

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

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

Dated: August 3, 2012.

**P. Michael Payne,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XC158**

#### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice; public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Scientific and Statistical Committee to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** This meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Seaport Hotel, One Seaport Lane, Boston, MA 02210; telephone: (617) 385-4000; fax: (617) 385-4001.

*Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will meet to review the stock assessment for Atlantic sea herring completed by the 54th Northeast Regional Stock Assessment Workshop and to develop ABC recommendations

for fishing years 2013 through 2015. The Committee may not develop all the recommendations for this stock at this meeting. Other business may be discussed.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: August 8, 2012.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Draft Finding of No Significant Impact and Programmatic Environmental Assessment for the Implementation of the Net Zero Program at Army Installations

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Army announces the availability of the Draft Finding of No Significant Impact and the Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for Implementation of the Net Zero program at Army Installations. This PEA evaluates potential direct, indirect, and cumulative effects of the Net Zero Installation program at a programmatic (Army-wide) level; installation- or project-specific analysis will be performed and documented for proposed installation-level action.

The Net Zero program is comprised of changes in management practices and behavior as well as multiple possible projects and technologies to enhance resource efficiency with a broad focus on increased sustainability. It is based

on the following concepts: (1) Producing at least as much energy on the installation from renewable sources as it uses annually; (2) Limiting the consumption of freshwater resources and returning water back to the same watershed so as not to deplete the groundwater and surface water resources of that region in quantity or quality; and (3) Reducing, reusing, and recovering waste streams, converting them to resource value with zero solid waste disposed in landfills. The Army does not consider Net Zero as a stand-alone program and intends to leverage existing resources and collaborate with the private sector to strive toward the Net Zero program's energy, water, and waste reduction goals.

The PEA assesses the potential environmental impacts from the range of energy, water, and waste projects that could be implemented in support of Net Zero. The Army evaluated three alternatives: (1) No action; (2) Implement Net Zero Army-wide; and (3) Strategically Implement Net Zero based on mission needs, consumption, and resource constraints (the preferred alternative). The Army identified no significant environmental effects associated with implementation of Net Zero that cannot be mitigated to a level of insignificance with site-specific best management practices or other mitigation measures.

Native Americans, federal, state, and local agencies, organizations, and the public are invited to submit written comments. The document can be accessed at: <http://www.army.mil/asaiee>.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before September 12, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be forwarded to: Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Energy and Sustainability), OASA(IE&E), 110 Army Pentagon, Room 3D453, Washington, DC 20310-0110.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Please call (703) 697-5433.

**Brenda S. Bowen,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Hanford

**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), Hanford. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Thursday, September 6, 2012, 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Friday, September 7, 2012, 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Red Lion Hotel, 1101 North Columbia Center Boulevard, Kennewick, WA 99336.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tiffany Nguyen, Federal Coordinator, Department of Energy Richland Operations Office, 825 Jadwin Avenue, P.O. Box 550, A7–75, Richland, WA, 99352; Phone: (509) 376–3361; or Email: [tiffany.nguyen@rl.doe.gov](mailto:tiffany.nguyen@rl.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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

*Tentative Agenda:*

- Tri-Party Agreement Agencies—Annual Updates
  - U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Richland Operations Office
  - U.S. DOE, Office of River Protection
  - State of Washington Department of Ecology
  - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Draft Advice
  - State of the Site Meetings
  - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Site-Wide Permit
  - Integrated Safety Management System
- Draft Letter
  - 200–UP–1 Operable Unit Proposed Plan
  - Comments on DOE’s Response to Preservation of Historical Properties and Artifacts Advice
- Update on Draft Hanford Advisory Board (HAB) Values White Paper
- Fiscal Year 2012 Board Accomplishments
- 2013 Tri-Party Agreement Priorities and HAB Work Plan Priorities
- 2013 HAB Meeting Calendar
- Board Business
  - HAB Budget
  - Potential November Board Meeting Topics
  - Update on the Board Chair Nominating Process
- Committee Reports

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. The EM SSAB, Hanford, welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to

accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Tiffany Nguyen at least seven days in advance of the meeting at the phone number listed above. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Tiffany Nguyen at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make public comments will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

*Minutes:* Minutes will be available by writing or calling Tiffany Nguyen’s office at the address or phone number listed above. Minutes will also be available at the following Web site: <http://www.hanford.gov/page.cfm/hab>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on August 7, 2012.

**LaTanya R. Butler,**

*Acting Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP12–494–000; PF11–5–000]

#### Gas Transmission Northwest, LLC; Notice of Application

Take notice that on July 31, 2012, Gas Transmission Northwest, LLC (GTN), filed in Docket No. CP12–494–000, an application pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission’s regulations, requesting authorization to construct, own, and operate a new lateral pipeline consisting of approximately 24.3 miles of 20-inch diameter pipeline, along with measurement and other associated facilities, located between GTN’s Ione Compressor Station and Portland General Electric Company’s (PGE) proposed Carty Generating Station in Morrow County, Oregon (Carty Lateral Project), all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission’s Web site at

<http://www.ferc.gov> using the “eLibrary” link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits, in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call (866) 208–3676 or TTY, (202) 502–8659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Mr. Richard Parke, Manager, Certificates, Gas Transmission Northwest, LLC, 717 Texas Street, Suite 2400, Houston, Texas 77002–2761, or by calling (832) 320–5516 (telephone), email: [richard\\_parke@transcanada.com](mailto:richard_parke@transcanada.com).

On March 31, 2011, the Commission staff granted GTN’s request to use the pre-filing process and assigned Docket No. PF11–5–000 to staff activities involving the Carty Lateral Project. Now, as of the filing of this application on July 31, 2012, the NEPA Pre-Filing Process for this project has ended. From this time forward, this proceeding will be conducted in Docket No. CP12–494–000, as noted in the caption of this Notice.

Pursuant to Section 157.9 of the Commission’s rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission’s public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding, or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff’s issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission’s public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff’s FEIS or EA.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission’s review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of