

Federal Notices

March 8, 2008

Hawai'i Range Complex Public Scoping Meetings

Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and regulations implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and Presidential Executive Order 12114, the Department of the Navy (Navy) prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on February 15, 2008, a Supplement to the Draft EIS/OEIS for a Proposal to Enhance Training, Testing, and Operational Capability within the HRC. The Supplement to the Draft EIS/OEIS evaluates the potential for behavioral harassment of marine mammals incidental to the use of mid-frequency active sonar during Navy training and testing within the HRC. The methodology used in the Supplement is a modification of the methodology previously used in the Draft EIS/OEIS. The supplement to the Draft EIS/OEIS also addresses a change in the number of sonar hours for each of the alternatives and the potential effects of an additional alternative. A Notice of Intent for the Supplement to the Draft EIS/OEIS was published in the Federal Register on January 17, 2008 (73 F.R. 3242). The Navy will conduct four public meetings to receive oral and written comments on the Supplement to the Draft EIS/OEIS. Federal agencies, State agencies, and interested individuals are invited to be present or represented at the public meetings. This notice announces the dates and locations of public meetings for the Supplement to the Draft EIS/OEIS. Dates and Addresses: Information sessions and receipt of public comments will be held at each of the locations listed below between 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. The information sessions will allow individuals to review the Supplement to the Draft EIS/OEIS in an open house format. Navy and NMFS representatives will be available during the information sessions to clarify information related to the Supplement to the Draft EIS/OEIS. Oral comments from the public will also be taken during the session. Public meetings will be held on the following dates and at the following locations in Hawai'i: **March 13, 2008** at the Kaua'i Community College Cafeteria, 3-1901 Kaunualii Highway, Lihu'e, Kaua'i; **March 14, 2008** at Maui Waena Intermediate School 795 Onehe'e Avenue, Kahului, Maui; **March 17, 2008** at Disabled American Veterans Hall 2685 North Nimitz Highway, Honolulu, O'ahu; **March 18, 2008**, Hilo Hawaiian Hotel, 71 Banyan Drive, Hilo, Hawai'i. For further information please contact the Public Affairs Officer, Pacific Missile Range Facility, P.O. Box 128, Kekaha, Kaua'i, Hawai'i, 96752-0128, Attention: HRC EIS/OEIS, voice mail 1 (866) 767-3347, facsimile (808) 335-4520 (see, 73 F.R. 10232, February 26, 2008).

Notice of Availability of FEIS for the Permanent Stationing of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT)

The Department of the Army announces the availability of a FEIS for the permanent stationing of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (2/25th) SBCT. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Department of the Army has prepared an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to disclose potential impacts to the natural, physical, and human environment resulting from the permanent stationing of the 2/25th SBCT. Potential impacts have been analyzed at installations that are capable of meeting the SBCTs training, operational, Soldier and Family quality of life, and strategic deployment requirements. This FEIS identifies Schofield Barracks Military Reservation in Hawai'i as the

Army's preferred alternative for the stationing location of the 2/25th SBCT. A Record of Decision (ROD) will announce the final location decision after the 30-day waiting period for the FEIS has been completed. The waiting period for the FEIS will end 30 days after publication of an NOA in the Federal Register by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Send all written comments concerning this EIS to: Public Affairs Office, U.S. Army Environmental Command, Building E4460, 5179 Hoadley Road, Attention: IMAE-PA, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-5401. E-mail comments should be sent to: PublicComments@aec.apgea.army.mil. For more information contact the Public Affairs Office at (410) 436-2556; facsimile: (410) 436-1693 during normal business hours Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time (see, 73 F.R. 9779, February 22, 2008).

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Revised Proposed Designation of Critical Habitat for 12 Species of Picture-Wing Flies From the Hawaiian Islands

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) announces the reopening of the public comment period and the scheduling of public hearings on the revised proposed rule to designate critical habitat for 12 species of Hawaiian picture-wing flies (*Drosophila aglaia*, *D. differens*, *D. hemipeza*, *D. heteroneura*, *D. montgomeryi*, *D. mulli*, *D. musaphilia*, *D. neoclavisetae*, *D. obatai*, *D. ochrobasis*, *D. substenoptera*, and *D. tarphytrichia*) on the islands of Hawai'i, Kaua'i, Maui, Moloka'i, and O'ahu, under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The reopened comment period will provide the public, other concerned governmental agencies, the scientific community, industry, or any other interested parties with an additional opportunity to submit written comments on the revised proposed rule. Comments previously submitted need not be resubmitted as they have already been incorporated into the public record and will be fully considered in any final decisions. FWS will accept comments and information until April 25, 2008, or at the public hearings. Any comments received after the closing date may not be considered in the final decision on the designation of critical habitat. Two public hearings will be held, one on the island of Hawai'i on April 8, 2008, from 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. at Hilo Hawaiian Hotel, Mala Ikena Room, 71 Banyan Drive, Hilo, Hawai'i 96720; and one on O'ahu on April 10, 2008, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Queen Kapi'olani Hotel, Queen's Room, 2nd Floor, 150 Kapahulu Avenue, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96815. An informal informational session will precede each hearing from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. FWS will not accept e-mail or faxes. For more information contact Patrick Leonard, Field Supervisor, Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office, 300 Ala Moana Blvd., Room 3-122, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96850; telephone (808) 792-9400; facsimile (808) 792-9581. FWS intends that any final action resulting from this revised proposal will be as accurate and as effective as possible. Therefore, FWS solicits comments or suggestions on this revised proposed rule from the public, other concerned governmental agencies, the scientific community, industry, or any other interested parties. FWS particularly seeks comments concerning: (1) The reasons why FWS should or should not designate habitat as "critical habitat" under section 4 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), including whether the benefit of designation is outweighed by the threats to each species caused by their respective designations such that the designation of critical