

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: January 9, 2002.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

TIME AND DATE: Thursday, January 24, 2002, 2 p.m.

LOCATION: Room 410, East West Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

STATUS: Closed to the Public—Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(f)(1) and 16 CFR 1013.4(b)(3), (7), (9) and (10) and submitted to the **Federal Register** pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(e)(3).

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Compliance Status Report

The staff will brief the Commission on the status of various compliance matters.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-0709.

CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL

INFORMATION: Todd A. Stevenson, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207, (301) 504-0800.

Dated: January 14, 2002.

Todd A. Stevenson,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board (DSB) Task Force on Missile Defense will meet in closed session on January 23, 2002, at the Institute for Defense Analyses, 1801 N. Beauregard Street,

Alexandria, VA. This Task Force will develop recommendations that help guide the ballistic missile defense system (BMDS) toward a fully integrated, layered defense capable of defeating ballistic missiles in any phase of their flight.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At this meeting, the Defense Science Board Task Force will examine five areas: counter-countermeasures; boost phase technology; battle management and command, control, and communications; international cooperation; and the evolution of ballistic missile threats.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II), it has been determined that this Defense Science Board Task Force meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly, the meeting will be closed to the public.

Due to critical mission requirements and the short timeframe to accomplish this review, there is insufficient time to provide timely notice required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and Subsection 101-6.1015(b) of the GSA Final Rule on Federal Advisory Committee Management, 41 CFR part 101-6, which further requires publication at least 15 calendar days prior to the first meeting of the Task Force on Missile Defense.

Dated: January 9, 2002.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Availability of the Record of Decision on Arthur Kill Channel—Howland Hook Marine Terminal, New York and New Jersey

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

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Record of Decision (ROD) on the Arthur Kill Channel—Howland Hook Marine Terminal, New York and New Jersey, was signed by Robert H. Griffin, Brigadier General, U.S. Army,

Director of Civil Works and transmitted to the New York District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers by memo dated 4 September, 2001. The ROD closes the administrative record for the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement on the above referenced project.

DATES: There is no closing date for the availability of the ROD.

ADDRESSES: The ROD may be obtained from the Army Corps of Engineers Planning Division, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY 10278-0090.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Therese Fretwell, Environmental Technical Coordinator, CENAN-PL-EA, Corps of Engineers, New York District, 26 Plaza, NY, NY 10278-0090, Tel. 212-264-5736.

Luz D. Ortiz,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for a Proposed Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction Project at the Village of Asharoken, Suffolk County, NY

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

NOTICE: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), New York District, announces its intent to prepare a DEIS pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA and the Department of the Army, USACE Procedures for Implementing NEPA, to assess the environmental impacts of a proposed hurricane and storm damage reduction project for the north shore of Long Island in the Village of Asharoken, NY. In accordance with USACE policies, the USACE will conduct a feasibility study to evaluate a range of structural and non-structural project alternatives. The following improvement measures would be considered: beach fill only, beach fill in combination with structures such as floodwalls, buried rubble-mound seawalls, dunes, stone revetments, interior drainage features, modifications to existing shore structures, sand bypassing; and non-structural measures

such as relocations, buyouts, and flood proofing of threatened properties. Offshore sand borrow areas, as well as upland areas, will be investigated as potential sources of beach fill material.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions about the proposed action and the DEIS can be answered by: Ms. Megan B. Grubb, (212) 264-5759, U.S. Army Engineer District, New York Planning Division, ATTN: CENA-PL-EA, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY 10278-0090.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Project Location: This notice announces the initiation of the feasibility phase study for beach erosion control, storm damage reduction and related purposes along the north shore of Long Island at Asharoken, NY. The study area extends from Long Island Sound on the north, Duck Island Harbor and Northport Bay on the south, the North Power Station on the East and Eatons Neck on the west.

Project Authorization and History: The North Shore of Long Island, village of Asharoken, New York, Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction Study was authorized by a resolution of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Public Works and Transportation, adopted May 13, 1993. In response to the study resolution and a State request, following the devastating coastal storm of December 1992, the USACE performed a Reconnaissance Study and issued a Reconnaissance Report in September 1995 that demonstrated a potential Federal interest and the need for a more detailed feasibility study.

Project Need: The Long Island northern shoreline has historically experienced coastal erosion and related storm damage, most recently from the two storms of September 1996 and October 1996, and from previous storms including the Christmas Eve 1994 storm, and March 1993 Blizzard of the Century, the December 1992 northeaster, Hurricane Danielle of September 1992 and Halloween Storm of 1991. These Storms caused evacuations in several north shore communities as well as damage from flooding and loss of structures from erosion. The December 1992 storm alone inundated hundreds of residential and business properties and caused damages estimated at \$12,000,000. The loss of beachfront in some areas now leaves the site increasingly vulnerable to severe damages even from moderate storms. The length of Asharoken Beach is approximately 2.5 miles, while the width varies from 100 feet at the northwestern end to 1,000 feet at the southeastern end. Asharoken Avenue,

which generally runs parallel to the Long Island Sound shoreline, provides only vehicular access to the Village and the Eatons Neck community. While the most critically threatened location of Asharoken Avenue is protected by a small temporary shore protection project, the feasibility study will consider long-term protection throughout the Village.

DEIS Scope: The intended DEIS will evaluate the potential environmental and cultural impacts associated with the proposed hurricane and storm damage reduction alternatives for the Village of Asharoken, NY.

Public Involvement: The USACE intends to schedule an interagency meeting and public scoping meeting in the spring/summer 2002 to discuss the scope of the DEIS and data gaps. The public scoping meeting place, date, and time will be advertised in advance in local newspapers, and meeting announcement letters will be sent to interested parties. A scoping document will be made available at least one month before scheduled public scoping meeting date at the following locations:

(1) Northport Public Library, 151 Laurel Avenue, Northport, NY 11768.

(2) East Northport Public Library, 185 Larkfield Road, East Northport, NY 11731.

(3) Huntington Main Library, 338 Main Street, Huntington, NY 11743.

The public will have an opportunity to provide written and oral comments at the public scoping meeting. Written comments may also be submitted via mail and should be directed to Ms. Megan B. Grubb at the address listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** heading. The USACE plans to issue the DEIS in Spring 2003. The USACE will announce availability of the draft in the **Federal Register** and other media, and will provide the public, organizations, and agencies with the opportunity to submit comments, which will be addressed in the final Environmental Impact Statement.

Luz D. Ortiz,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for a Proposed Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction Project at the Village of Bayville, Nassau County, New York

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), New York District, announces its intent to prepare a DEIS pursuant to the National Environment Policy Act (NEPA), in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA and the Department of the Army, USACE Procedures for Implementing NEPA, to assess the environmental impacts of a proposed hurricane and storm damage reduction project for the north shore of Long Island in the Village of Bayville, NY. In accordance with USACE policies, the USACE will conduct a feasibility study to evaluate a range of structural and non-structural project alternatives. The following improvement measures would be considered: beach fill only, beach fill in combination with structures such as floodwalls, buried rubble-mound seawalls, dunes, stone revetments, interior drainage features, pump stations; and nonstructural measures such as relocations, buyouts, and flood proofing of threatened properties.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions about the proposed action and the DEIS can be answered by Ms. Megan B. Grubb, (212) 264-5759, U.S. Army Engineer District, New York Planning Division, ATTN: CENAN-PL-EA, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY 10278-0090.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Project Location: This notice announces the feasibility phase study for beach erosion control, storm damage reduction and related purposes along the north shore of Long Island at Bayville, NY. The study area extends from Long Island Sound on the north, Mill Neck Creek and Oyster Bay on the South, Centre Island on the east and the western boundary of the Village of Bayville on the west.

Project Authorization and History: The North Shore of Long Island, Village of Bayville, New York, Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction Study was authorized by a resolution of the U.S.