While the number of incidental harassment takes will depend on the distribution and abundance of marine mammals in the vicinity of the activity, the number of potential harassment takings is estimated to be small (less than five percent of any of the estimated population sizes) and has been mitigated to the lowest level practicable through incorporation of the measures mentioned previously in this document.

The provision requiring that the activity not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the affected species or stock for subsistence uses is not implicated by this action.

Northern fur seals, Guadalupe fur seals, and Steller sea lions are unlikely to be found in the area and, therefore, will not be affected. No rookeries, mating grounds, areas of concentrated feeding, or other areas of special significance for marine mammals occur within or near south VAFB harbor.

Authorization

As a result of these determinations, NMFS has issued an IHA to ULA to take marine mammals, by Level B harassment, incidental to conducting harbor activities at VAFB for a one-year period, provided that the previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated.

Dated: August 18, 2008.

James H. Lecky,

Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Advisory Council on Dependents' Education

AGENCY: Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA), DoD.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102–3.150, the Department of Defense announces the following Federal advisory committee meeting of the Advisory Council on Dependents' Education.

DATES: Tuesday, September 23, 2008 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time).

ADDRESSES: DoDEA Headquarters, Webb Building, 9th Floor, Director's Conference Room, 4040 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jim Jarrard, at (703) 588–3121, or at *james.jarrard@hq.dodea.edu.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting: Recommend to the Director, DoDEA, general policies for the operation of the Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS); provide the Director with information about effective educational programs and practices that should be considered by DoDDS; and perform other tasks as may be required by the Secretary of Defense.

Agenda: The meeting agenda will be the current operational qualities of schools and the institutionalized school improvement processes, as well as other educational matters.

Public's Accessibility to the Meeting: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102–3.140 through 102–3.165, and the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public. Seating is on a first-come basis. Appropriate government issued identification will be required to enter the meeting facility, which is a controlled access facility.

Committee's Point of Contact: Mr. Jim Jarrard, tel. (703) 588–3121, 4040 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203, e-mail: *james.jarrard@hq.dodea.edu.*

Written Statements: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140 and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the public or interested organizations may submit written statements to the Advisory Council on Dependents' Education about its mission and functions. Written statements may be submitted at any time or in response to the stated agenda of the planned meeting of the Advisory Council on Dependents' Education.

All written statements shall be submitted to the Designated Federal Officer for the Advisory Council on Dependents' Education and this individual will ensure that the written statements are provided to the membership for their consideration. For the next meeting of the Advisory Council on Dependents' Education, Mr. Jim Jarrard, telephone (703) 588–3121, 4040 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203; e-mail: *james.jarrard@hq.dodea.edu*, will be acting in the capacity of the Designated Federal Officer for this committee.

Statements being submitted in response to the agenda mentioned in this notice must be received by the Designated Federal Officer at the address listed above at least fourteen calendar days prior to the meeting which is the subject of this notice. Written statements received after this date may not be provided to or considered by the Advisory Council on Dependents' Education until its next meeting.

The Designated Federal Officer will review all timely submissions with the Advisory Council on Dependents' Education Chairpersons and ensure they are provided to all members of the Advisory Council on Dependents' Education before the meeting that is the subject of this notice.

Oral Statements by the Public to the Membership: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.140(d), time will be allotted for public comments to the Advisory Council on Dependents' Education. Individual comments will be limited to a maximum of five minutes' duration. The total time allotted for public comments will not exceed thirty minutes.

Dated: August 12, 2008.

Patricia L. Toppings,

OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Closed Meeting of the Defense Policy Board Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Defense Policy Board Advisory Committee will meet in closed session on September 25, 2008 from 0800 until 1830 and September 26, 2008 from 0800 until 1200 at the Pentagon.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide the Secretary of Defense, Deputy Secretary of Defense and Under Secretary of Defense for Policy with independent, informed advice on major matters of defense policy. The Board will hold classified discussions on national security matters.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law No. 92–463, as amended [5 U.S.C. App II (1982)], it has been determined that this meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552B (c)(1)(1982), and that accordingly this meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: August 15, 2008.

Patricia L. Toppings,

OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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