 140	4 64	N	11/1/99
Harbor porpoise	Southeast Alaska	AKC	8,156 8,376	0.02	0.50	82 83	4 3	4* 3	N	11/1/99
Harbor porpoise	Gulf of Alaska	AKC	7,085 16,630	0.02	0.50	71 166	25 25	25 25	N	11/1/99
Harbor porpoise	Bering Sea	AKC	8,549	0.02	0.50	86	2	2	N	11/1/99
Harbor seal	Southeast Alaska	AKC	35,226	0.06	1.00	2,114	1,785	36	N	12/30/98
Harbor seal	Gulf of Alaska	AKC	28,917	0.06	0.50	868	827	36	N	12/30/98

Table 1 - cont.

Species	Stock Area	NMFS Center	Nmin	Rmax	Fr	PBR	Total Annual Mortality	Annual Fishing Mortality	Strategic Status	Last Revision
Harbor seal	Bering Sea	AKC	12,648	0.06	0.50	379	192	31	N	12/30/98
Humpback whale	Western North Pacific	AKC	367	0.02	0.10	0.7	0.2 0.4	0.2 0.4	Y	11/1/99
Humpback whale	Central North Pacific	AKC	3,698	0.02	0.10	7.4	4 2.8	4 2.8	Y	11/1/99
Killer whale	Eastern North Pacific Northern Resident	AKC	717	0.02	0.50	7.2	0.8	0.8	N	12/30/98
Minke whale	Alaska	AKC	N/A	0.02	0.50	N/A	0	0	N	8/8/97
Northern right whale	North Pacific	AKC	N/A	0.02	0.10	N/A	0	0	Y	11/1/99
Northern fur seal	Eastern North Pacific	AKC	848,539	0.043	0.50	18,244	1,725 1,724	17 16	Y	11/1/99
Pacific white-sided dolphin	Central North Pacific	AKC	486,719 26,880	0.02	0.50	4,867 269	4	4	N	11/1/99
Ribbon seal	Alaska	AKC	N/A	0.06	0.50	N/A	1	1	N	8/8/97
Ringed seal	Alaska	AKC	N/A	0.06	0.50	N/A	1	1	N	8/8/97
Sperm whale	North Pacific	AKC	N/A	0.02	0.10	N/A	0	0	Y	12/30/98
Spotted seal	Alaska	AKC	N/A	0.06	0.50	N/A	2	2	N	8/8/97
Stejneger's beaked whale	Alaska	AKC	N/A	0.02	0.50	N/A	0	0	N	6/25/99
Steller sea lion	Eastern U.S.	AKC	30,403	0.06	0.75	1,368	16	16	Y	11/1/99
Steller sea lion	Western U.S.	AKC	39,031	0.06	0.10	234	442	30	Y	11/1/99

Table 2--Summary table of Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico marine mammal stocks. Marine mammal stock assessment reports that were revised relative to the 1999 reports, and that have draft 2000 Stock Assessment Reports available, are identified by a 12/99 date of last revision. Changes to the estimates of abundance, human-caused mortality, and other items are also indicated.

Species	Stock Area	NMFS Center	Nmin	Rmax	Fr	PBR	Total Annual Mortality and Serious Injury	Annual Fishing Mortality and Serious Injury	Strategic Status	Last Revision
Harbor seal	Western North Atlantic	NEC	30,990	0.12	1.0	1,859	934 873	934 873	N	12/99
Gray seal	Western North Atlantic	NEC	NA	NA	NA	NA	70 75	70 75	N	12/99
Harp seal	Western North Atlantic	NEC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	394 402	394 402	N	12/99
Hooded seal	Western North Atlantic	NEC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.6	5.6	N	10/99
Harbor porpoise	Gulf of Maine/Bay of Fundy	NEC	48,289	0.04	0.5	483	1,895 1,578	1,895 1,578	Y	12/99
Risso's dolphin	Western North Atlantic	NEC	11,140 22,540	0.04	0.48	107 216	7.2 13	7.2 13	N	12/99
Atlantic white-sided dolphin	Western North Atlantic	NEC	19,196	0.04	0.48	184	291 223	291 223	Y	12/99
White-beaked dolphin	Western North Atlantic	NEC	N/A	0.04	N/A	N/A	0.00	0.00	N	8/97
Common dolphin	Western North Atlantic	NEC	16,060 11,142	0.04	0.48	154 107	780 612	780 612	Y	12/99
Atlantic spotted dolphin	Western North Atlantic	NEC	1,617 ⁺ 23,699 ²	0.04	0.5	16 236	9.9 7.8 ¹	9.9 7.8 ¹	N	12/99
Pantropical spotted dolphin	Western North Atlantic	NEC	1,617 ⁺ 8,450	0.04	0.5	84	9.9 7.8 ¹	9.9 7.8 ¹	N	12/99
Striped dolphin	Western North Atlantic	NEC	18,220 44,500	0.04	0.5	182 445	11 7.3	11 7.3	N	12/99
Spinner dolphin	Western North Atlantic	NEC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.31	0.31	N	12/98

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Species	Stock Area	NMFS Center	Nmin	Rmax	Fr	PBR	Total Annual Mortality and Serious Injury	Annual Fishing Mortality and Serious Injury	Strategic Status	Last Revision
Bottlenose dolphin	Western North Atlantic, offshore	NEC SEC	8,794 20,642 ²	0.04	0.5	88 206	10 5.3	10 5.3	N	12/99
Bottlenose dolphin	Western North Atlantic, coastal	SEC	2,482	0.04	0.5	25	29 46	29 46	Y	12/99
Dwarf sperm whale	Western North Atlantic	SEC	N/A 373 ³	0.04	N/A 0.5	N/A 7.5	0.00 0.25	0.00 0.25	N	12/99
Pygmy sperm whale	Western North Atlantic	SEC	N/A 373 ³	0.04	N/A 0.5	N/A 7.5	0.00 0.25	0.00 0.25	N	12/99
Killer whale	Western North Atlantic	NEC	N/A	0.04	N/A	N/A	0.00	0.00	N	7/95
Pygmy killer whale	Western North Atlantic	SEC	6	0.04	0.5	0.1	0.00	0.00	N	7/95
Northern bottlenose whale	Western North Atlantic	NEC	N/A	0.04	N/A	N/A	0.00	0.00	N	12/98
Cuvier's beaked whale	Western North Atlantic	NEC	895 2,419 ⁴	0.04	0.5	8.9 24	9.7 9.5	9.7 9.5 ⁵	Y	12/99
Mesoplodon beaked whale	Western North Atlantic	NEC	895 2,419 ⁴	0.04	0.5	8.9 24	9.7 9.5	9.7 9.5 ⁵	Y	12/99
Pilot whale, long-finned	Western North Atlantic	NEC	4,968 8,148 ⁶	0.04	0.48	48 78	87 146	87 146 ⁷	N Y	12/99
Pilot whale, short-finned	Western North Atlantic	NEC SEC	457 8,148 ⁶	0.04	0.48	4.4 78	87 146	87 146 ⁷	Y	12/99
Sperm whale	Western North Atlantic	NEC	1,617 3,400	0.04	0.1	3.2 6.8	0.00	0.00	Y	12/99
North Atlantic right whale	Western North Atlantic	NEC	295 291	0.025 0	0.1	0.4 0.0	1.8 1.4	1.0 0.8 ⁸	Y	12/99
Humpback whale	Western North Atlantic Gulf of Maine	NEC	10,019	0.065	0.1	32.6	5.4 3.7	4.4 2.7 ⁹	Y	12/99

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Species	Stock Area	NMFS Center	Nmin	Rmax	Fr	PBR	Total Annual Mortality and Serious Injury	Annual Fishing Mortality and Serious Injury	Strategic Status	Last Revision
Fin whale	Western North Atlantic	NEC	1,803	0.04	0.1	3.6	0.5 0.8	0.20 ¹⁰	Y	12/99
Sei whale	Nova Scotia	NEC	N/A	0.04	0.1	N/A	0.00	0.00	Y	12/99
Minke whale	Canadian east coast	NEC	2,145 3,097	0.04	0.5	21 31	5.8 2.7	4.8 2.7	N	12/99
Blue whale	Western North Atlantic	NEC	N/A 308	0.04	0.1	N/A 0.6	0.00	0.00	Y	12/99
Bottlenose dolphin	Gulf of Mexico, outer continental shelf	SEC	43,233	0.04	0.5	432	2.8	2.8	N	7/95
Bottlenose dolphin	Gulf of Mexico, continental shelf edge and slope	SEC	4,530	0.04	0.5	45	2.8	2.8	N	7/95
Bottlenose dolphin	Western Gulf of Mexico coastal	SEC	2,938	0.04	0.5	29	13	13	N	8/97
Bottlenose dolphin	Northern Gulf of Mexico coastal	SEC	3,518	0.04	0.5	35	10	10	N	8/97
Bottlenose dolphin	Eastern Gulf of Mexico coastal	SEC	8,963	0.04	0.5	0.5	8	8	N	8/97
Bottlenose dolphin	Gulf of Mexico bay, sound, and estuarine	SEC	3,933	0.04	0.5	39.7	N/A	N/A	Y	10/99
Atlantic spotted dolphin	Northern Gulf of Mexico	SEC	2,255	0.04	0.5	23	1.5	1.5	N	6/95
Pantropical spotted dolphin	Northern Gulf of Mexico	SEC	26,510	0.04	0.5	265	1.5	1.5	N	7/95
Striped dolphin	Northern Gulf of Mexico	SEC	3,409	0.04	0.5	34	0.00	0.00	N	7/95
Spinner dolphin	Northern Gulf of Mexico	SEC	4,465	0.04	0.5	45	0.00	0.00	N	7/95
Rough-toothed dolphin	Northern Gulf of Mexico	SEC	660	0.04	0.5	6.6	0.00	0.00	N	7/95
Clymene dolphin	Northern Gulf of Mexico	SEC	4,120	0.04	0.5	41	0.00	0.00	N	7/95

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Species	Stock Area	NMFS Center	Nmin	Rmax	Fr	PBR	Total Annual Mortality and Serious Injury	Annual Fishing Mortality and Serious Injury	Strategic Status	Last Revision
Fraser's dolphin	Northern Gulf of Mexico	SEC	66	0.04	0.5	0.7	0.00	0.00	N	7/95
Killer whale	Northern Gulf of Mexico	SEC	197	0.04	0.5	2.0	0.00	0.00	N	7/95
False killer whale	Northern Gulf of Mexico	SEC	236	0.04	0.5	2.4	0.00	0.00	N	7/95
Pygmy killer whale	Northern Gulf of Mexico	SEC	285	0.04	0.5	2.8	0.00	0.00	N	7/95
Dwarf sperm whale	Northern Gulf of Mexico	SEC	N/A	0.04	N/A	N/A	0.00	0.00	N	10/99
Pygmy sperm whale	Northern Gulf of Mexico	SEC	N/A	0.04	N/A	N/A	0.00	0.00	N	10/99
Melon-headed whale	Northern Gulf of Mexico	SEC	2,888	0.04	0.5	29	0.00	0.00	N	7/95
Risso's dolphin	Northern Gulf of Mexico	SEC	2,199	0.04	0.5	22	19	19	N	7/95
Cuvier's beaked whale	Northern Gulf of Mexico	SEC	20	0.04	0.5	0.2	0.00	0.00	N	7/95
Blainville's beaked whale	Northern Gulf of Mexico	SEC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.00	0.00	N	7/95
Gervais' beaked whale	Northern Gulf of Mexico	SEC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.00	0.00	N	7/95
Pilot whale, short-finned	Northern Gulf of Mexico	SEC	186	0.04	0.5	1.9	0.3	0.3	Y	7/95
Sperm whale	Northern Gulf of Mexico	SEC	411	0.04	0.1	0.8	0.00	0.00	Y	7/95
Bryde's whale	Northern Gulf of Mexico	SEC	17	0.04	0.5	0.2	0.00	0.00	N	7/95

1. Mortality data are not separated by species; therefore, species-specific estimates are not available. The mortality estimate represents both Atlantic and Pantropical spotted dolphins. Estimates may include sightings of the coastal form of Atlantic spotted dolphins.
2. Estimates may include sightings of the coastal form.
3. This estimate may include both the dwarf and pygmy sperm whales.
4. This estimate includes Cuvier's beaked whales and undifferentiated Mesoplodon spp. beaked whales.
5. The estimate does not differentiate species of beaked whales (Mesoplodon spp.) and includes an unknown number of Cuvier's beaked whales.
6. This estimate may include both long-finned and short-finned pilot whales.
7. Mortality data are not separated by species; therefore, species-specific estimates are not available. This mortality estimate represents both long-finned and short-finned pilot whales. Total mortality includes Nova Scotia 94-96 average of 9 long-finned pilot whales.
8. This is the average mortality of right whales based on 5 years of observer data (0.0) and additional fishery impact records (~~1.0~~ 0.8).
9. This is the average mortality of humpback whales based on 5 years of observer data (~~0.6~~ 0.25) and additional fishery impact records (~~3.8~~ 2.4).
10. The mortality estimate is based on a review of NMFS anecdotal records from 1994-1998, that yielded an average of 0.8 human caused mortality - 0.6 ship strikes, 0.2 fishery interactions.

Table 3--Summary table of Pacific marine mammal stocks. All of the Pacific marine mammal stocks under NMFS jurisdiction were revised relative to the 1999 reports, and have draft 2000 Stock Assessment Reports available. Changes to the estimates of abundance, human-caused mortality, and other items are also indicated.

Species	Stock Area	NMFS Center	Nmin	Rmax	Fr	PBR	Total Annual Mortality and Serious Injury	Annual Fish. Mortality and Serious Injury	Strategic Status	Last Revision
California sea lion	U.S.	SWC	111,339 109,854	0.12	1.0	6,680 6,591	974 1,352	915 1,208	N	1/3/00
Harbor Seal	California	SWC	27,962	0.12	1.0	1,678	243 ≥39	234 N/A	N	1/3/00
Harbor Seal	Oregon/ Washington Coast	AKC	24,733 24,705	0.12	1.0	1,484 1,482	49 ≥18	47 ≥16	N	1/3/00
Harbor Seal	Inland Washington	AKC	16,104 15,174	0.12	1.0	966 910	41 ≥43	36 ≥38	N	1/3/00
Northern Elephant Seal	California breeding	SWC	51,625	0.083	1.0	2,142	145 ≥33	145 ≥33	N	1/3/00
Guadalupe Fur Seal	Mexico to California	SWC	3,028	0.137	0.5	104	0.0	0.0	Y	1/3/00
Northern Fur Seal	San Miguel Island	AKC	6,720 2,336	0.086	1.0	216 100	0.0	0.0	N	1/3/00
Monk seal	Hawaii	SWC	1,423 1,436	0.07	0.1	5.0	N/A	N/A	Y	1/3/00
Harbor porpoise	Central California	SWC	4,172	0.04	0.50	42	24 63	24 63	N Y	1/3/00
Harbor porpoise	Northern California	SWC	7,640 8,061	0.04	0.5 1.0	76 81	0.0 ≥0.2	0.0 ≥0.2	N	1/3/00
Harbor porpoise	Oregon/ Washington Coast	AKC	32,769	0.04	0.5	328	12	12	N	1/3/00
Harbor porpoise	Inland Washington	AKC	2,545	0.04	0.4	20	15	15	N	1/3/00
Dall's Porpoise	California/ Oregon/ Washington	SWC	34,393 81,866	0.04	0.48 0.45	330 737	22 12	22 12	N	1/3/00
Pacific White-sided Dolphin	California/ Oregon/ Washington	SWC	82,939 17,475	0.04	0.48 0.45	796 157	22.0 ≥6.8	22.0 ≥6.8	N	1/3/00
Risso's Dolphin	California/ Oregon/ Washington	SWC	22,388 13,079	0.04	0.5 0.4	224 105	37 5.5	37 5.5	N	1/3/00
Bottlenose Dolphin	California coastal	SWC	134 154	0.04	0.5	13 1.5	0	0	N	1/3/00

Table 3 - cont.

Species	Stock Area	NMFS Center	Nmin	Rmax	Fr	PBR	Total Annual Mortality and Serious Injury	Annual Fish. Mortality and Serious Injury	Strategic Status	Last Revision
Bottlenose Dolphin	California/ Oregon/ Washington Offshore	SWC	1904 850	0.04	0.4 0.5	15 8.5	4.4 0	4.4 0	N	1/3/00
Striped Dolphin	California/ Oregon/ Washington	SWC	19,248 17,995	0.04	0.4 0.5	154 180	1.2 0	1.2 0	N	1/3/00
Common dolphin, short-beaked	California/ Oregon/ Washington	SWC	309,717 318,795	0.04	0.5	3,097 3,188	272 79	272 79	N	1/3/00
Common dolphin, long-beaked	California	SWC	5,504 27,739	0.04	0.48 0.45	53 250	14	14	N	1/3/00
Northern right whale dolphin	California/ Oregon/ Washington	SWC	15,080 10,060	0.04	0.5 0.48	151 97	47 15	47 15	N	1/3/00
Killer whale	Eastern North Pacific Transient	AKC	336 376	0.04	0.45	3.0 3.4	2.0 2.6	2.0 2.4	N	1/3/00
Killer whale	Eastern North Pacific Offshore	SWC	209	0.04	0.5	2.1	0	0	N	1/3/00
Killer whale	Eastern North Pacific Southern Resident	AKC	89 84	0.04	0.5	0.9 0.8	0	0	N	1/3/00
Short-finned pilot whale	California/ Oregon/ Washington	SWC	717	0.04	0.48 0.4	6.9 5.7	13 3.0	13 3.0	Y N	1/3/00
Baird's Beaked Whale	California/ Oregon/ Washington	SWC	252 313	0.04	0.4 0.5	3.1 2.0	1.2 0	1.2 0	N	1/3/00
Mesoplodont Beaked Whales	California/ Oregon/ Washington	SWC	2,840 2,734	0.04	0.45 0.5	26 27	29.2 0	9.2-13 0	N	1/3/00
Cuvier's Beaked Whale	California/ Oregon/ Washington	SWC	6,070 4,309	0.04	0.5	61 43	28 0	28 0	N	1/3/00
Pygmy Sperm Whale	California/ Oregon/ Washington	SWC	2,059 2,837	0.04	0.45 0.5	19 28	2.8 0	2.8 0	N	1/3/00
Dwarf Sperm Whale	California/ Oregon/ Washington	SWC	N/A	0.04	0.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N	Stock Assessment Discontinued

Table 3 - cont.

Species	Stock Area	NMFS Center	Nmin	Rmax	Fr	PBR	Total Annual Mortality and Serious Injury	Annual Fish. Mortality and Serious Injury	Strategic Status	Last Revision
Sperm whale	California/ Oregon/ Washington	SWC	992 995	0.04	0.1	2.0	3.0 2.5	3.0 2.5	Y	1/3/00
Humpback whale	California/ Oregon/ Washington	SWC	563 861	0.04	0.1	0.5 1.7	1.8 1.4	1.2	Y	1/3/00
Blue whale	California/ Oregon/ Washington Eastern North Pacific	SWC	1,463 1,716	0.04	0.1	1.5 1.7	0.2 0.0	0	Y	1/3/00
Fin whale	California/ Oregon/ Washington	SWC	747 1,044	0.04	0.1	1.5 2.1	4.1 0.4	0	Y	1/3/00
Bryde's whale	California/ Oregon/ Washington	SWC	11,163	0.04	0.5	0.2 N/A	0	0	N	1/3/00
Sei whale	California/ Oregon/ Washington	SWC	N/A	0.04	0.1	N/A	0	0	Y	1/3/00
Minke whale	California/ Oregon/ Washington	SWC	440	0.04	0.45	4.0	3.6 0	3.6 0	N	1/3/00
Rough-Toothed Dolphin	Hawaii	SWC	N/A 76	0.04	0.5	N/A 0.8	N/A	N/A	N	1/3/00
Risso's Dolphin	Hawaii	SWC	N/A	0.04	0.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N	1/3/00
Bottlenose Dolphin	Hawaii	SWC	N/A 479	0.04	0.5	N/A 4.8	N/A	N/A	N	1/3/00
Pantropical spotted dolphin	Hawaii	SWC	N/A 2,040	0.04	0.5	N/A 20	N/A	N/A	N	1/3/00
Spinner dolphin	Hawaii	SWC	677 2,355	0.04	0.5	6.8 24	N/A	N/A	N	1/3/00
Striped dolphin	Hawaii	SWC	N/A 52	0.04	0.5	N/A 0.5	N/A	N/A	N	1/3/00
Melon-headed whale	Hawaii	SWC	N/A 81	0.04	0.5	N/A 0.8	N/A	N/A	N	1/3/00
Pygmy killer whale	Hawaii	SWC	N/A	0.04	0.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N	1/3/00
False killer whale	Hawaii	SWC	N/A 83	0.04	0.5	N/A 0.8	N/A 9.0	N/A 9.0	N Y	1/3/00
Killer whale	Hawaii	SWC	N/A	0.04	0.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N	1/3/00

Table 3 - cont.

Species	Stock Area	NMFS Center	Nmin	Rmax	Fr	PBR	Total Annual Mortality and Serious Injury	Annual Fish. Mortality and Serious Injury	Strategic Status	Last Revision
Pilot whale, short-finned	Hawaii	SWC	N/A 1,313	0.04	0.5	N/A 13	N/A	N/A	N	1/3/00
Blainville's beaked whale	Hawaii	SWC	N/A 43	0.04	0.5	N/A 0.4	N/A	N/A	N	1/3/00
Cuvier's beaked whale	Hawaii	SWC	N/A 29	0.04	0.5	N/A 0.3	N/A	N/A	N	1/3/00
Pygmy sperm whale	Hawaii	SWC	N/A	0.04	0.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N	1/3/00
Dwarf sperm whale	Hawaii	SWC	N/A	0.04	0.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N	1/3/00
Sperm whale	Hawaii	SWC	N/A 43	0.04	0.1	N/A 0.4	N/A	N/A	Y	1/3/00
Blue whale	Hawaii	SWC	N/A	0.04	0.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	Y	1/3/00
Fin whale	Hawaii	SWC	N/A	0.04	0.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	Y	1/3/00
Bryde's whale	Hawaii	SWC	N/A	0.04	0.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N	1/3/00

Dated: May 15, 2000.

Art Jeffers,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

National Security Education Board Meeting

AGENCY: National Defense University, National Security Education Program, Department of the Army.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of a forthcoming meeting of the National Security Education Board. The purpose of the meeting is to review and make recommendations to the Secretary of Defense concerning requirements established by the David L. Boren National Security Education Act, Title VII of Public Law 102-183, as amended.

DATES: June 13, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The Crystal City Marriott Hotel, 1999 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Edmond J. Collier, Deputy Director for Programs, National Security Education Program, 1101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1210, Rosslyn, Virginia 22209-2248; (703) 696-1991. Electronic mail address: colliere@ndu.edu.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board meeting is open to the public.

Dated: May 12, 2000.

L. M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Final Environmental Assessment for BRAC 95 Disposal and Reuse of Camp Kilmer, New Jersey

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 Camp Kilmer, New Jersey.

The Final Environmental Assessment (EA) evaluates the environmental impacts of the disposal and subsequent reuse of the 49 acres. Alternatives examined in the EA include no action, unencumbered disposal of the property, encumbered disposal of the property. Encumbered disposal refers to transfer or conveyance of property having restrictions on subsequent use as a result of any Army-imposed or legal restraint. The unencumbered disposal alternative refers to the transfer of property without encumbrances such as environmental restrictions and easements. Under the no action alternative, the Army would not dispose of property but would maintain it in caretaker status for an indefinite period.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 19, 2000.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the Final EA may be obtained by writing to Mr. Carl Burgamy, Jr., U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile (CESAM-PD), 109 St. Joseph Street, Mobile, AL 36602.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Carl Burgamy, Jr. at (334) 690-2036 or telefax at (334) 690-2727.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: While closure of Camp Kilmer is the Army's primary action, the EA 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 Camp Kilmer's excess property is encumbered disposal, with encumbrances pertaining to easements, use restrictions, restrictions pertaining to asbestos-containing material, future remedial activities after transfer, utility dependencies.

A Notice of Intent (NOI) declaring the Army's intent to prepare an EA for the closure of Camp Kilmer was published in the **Federal Register** on September 22, 1995 (60 FR 49264).

The Final EA is available for review at the Main Public Library, 340 Plainfield Ave., Edison, NJ 08817. Prior to initiating action the Army will consider comments received on this EA.

Dated: May 15, 2000.

Raymond J. Fatz,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Schofield Barracks Wastewater Treatment Plant Effluent Treatment and Disposal, Oahu, HI

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This announces the availability of the FEIS, which assesses the effects of implementing a system to treat and dispose of wastewater effluent from Schofield Barracks, Wheeler Army Airfield, and adjacent military lands.

Under the lead alternative, the Army would improve its Schofield Barracks Wastewater Treatment Plant to provide a higher quality effluent that would meet new State of Hawaii guidelines for effluent reuse. Part of the effluent would be used to irrigate two Army golf courses on Schofield Barracks. The balance would then be provided for irrigation reuse to Dole Foods Corporation and possibly other agricultural interests in Central Oahu. Wet weather discharge would be into Lake Wilson, an agricultural reservoir owned by Dole Foods Corporation. The lead alternative would preclude the construction of a long pipeline to the coastline and avoid disposal into the ocean.

Other alternatives considered by the FEIS included the no action alternative, which would limit the use of the Army effluent under the State of Hawaii guidelines for effluent reuse, and a joint project with the City and County of Honolulu (CCH), which would require construction of a new 14-mile pipeline from Central Oahu to the CCH's Honouliuli Wastewater Treatment Plant at the Ewa area.

None of the alternatives considered, with the possible exception of the no action alternative, are anticipated to have significant environmental impact. The Army's lead alternative provides the most potential for effluent reuse in Central Oahu.

DATES: Written comments received within 30 days of the publication of the Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Availability for this action will be considered by the Army during final decision making.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of the FEIS, contact Mr. Edward Yamada, U.S. Army Engineer District, Honolulu, ATTN: CEPOH-ED-E, Fort Shafter, HI 96858-5440; telephone: (808) 438-5421; FAX: (808) 438-7801.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Alvin Char, 25th Infantry Division