

set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301)427-2521, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing e-mail comments is *NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov*. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 1127-1921.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brandy Hutnak or Carrie Hubbard, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), 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 Hawaii Marine Mammal Consortium seeks a five year permit to conduct research on 24 cetacean species, including the following endangered species: blue whale (*Balaenoptera musculus*), fin whale (*B. physalus*), humpback whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), sei whale (*B. borealis*), and sperm whale (*Physeter macrocephalus*). The objectives of the research are to assess the status, numbers, distribution, and life histories of cetacean species in Hawaiian waters. The type of take involved would consist of Level A harassment (biopsy sampling) and Level B harassment (close approach, photo-id, audio recording, underwater photography and video, photogrammetry, and collection of sloughed skin and fecal samples). All age classes, except mothers and associated calves less than one year old, would be biopsy sampled. The core study area is the leeward coast of the island of Hawaii, but activities might be conducted in any of the near shore waters of the main and northwestern Hawaiian Islands, including waters off the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Marine National Monument. No mortality or incidental harassment of non-target species is being requested.

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: July 5, 2007.

**P. Michael Payne,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Notice To Adopt a Standard Model for Mathematical Vertical Datum Transformations

**AGENCY:** National Geodetic Survey (NGS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to announce a decision by the Federal Geodetic Control Subcommittee (FGCS) to recommend adoption of a standard method for mathematical transformations between the vertical geodetic datums: The National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 (NGVD 29) and the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88). These methods are designated, in descending order of accuracy: (1) The recomputation or readjustment of survey observations method, (2) the mathematical transformation method, and (3) the average shift method. In order to maintain consistency of results and to minimize misuse associated with the mathematical transformation method, FGCS recommends software identified as VERTCON (Vertical Conversion) as a Federal standard.

**DATES:** Individuals or organizations wishing to submit comments on the adoption of VERTCON as the standard method, should do by August 10, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to the attention of David Doyle, Chief Geodetic Surveyor, Office of the National Geodetic Survey, National Ocean Service (N/NGS2), 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, fax 301-713-4324, or via e-mail *Dave.Doyle@noaa.gov*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to David Doyle, Chief Geodetic Surveyor, National Geodetic Survey (N/NGS2), 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910; Phone: (301) 713-3178.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The intent of this notice is to standardize a vertical

datum transformation method when a mathematical transformation is desired. FGCS selected the method incorporated in the software identified as VERTCON. It is not the intent of the notice to declare when to use a datum transformation or by what method but only to declare that when a mathematical transformation is appropriate, VERTCON is recommended. Note that VERTCON is not appropriate to transform between NGVD 29 and NAVD 88 for first-, second-, or third-order heights, as defined in the Federal Geodetic Control Committee (FGCC), Standards and Specifications for Geodetic Control Networks, and retain first- or second-, or third-order accuracies in the results. Method 1, recomputation or readjustment of survey observations, is usually more appropriate to maintain first-, second-, and third-order FGCC accuracies.

VERTCON can be accessed for on-line computation from the NGS Geodetic Tool Kit at <http://www.ngs.noaa.gov/TOOL/Vertcon/vertcon.html>, or copies of the VERTCON software are available for free download from the NGS Web site [http://www.ngs.noaa.gov/PC\\_PROD/pc\\_prod.shtml#VERTCON](http://www.ngs.noaa.gov/PC_PROD/pc_prod.shtml#VERTCON).

Dated: July 5, 2007.

**Elizabeth R. Scheffler,**

*Associate Assistant Administrator for Management, Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Meeting of the President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Federal Advisory Committee Meeting Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Sunshine in the Government Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended) and 41 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 102-3.140 thorough 160, the Department of Defense announces the forthcoming public meeting:

*Name of Commission:* President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors (hereafter referred to as the Commission).

*Date of Meeting:* July 25, 2007.

*Time of Meeting:* 11 a.m. to (To Be Determined).

*Place of Meeting:* Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004.

*Purpose of Meeting:* Review and evaluate the Commission's report and the findings and recommendations related to the Commission's mission to examine the care provided to wounded service members.

Subject to seating availability this meeting is open to the public.

The Commission will discuss its report and recommendations; consequently there will be no oral public forum. Any person desiring to make a written submission must provide the point of contact listed below with one copy of the written submission by 18 July 2007 5 p.m. Point of Contact is Major Teresa Barnes or Leslie Smith. Telephone number is toll free (877) 588-2035 or Fax (703) 588-2046.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON SUBMITTING STATEMENTS CONTACT:** Major Teresa Barnes or Leslie Smith, toll free (877) 588-2035 or fax (703) 588-2046.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Meeting agenda:*

11 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. (Not Open to the Public) Administrative Work Meeting.

11:15 a.m. To Be Determined (Public Session) Review and Evaluation of Commissions Findings and Recommendations.

Dated: July 5, 2007.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, DoD.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Meeting of the President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Federal Advisory Committee Meeting Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Sunshine in the Government Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended) and 41 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 102-3.140 through 160, the Department of Defense announces the cancellation of the public meeting referenced below:

*Name of Commission:* President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors (hereafter referred to as the Commission).

*Date of Meeting:* July 16, 2007.

*Time of Meeting:* 10 a.m. to (To Be Determined).

*Place of Meeting:* Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004.

Dated: July 5, 2007.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, DoD.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Army: Corps of Engineers**

**Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a Permit Application for Compartments B and C, Palm Beach and Hendry Counties, FL**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent (NOI).

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Jacksonville District, will be receiving a permit application for a Department of the Army permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act from the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) to construct Stormwater Treatment Areas (STAs) on parcels of land identified as Compartments B and C of the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) (Proposed Action). As part of the permit process, the Corps is evaluating the environmental effects associated with construction of STAs on these parcels in order to provide additional treatment to assist the existing STAs in the overall goal of improving the quality of water delivered and to be delivered to the Everglades Protection Area (EPA) in order to prevent further environmental degradation.

The primary federal involvement associated with the Proposed Action is the discharge of fill material (including permanent inundation) within federal jurisdictional areas and Waters of the United States. In addition, the Proposed Action could have potential significant effects on the human environment. Therefore, the Corps will prepare an EIS in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to render a final decision on the SFWMD's permit application. The Corps' decision will be to either issue or deny a Department of the Army permit for the Proposed Action. The Draft EIS is intended to be sufficient in scope to address federal, state, and local

requirements and environmental issues concerning the Proposed Action and permit reviews.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Questions about the Proposed Action and Draft EIS should be directed to Ms. Tori White, Corps Regulatory Project Manager, by telephone at (561) 472-8888 or by e-mail at [tori.white@usace.army.mil](mailto:tori.white@usace.army.mil). Written comments should be addressed to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, South Florida Restoration Program Office, Attn: Ms. Tori White, 1400 Centrepark Boulevard, Suite 750, West Palm Beach, Florida 33401 or by facsimile at (561) 683-2418. Information about the Proposed Action and Draft EIS can also be obtained from the Jacksonville District Web site at <http://www.saj.usace.army.mil>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

1. *Project Site and Background Information.* The Proposed Action is located at Compartments B and C of the EAA. Compartment B is located within USGS Quadrangles of Deem City, North of Deem City and West of Big Lake, Sections 23, 24, 25 and 36, Township 46 south, Range 37 east; Sections 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33, Township 46 south, Range 38 east; Sections 05, 06, 08, 09, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21 and 22, Township 47 south, Range 38 east. More specifically it is located in southern Palm Beach County east of Highway U.S. 27, and west of Water Conservation Area 2A and STA 2 in Southern Palm Beach County, Florida. Compartment C is located within the USGS Quadrangle of Everglades 2NW and Everglades 2SW, Sections 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26 and 27, Township 47 south, Range 34 east. More specifically, it is located west of the Rotenberger Wildlife Management Area and east of the L-3 Canal between STA-5 and STA-6 in eastern Hendry County, Florida.

(a) *Background.* On October 4, 1996, the Corps published a Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for the initial Everglades Construction Project (ECP) which consisted of six STAs comprising approximately 44,000 acres. The ECP was implemented by the SFWMD as a result of nutrient loads of stormwater and runoff and high phosphorus loads from the EAA, Lake Okeechobee, and other contributory basins which discharge into the EPA. The EPA includes Water Conservation Areas 1 (Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge), 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B and Everglades National Park. The initial ECP was intended to achieve an interim target discharge of a long-term