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I. Further Information

25. Alternative formats (computer diskette, large print, audio recording, and Braille) are available to persons with disabilities by contacting Brian Millin at (202) 418-7426 voice, (202) 418-7365 TTY, or bmillin@fcc.gov. This *FNPRM* can also be downloaded in Microsoft Word and ASCII formats at <http://www.fcc.gov/ccb/universalservice/highcost>.

26. For further information, contact Regina Brown at (202) 418-0792 or Dana Bradford at (202) 418-1932 in the Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau.

III. Ordering Clauses

27. Pursuant to the authority contained in §§ 1, 4(i), 4(j), 201-205, 214, 254, and 403 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i), 154(j), 201-205, 214, 254, and 403, this *Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* is adopted.

28. The Commission's Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Reference Information Center, shall send a copy of this *Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, including the Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis, to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

48 CFR Part 250

[DFARS Case 2003-D048]

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Extraordinary Contractual Actions

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Proposed rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: DoD is proposing to amend the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to update text pertaining to processing of requests for extraordinary contract adjustments. This proposed rule is a result of a transformation initiative

undertaken by DoD to dramatically change the purpose and content of the DFARS.

DATES: Comments on the proposed rule should be submitted in writing to the address shown below on or before April 8, 2005, to be considered in the formation of the final rule.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by DFARS Case 2003-D048, using any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- Defense Acquisition Regulations Web site: <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf/pubcomm>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- E-mail: dfars@osd.mil. Include DFARS Case 2003-D048 in the subject line of the message.
- Fax: (703) 602-0350.
- Mail: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Mr. Euclides Barrera, OUSD(AT&L)DPAP(DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.
- Hand Delivery/Courier: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Crystal Square 4, Suite 200A, 241 18th Street, Arlington, VA 22202-3402.

All comments received will be posted to <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Euclides Barrera, (703) 602-0296.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

DFARS Transformation is a major

DoD initiative to dramatically change the purpose and content of the DFARS.

The objective is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the acquisition process, while allowing the acquisition workforce the flexibility to innovate. The transformed DFARS will contain only requirements of law, DoD-wide policies, delegations of FAR authorities, deviations from FAR requirements, and policies/procedures that have a significant effect beyond the internal operating procedures of DoD or a significant cost or administrative impact on contractors or offerors.

Additional information on the DFARS Transformation initiative is available at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dfars/transf.htm>.

This proposed rule is a result of the DFARS Transformation initiative. The proposed DFARS changes—

- Update requirements for DoD processing of requests for extraordinary contract adjustments; and
- Delete procedures for preparation of records and submittal of requests to a contract adjustment board. Text on this subject will be relocated to the new DFARS companion resource, Procedures, Guidance, and Information (PGI), available at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dars/pgi>.

This rule was not subject to Office of Management and Budget review under Executive Order 12866, dated September 30, 1993.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

DoD does not expect this rule to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*, because the rule addresses internal administrative DoD procedures for processing requests for extraordinary contract adjustments. Therefore, DoD has not performed an initial regulatory flexibility analysis. DoD invites comments from small businesses and other interested parties. DoD also will consider comments from small entities concerning the affected DFARS subparts in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Such comments should be submitted separately and should cite DFARS Case 2003–D048.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the rule does not impose any information collection requirements that require the approval of the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 250

Government procurement.

Michele P. Peterson,

Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.

Therefore, DoD proposes to amend 48 CFR Part 250 as follows:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR Part 250 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 421 and 48 CFR Chapter 1.

PART 250—EXTRAORDINARY CONTRACTUAL ACTIONS

2. Section 250.105 is revised to read as follows:

250.105 Records.

Follow the procedures at PGI 250.105 for preparation of records.

3. Section 250.201–70 is amended by revising paragraph (a) and the last sentence of paragraph (b) introductory text to read as follows:

250.201–70 Delegations.

(a) *Military Departments.* The Departments of the Army, Navy and Air Force will specify delegations and levels of authority for actions under the Act and the Executive Order in departmental supplements or agency acquisition guidance.

(b) * * * The agency supplements or agency acquisition guidance shall specify the delegations and levels of authority.

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4. Subpart 250.3 is revised to read as follows:

Subpart 250.3—Contract Adjustments

Sec.

250.303–1 Contractor requests.

250.305 Processing cases.

250.306 Disposition.

250.303–1 Contractor requests.

Requests should be filed with the procuring contracting officer (PCO). However, if filing with the PCO is impractical, requests may be filed with an authorized representative, an administrative contracting officer, or the Office of General Counsel of the applicable department or agency, for forwarding to the cognizant PCO.

250.305 Processing cases.

(1) At the time the request is filed, the activity shall prepare the record described at PGI 250.105(1)(i) and forward it to the appropriate official within 30 days after the close of the month in which the record is prepared.

(2) The officer or official responsible for the case shall forward to the contract adjustment board, through departmental channels, the documentation described at PGI 250.305.

(3) Contract adjustment boards will render decisions as expeditiously as practicable. The Chair shall sign a memorandum of decision disposing of the case. The decision shall be dated and shall contain the information required by FAR 50.306. The memorandum of decision shall not contain any information classified “Confidential” or higher. The board’s decision will be sent to the appropriate official for implementation.

250.306 Disposition.

For requests denied or approved below the Secretarial level, follow the disposition procedures at PGI 250.306.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 226

[Docket Nos. 030716175–4327–03, 041123329–4329–01; I.D. Nos. 070303A, 110904F]

RIN 0648–AQ77, 0648–AO04

Endangered and Threatened Species; Extension of Public Comment Period on Proposed Critical Habitat Designations for West Coast Salmonids

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

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: We, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), are extending the comment period on proposed critical habitat designations for 20 Evolutionarily Significant Units (ESUs) of Pacific salmon and *O. mykiss* (inclusive of anadromous steelhead and resident rainbow trout) listed under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA). The proposed designations include habitat areas in California, Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. A recent court-approved Amendment to the Consent Decree, that established the schedule for completing these designations, extends the comment period until March 14, 2005, and the date to submit final rules until August 15, 2005. These extensions will allow the public additional time to provide information related to the proposed designations and will provide NMFS with the time needed to review, consider, and respond to comments. We are soliciting information and comments from the public on all aspects of the proposals, including information on the economic, national security, and other relevant impacts of the proposed designations.

DATES: Written comments are due by 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on March 14, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Comments pertaining to California ESUs must include reference to docket number [041123329–4329–01] and RIN number [0648–AO04]. Comments pertaining to ESUs in Washington, Oregon, or Idaho must include reference to docket number [030716175–4327–03] and RIN number [0648–AQ77]. You may submit comments by any of the following methods: