

governments. Federally threatened or endangered species within the proposed HCP area include the bald eagle, marbled murrelet, western snowy plover, bull trout, killer whale, and several species of salmonids.

The species under consideration for coverage in the HCP include the brown pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*), bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), marbled murrelet (*Brachyramphus marmoratus*), bull trout (*Salvelinus confluentus*), western snowy plover (*Charadrius alexandrinus nivosus*), western toad (*Bufo boreas*), Columbia spotted frog (*Rana luteiventris*), northern leopard frog (*Rana pipiens*), western pond turtle (*Clemmys marmorata*), black tern (*Chlidonias niger*), common loon (*Gavia immer*), harlequin duck (*Histrionicus histrionicus*), Dolly Varden (*Salvelinus malma*), Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), chum salmon (*O. keta*), coastal cutthroat trout (*O. clarkii clarkii*), coho salmon (*O. kisutch*), pink salmon (*O. gorbuscha*), sockeye/kokanee salmon (*O. nerka*), steelhead (*O. mykiss*), and killer whale (*Orcinus orca*).

The draft HCP to be prepared by WDNr in support of the ITP applications will describe the impacts of take on proposed covered species and propose a conservation strategy to minimize and mitigate those impacts to the maximum extent practicable. With assistance from the Services, WDNr will develop habitat conservation measures for fish and wildlife and their associated habitats. The Services are responsible for determining whether the HCP satisfies the ESA section 10 permit issuance criteria.

Under NEPA, a reasonable range of alternatives to the proposed project must be developed and considered in the Services' environmental review. The Services have identified the following preliminary alternatives for public evaluation during the scoping period:

Alternative 1: No Action—Under this alternative, ITPs would not be issued by the Services and the HCP would not be approved. WDNr would continue managing and leasing state-owned aquatic lands in accordance with current practices, and no specific management strategies would be implemented to ensure compliance with the ESA. The WDNr would not conduct a direct evaluation under the ESA of the effects of its management actions, nor would it consider the cumulative effects of its activities.

Alternative 2: Proposed Alternative—Development of an HCP and issuance of ITPs by FWS and NOAA authorizing covered activities in freshwater, marine,

and estuarine environments, provided all legal requirements are met. A preliminary list of activities under consideration for coverage includes: aquaculture of finfish and shellfish; complex, water-dependent activities (such as marinas, shipyards, and terminals); overwater structures; public access; log booming and storage; commercial sand and gravel removal; and small-scale mining.

Alternative 3: Development of an HCP and issuance of ITPs by each agency limiting covered activities to those in marine and estuarine environments, provided all legal requirements are met. The activities, species, and area covered under this alternative would generally be a subset of those included under Alternative 2, and the HCP would focus on those species most likely to be affected.

Additional project alternatives may be developed based on input received from the public scoping process.

Request for Comments

The primary purpose of the scoping process is for the public to assist the Services in developing the EIS by identifying important issues and alternatives related to the applicant's proposed action. The scoping meetings will allocate time for presentations by the Services and WDNr, followed by informal questions and discussions. Written comments from interested parties are welcome to ensure that the full range of issues related to the proposed permit request is identified. All comments and materials received, including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative record and may be released to the public.

Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the offices listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. The Services request that comments be specific. In particular, we request information regarding: Direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts that implementation of the proposed HCP or other alternatives could have on endangered and threatened and other covered species, and their communities and habitats; other possible alternatives that meet the purpose and need; potential adaptive management and/or monitoring provisions; funding issues; existing environmental conditions in the plan area; other plans or projects that might be relevant to this proposed project; permit duration; maximum acreage that should be covered; specific species that should or should not be covered; specific aquatic lands that should or should not be covered; and

appropriate minimization and mitigation efforts. NMFS and FWS estimate that the draft EIS will be available for public review by January 2008.

The environmental review of this project will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the NEPA of 1969 as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), other applicable Federal laws and regulations, and applicable policies and procedures of the Services. This notice is being furnished in accordance with 40 CFR 1501.7 of the NEPA regulations to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues and alternatives to be addressed in the EIS.

Reasonable Accommodation

Persons needing reasonable accommodations to attend and participate in the public meeting should contact Jo Ellen Henry, FWS, at 360–753–7766 or John Stadler, NMFS, at 360–753–9576. To allow sufficient time to process requests, please call no later than 1 week before the public meeting. Information regarding the applicant's proposed action is available in alternative formats upon request.

Dated: October 4, 2006.

David J. Wesley,

Deputy Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

Dated: September 28, 2006.

Angela Somma,

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Notice of Meeting; Sunshine Act

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 2 p.m., Thursday, October 26, 2006.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, DC, 9th Floor Commission Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Enforcement Matters.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Eileen A. Donovan, 202-418-5100.

Eileen A. Donovan,

Acting Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**National Mathematics Advisory Panel**

AGENCY: National Mathematics Advisory Panel, U.S. Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting and public hearing, amended.

SUMMARY: On October 17, 2006 the Secretary published in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 61032) a notice of open meeting and public hearing for the National Mathematics Advisory Panel. This notice amends the October 17 notice by adding an additional session on Research and Instructional Practice and republishes the entire notice to read as follows:

This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of an upcoming meeting, including a public hearing, with members of the National Mathematics Advisory Panel. The notice also describes the functions of the Panel. Notice of this meeting is required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and is intended to notify the public of their opportunity to attend.

DATES: Sunday, November 5, 2006 and Monday, November 6, 2006. *Times:* Sunday, November 5, 2006, 4-5 p.m. Monday, November 6, 2006, 8:15-11:45 a.m.; 12:45-2:45 p.m.; and, 3-5:15 p.m.

ADDRESSES: All meetings and the open session for public comment will be held on the campus of Stanford University at the Schwab Residential Center, 680 Serra Street, Stanford, CA 94305-6090.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tyrrell Flawn, Executive Director, National Mathematics Advisory Panel, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202; telephone: (202) 260-8354.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Panel was established by Executive Order 13398. The purpose of this Panel is to foster greater knowledge of and improved performance in mathematics among American students, in order to keep America competitive, support American talent and creativity, encourage innovation throughout the American economy, and help State, local, territorial, and tribal governments give the nation's children and youth the education they need to succeed.

The Open Session on November 5th will include testimony from the College Board and ACT on American student readiness for college-level mathematics. The Open Sessions on November 6th will include testimony on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP); Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS); the use of Instructional Technology and Calculators; Research and Instructional Practice; and Task Group reports. Individuals interested in attending the meeting are advised to register in advance to ensure space availability. Please contact Jennifer Graban at (202) 260-1491 or by e-mail at Jennifer.Graban@ed.gov by Wednesday, November 1, 2006.

The November 6th meeting will also contain an *Open Public Session* from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. At that time, the public is invited to comment and present evidence in connection to elements outlined in the Executive Order. Presenters are encouraged to address one or more of the Panel's present four focus areas: Conceptual knowledge and skills; learning processes; instructional practices; and teachers. (Please refer to the Web site at <http://www.ed.gov/about/bdscmm/list/mathpanel/index.html> for more information on the elements of the Executive Order.)

If you are interested in giving testimony during the public session on November 6th, please contact Jennifer Graban at 202-260-1491 or Jennifer.Graban@ed.gov by November 1, 2006, to reserve time on the agenda. Please include your name, the organization you represent, if appropriate, a brief description of the issue you would like to present and the focus area(s) to which it correlates. Presenters will be allowed five minutes to make their comments. Presenters are requested to submit three written copies and an electronic file (CD or diskette) of their comments at the meeting, which should be labeled with their name and contact information. Individuals interested in solely attending the meeting are advised to register in advance to ensure space availability.

Given the expected number of individuals interested in providing comments at the meeting, reservations for presenting comments should be made as soon as possible. Reservations will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Persons who are unable to obtain reservations to speak during the meeting are encouraged to submit written comments, which will be considered equally as those presented on-site. Written comments will be accepted at the meeting site or via e-

mail at Jennifer.Graban@ed.gov. If you will be e-mailing written comments, please do so by October 27, 2006.

The Panel will submit to the President, through the Secretary, a preliminary report not later than January 31, 2007, and a final report not later than February 28, 2008. Both reports shall, at a minimum, contain recommendations, based on the best available scientific evidence.

The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Individuals who will need accommodations in order to attend the meeting such as interpreting services, assistive listening devices, or materials in alternative format, should notify Jennifer Graban at 202-260-1491 or Jennifer.Graban@ed.gov no later than November 1, 2006. We will attempt to meet requests for accommodations after this date, but cannot guarantee their availability.

Records are kept of all Panel proceedings and are available for public inspection at the staff office for the Panel, from the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dated: October 18, 2006.

Margaret Spellings,

Secretary, U.S. Department of Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Savannah River Site**

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Savannah River Site. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Monday, November 13, 2006, 1 p.m.-6:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 14, 2006, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Augusta Towers Hotel, 2651 Perimeter Parkway, Augusta, GA 30909.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gerri Flemming, Closure Project Office, Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office, P.O. Box A, Aiken, SC 29802; Phone: (803) 952-7886.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.