

days, the Port requested authorization for the incidental take of 138 harbor seals (an average of 2 per day), 69 California sea lions (an average of 1 per day), 69 harbor porpoises (an average of 1 per day), and 2 gray whales (2 annually). Based on further consultation with the NMFS Southwest Regional Office and previous authorizations in this region, NMFS is proposing to authorize the take of five gray whales annually, rather than two. These numbers indicate the maximum number of animals expected to occur within the largest Level B harassment isopleth (1,900 m).

Negligible Impact and Small Numbers Analysis and Determination

NMFS has defined “negligible impact” in 50 CFR 216.103 as “* * * an impact resulting from the specified activity that cannot be reasonably expected to, and is not reasonably likely to, adversely affect the species or stock through effects on annual rates of recruitment or survival.” In making a negligible impact determination, NMFS considers a number of factors which include, but are not limited to, number of anticipated injuries or mortalities (none of which would be authorized here), number, nature, intensity, and duration of Level B harassment, and the context in which takes occur.

As described above, marine mammals would not be exposed to activities or sound levels which would result in injury (PTS), serious injury, or mortality. Pile driving would occur in shallow coastal waters of the Columbia River. The action area (waters around Terminal 5) is not considered significant habitat for pinnipeds. The closest haul-out is 3.2 km (2 mi) away, which is well outside the project area’s largest harassment zone. Marine mammals approaching the action area would likely be traveling or opportunistically foraging. The amount of take the Port has requested, and NMFS proposes to authorize, is considered small (less than one percent) relative to the estimated populations of 34,233 Pacific harbor seals, 238,000 California sea lions, 9,189 harbor porpoises, and 18,813 gray whales. Marine mammals may be temporarily impacted by pile driving noise. However, marine mammals are expected to avoid the area, thereby reducing exposure and impacts. Pile driving activities are expected to occur for approximately 69 days. Furthermore, San Francisco Bay is a highly industrialized area, so animals are likely tolerant or habituated to anthropogenic disturbance, including low level vibratory pile driving operations, and noise from other anthropogenic sources

(such as vessels) may mask construction related sounds. There is no anticipated effect on annual rates of recruitment or survival of affected marine mammals.

Based on the analysis contained herein of the likely effects of the specified activity on marine mammals and their habitat, and taking into consideration the implementation of the mitigation and monitoring measures, NMFS preliminarily determines that the Port’s proposed pile driving activities will result in the incidental take of small numbers of marine mammals, by Level B harassment only, and that the total taking from will have a negligible impact on the affected species or stocks.

Impact on Availability of Affected Species for Taking for Subsistence Uses

There are no relevant subsistence uses of marine mammals implicated by this action.

Endangered Species Act (ESA)

No marine mammal species listed under the ESA are anticipated to occur within the action area. Therefore, section 7 consultation under the ESA is not required.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), as implemented by the regulations published by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), and NOAA Administrative Order 216–6, NMFS is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to consider the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects to marine mammals and other applicable environmental resources resulting from issuance of a one-year IHA and the potential issuance of future authorizations for incidental harassment for the ongoing project. Upon completion, this EA will be available on the NMFS Web site listed in the beginning of this document (see ADDRESSES).

Dated: October 19, 2011.

Helen M. Golde,

Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID DOD–2010–OS–0034]

Defense Transportation Regulation, Part IV

AGENCY: United States Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM), Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of announcement.

SUMMARY: Reference **Federal Register** Notice (FRN), Docket ID: DOD–2010–OS–0034, published April 1, 2010 (75 FR 16445–16446) and subsequently revised April 5, 2011 (76 FR 18737). We have taken industry recommendations into consideration regarding the incorporation of local moves into the intrastate/interstate program. The Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC) is conducting a Direct Procurement Method (DPM) feasibility study to determine how local moves could be better managed to serve our DoD customers. Industry will be notified of any subsequent DoD decisions associated with the future of local moves. We thank our industry partners for their review and important suggestions to improve the Defense Personal Property Program (DP3).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jim Teague, United States Transportation Command, TCJ5/4–PI, 508 Scott Drive, Scott Air Force Base, IL 62225–5357; (618) 220–4803.

Dated: October 21, 2011.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Withdrawal of the Notice of Intent To Prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the Stationing and Operation of Joint High Speed Vessels

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.
ACTION: Notice of intent; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: On February 5, 2010, the Department of the Army announced in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 6003) its intention to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for the stationing and operation of up to 12 Joint High Speed Vessels (JHSVs). In May 2011, the Army’s JHSVs were transferred to the U.S. Navy; therefore,

the Army is withdrawing the notice of intent.

ADDRESSES: Questions or comments regarding the withdrawal of this action should be forwarded to: Public Affairs Office, U.S. Army Environmental Command, Bldg 2264, Room 209-006, 2450 Connell Road, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-7664.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Public Affairs Office at (210) 466-0677 or e-mail USAECPublicComments@conus.army.mil.

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Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Army Educational Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

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 CFR 102-3.150, the following meeting notice is announced:

Name of Committee: U.S. Army War College Subcommittee of the Army Education Advisory Committee.

Dates of Meeting: November 15, 2011.

Place of Meeting: U.S. Army War College, 122 Forbes Avenue, Carlisle, PA, Command Conference Room, Root Hall, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania 17013.

Time of Meeting: 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Proposed Agenda: Receive various information briefings and updates and dialogue with the Commandant on issues and matters related to the continued growth and development of the United States Army War College.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request advance approval or obtain further information, contact COL Donald Myers, (717) 245-3907 or Donald.myers@us.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the U.S. Army War College Subcommittee. Written statements should be no longer than two type-written pages and must address: the issue, discussion, and a recommended course of action. Supporting documentation may also be included as needed to establish the

appropriate historical context and to provide any necessary background information.

Individuals submitting a written statement must submit their statement to the Designated Federal Officer at the following address: Attn: Designated Federal Officer, Dept. of Academic Affairs, 122 Forbes Avenue, Carlisle, PA 17013. At any point, however, if a written statement is not received at least 10 calendar days prior to the meeting, which is the subject of this notice, then it may not be provided to or considered by the U.S. Army War College Subcommittee until its next open meeting.

The Designated Federal Officer will review all timely submissions with the U.S. Army War College Subcommittee Chairperson, and ensure they are provided to members of the U.S. Army War College Subcommittee before the meeting that is the subject of this notice. After reviewing the written comments, the Chairperson and the Designated Federal Officer may choose to invite the submitter of the comments to orally present their issue during an open portion of this meeting or at a future meeting.

The Designated Federal Officer, in consultation with the U.S. Army War College Subcommittee Chairperson, may, if desired, allot a specific amount of time for members of the public to present their issues for review and discussion by the U.S. Army War College Subcommittee.

Donald Myers,

Colonel, U.S. Army, Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Acquisition Regulation System

[Docket No. DARS-2011-0068-0001]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Defense Acquisition Regulations System has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by November 25, 2011.

Title, Associated Forms and OMB Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part

216, Types of Contracts, and related clauses at DFARS 252.216-7000, Economic Price Adjustment—Basic Steel, Aluminum, Brass, Bronze, or Copper Mill Products; DFARS 252.216-7001, Economic Price Adjustment—Nonstandard Steel Items, and DFARS 252.216-7003, Economic Price Adjustment—Wage Rates or Material Prices Controlled by a Foreign Government; OMB Control Number 0704-0259.

Type of Request: Extension.

Number of Respondents: 2,247.

Responses per Respondent:

Approximately 2.

Annual Responses: 4,488.

Average Burden per Response:

Approximately 4 hours.

Annual Burden Hours: 17,952.

Needs and Uses: The clauses at DFARS 252.216-7000, 252.216-7001, and 252.216-7003 require contractors with fixed-price economic price adjustment contracts to submit information to the contracting officer regarding changes in established material prices or wage rates. The contracting officer uses this information to make appropriate adjustments to contract prices.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or maintain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Jasmeet Seehra.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Seehra at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

You may also submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by the following method:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number, and title for the **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other public submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information provided. To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check <http://www.regulations.gov> approximately two to three days after submission to verify posting (except allow 30 days for posting of comments submitted by mail).