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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### Marshland Watershed Project; Marshland Dike: Soper to Heyner Snohomish County, Washington

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of finding of no significant impact.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 102(2) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Regulations (7 CFR Part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the Marshland Watershed Project; Marshland Dike: Soper to Heyner. Snohomish County, Washington.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lynn A. Brown, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Rock Pointe Tower II, West 316 Boone Avenue, Suite 450, Spokane, Washington 99201-2348, telephone: (509) 353-2337.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The environmental assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Lynn A. Brown, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement is not needed for this project.

The project was authorized for construction in 1962 under the authority of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act (PL 83-566) as amended and administered by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

The project (Soper to Heyner) plans to remove the existing, uncompacted dike and the Lowell-Snohomish County River Road and return the area to a natural river levee and associated riparian area. A new dike is planned for construction away from the river and will be built with suitable compacted material. The extent of the dike construction is from a point near the Yoshihara-Soper property line to the upstream end of the section of dike constructed in 1966, amounting to approximately 4,200 feet. The alignment of the 4,200 feet of dike is different than previous alternatives that have been evaluated in the marshland Watershed Plan and environmental assessments. This new alignment is the result of recent flood caused damage that took place in December 1995. The planned alignment has been moved to the west edge of the newly created "scoured area" and will also be west of the Wallace residence and tie back into the upstream end of the 1966 constructed dike. The designed height of the dike will be in accordance with the Levee and Dike System Coordination Agreement, signed March 13, 1991, which is part of the Snohomish River Comprehensive Flood Control Management Plan, dated December 1991. The agreed to dike height is the 5-year flood frequency level plus one foot of freeboard. The dike is designed to withstand overtopping during high flows in the Snohomish River. The Wallace residence and buildings are planned for removal from their existing site in accordance with the real estate agreement between the Wallace party (sellers) and the Marshland Flood Control District (buyers). The total size of the riparian area to be created, is approximately 9.5 acres.

The Notice of a Finding Of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various Federal, State, and local agencies and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Frank R. Easter, Watershed Planning Team Leader.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be

taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the Federal Register.

(This activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under NO. 10.904, Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention, and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials)

Dated: March 15, 1996.

Lynn A. Brown,

State Conservationist.

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## COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

### Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Maine Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 8, 1996, at the University of Maine, Jewett Hall Auditorium, 46 University Drive, Augusta, Maine 04330. The purpose of the meeting is to release a Committee report, *Civil Rights Issues in Maine: A Briefing Summary on Hate Crimes, Racial Tensions, and Migrant/Immigrant Workers*, and to hold a planning meeting.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson Dr. Barney Bérubé, 207-287-5980, or Ki-Taek Chun, Director of the Eastern Regional Office, 202-376-7533 (TDD 202-376-8116). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least five (5) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, March 15, 1996.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Submission for OMB Review;  
Comment Request**

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

*Agency:* Bureau of the Census.

*Title:* 1995 Census Test – Integrated Coverage Measurement (Housing Unit Follow-up).

*Form Number(s):* DG-1377.

*Agency Approval Number:* 0607-0804.

*Type of Request:* Extension,  
EMERGENCY REVIEW.

*Burden:* 250 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 2,241.

*Avg Hours Per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Needs and Uses:* Prompted by the need to improve estimation techniques during the decennial census, the Census Bureau has developed an Integrated Coverage Measurement (ICM) approach to be tested during the 1995 Census Test. The ICM approach will utilize a separately sampled group of blocks within the 1995 Census Test sites which will be independently listed and then interviewed in addition to being enumerated in the census test. We will reconcile differences between the independent roster obtained in the ICM interviews and the census test results. This reconciliation will allow us to measure our coverage of persons in missed housing units and coverage of persons missed within housing units enumerated in the census test. Before ICM interviews are conducted, the independent listing will be enhanced by matching to existing census records. We will use the Housing Unit Follow-up Form to resolve non-matches and duplicate addresses. ICM interviews will then be conducted at housing units on the "enhanced listing." Emergency review of an extension of the current clearance is necessary because of delays in planned field work due to the Federal government shutdowns last year and earlier this year.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* One-time.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Jerry Coffey, (202) 395-7314.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, Acting DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, room 5312, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Jerry Coffey, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: March 18, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

*Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.*

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**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 031396D]

**Incidental Take of Marine Mammals; Bottlenose Dolphins and Spotted Dolphins**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of letters of authorization.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, and implementing regulations, notification is hereby given that letters of authorization to take bottlenose and spotted dolphins incidental to oil and gas structure removal activities were issued on March 8, 1996, to Tatham Offshore, Inc. 7400 Texas Commerce Tower, 600 Travis, Houston, TX 77002; and Mobil Exploration and Producing U.S., Inc., 1250 Poydras Plaza, New Orleans, LA 70113-1892.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The letters of authorization are effective from March 8, 1996 through March 7, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** The applications and letters are available for review in the following offices: Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 and the Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive N, St. Petersburg, FL 33702.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kenneth R. Hollingshead, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 713-2055 or Charles Oravetz, Southeast Region (813) 570-5312.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) directs NMFS to allow, on request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified

geographical region, if certain findings are made and regulations are issued. Under the MMPA, the term "taking" means to harass, hunt, capture or kill or to attempt to harass, hunt, capture or kill marine mammals.

Permission may be granted for periods up to 5 years if the Secretary of Commerce finds, after notification and opportunity for public comment, that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) of marine mammals and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses. In addition, NMFS must prescribe regulations that include permissible methods of taking and other means effecting the least practicable adverse impact on the species and its habitat, and on the availability of the species for subsistence uses, paying particular attention to rookeries, mating grounds and areas of similar significance. The regulations must include requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such taking. Regulations governing the taking of bottlenose and spotted dolphins incidental to oil and gas structure removal activities in the Gulf of Mexico were published on October 12, 1995 (60 FR 53139) and remain in effect until November 13, 2000.

**Summary of Request**

NMFS received requests for letters of authorization on February 22, 1996, from Mobil Exploration and Producing U.S., Inc., and on February 26, 1996, from Tatham Offshore, Inc. These letters request a take by harassment of a small number of bottlenose and spotted dolphins incidental to the above mentioned activity. Issuance of these letters of authorization is based on a finding that the total takings will have a negligible impact on the bottlenose and spotted dolphin stocks of the Gulf of Mexico.

Dated: March 13, 1996.

Patricia A. Montanio,

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

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[I.D. 031596B]

**Endangered Species; Permits**

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of an application for a modification to a research/enhancement permit (P2111).