

reef ecosystem management unit species in the designated low-use Marine Protected Areas; (2) fishing for any of these species using gear not specifically allowed in the regulations; or (3) fishing for, taking, or retaining any Potentially Harvested Coral Reef Taxa in the coral reef ecosystem regulatory area, to obtain and carry a permit. A receiving vessel must also have a transshipment permit for at-sea transshipment of coral reef management unit species. The permit application form provides basic information about the permit applicant, vessel, fishing gear and method, target species, projected fishing effort, etc., for use by NMFS and the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council in determining eligibility for permit issuance. The information is important for understanding the nature of the fishery and provides a link to participants. It also aids in the enforcement of Fishery Management Plan measures.

## II. Method of Collection

Information is submitted to NMFS, in the form of paper permit application forms.

## III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0463.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations and individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 12.

Estimated Time per Response: 2 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 30.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

## IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection;

they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: October 6, 2008.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN: 0648-XL05

### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Hearings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public hearings; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold four public hearings to solicit comments on proposals to be included in the Draft Amendment 3 to the Northeast Skate Complex Fishery Management Plan (FMP).

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before 5 p.m. EST, November 10, 2008. The public hearings will be held from October 27, 2008 to October 30, 2008. For specific dates and times, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** The Council will take comments at public meetings in Hyannis and New Bedford, MA, Narragansett, RI and Portsmouth, NH. For specific locations, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. Written comments should be sent to Patricia Kurkul, Regional Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Comments may also be sent via fax to (978) 281-9135 or submitted via e-mail to [Skateamendment3@noaa.gov](mailto:Skateamendment3@noaa.gov) with "Comments on Skate Draft Amendment 3" in the subject line. Requests for copies of the public hearing document and other information should be directed to Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone: (978) 465-0492. The public hearing document is also accessible electronically via the Internet at <http://www.nefmc.org>.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council proposes to take action to amend the Northeast Skate Complex Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and to address the new and revised requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Act. The Council will consider comments from fishermen, interested parties and the general public on the proposals and alternatives described in the public hearing document for Draft Amendment 3 to the Northeast Skate Complex FMP. Once it has considered public comments, the Council will approve final management measures and prepare a submission package for NMFS. There will be an additional opportunity for written public comments on the proposed rule when it is published in the **Federal Register**.

Major elements of the proposals in the Draft Amendment 3 and a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement include: (1) measures to reduce catch via time/area closures and/or skate possession limits to rebuild overfished smooth, thorny and winter skates as well as to stop overfishing of thorny skate; (2) implementation and specification of annual catch limits (ACLs) and accountability measures (AMs) to comply with a new mandate of the reauthorized Magnuson-Stevens Act; and (3) an annual specification and bi-annual review process to replace an obsolete baseline review procedure. There are two options for allocating ACLs to the skate wing and skate bait fisheries. There is also a hard total allowable catch (TAC) and soft TAC option to implement ACLs and AMs.

The dates, times, locations and telephone numbers of the hearings are as follows:

*Monday, October 27, 2008 at 7 p.m.*  
- Radisson Hotel, 287 Iyannough Road, Hyannis, MA 02601; telephone: (508) 771-1700.

*Tuesday, October 28, 2008 at 7 p.m.*  
- Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford, MA 02740; telephone: (508) 997-0046.

*Wednesday, October 29, 2008 at 7 p.m.*  
- Narragansett Town Hall, 25 Fifth Avenue, Narragansett, RI 02882; telephone: (401) 789-1044.

*Thursday, October 30, 2008 at 7 p.m.*  
- Urban Forestry Center, 45 Elwin Road, Portsmouth, NH 03801; telephone: (603) 431-6774.

### Special Accommodations

These hearings are physically accessible to people with physical disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: October 7, 2008.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Air Force

#### Notice of Availability for Non-Exclusive, Exclusive or Partially Exclusive Licensing of Invention

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 404.4, the Department of the Air Force announces the availability for licensing of the invention described in Provisional Patent Application no. 61/123,566, entitled *Object with Durably Bonded Lubricant Layer or Other Functional Coating*, filed on 1 April 2008, in the USPTO.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** The response time to this Notice runs 15 days from the date of publication hereof in the **Federal Register**. Written response should be sent to: the Air Force Material Command Law Office, AFMC LO/JAZ, 2240 B. Street, Bldg. 11, Wright-Patterson AFB 45433-7109, attention, Thomas C. Stover. Telephone (937) 255-2838; fax (937) 255-3733.

**Bao-Anh Trinh,**

*Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Notice of Availability for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Grow the Army Actions at Fort Carson, CO

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability (NOA).

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Army announces the availability of a DEIS for the implementation of the decision to station a new Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) and smaller combat support units at Fort Carson, and the potential stationing of a Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB) at Fort Carson in the future.

**DATES:** The public comment period for the DEIS will end 45 days after publication of an NOA in the **Federal Register** by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

**ADDRESSES:** For specific questions regarding the DEIS, please contact Ms. Deb Owings or Ms. Robin Renn, Fort Carson and Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site National Environmental Policy Act Coordinators, 1638 Elwell Street, Building 6236, Fort Carson, CO 80913-4000. Written comments may be mailed to that address or e-mailed to [CARSDECAMNEPA@conus.army.mil](mailto:CARSDECAMNEPA@conus.army.mil).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Dee McNutt, Fort Carson Public Affairs Office, at (719) 526-1269, during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Proposed Action and analysis in the DEIS includes constructing new facilities at Fort Carson to support an IBCT and other combat support units (approximately 3,900 additional Soldiers and their dependents) and the potential stationing of a CAB (approximately 2,800 Soldiers and their dependents). Additional actions evaluated as part of the Proposed Action include upgrading ranges at Fort Carson and increased use of live-fire training ranges and maneuver areas at Fort Carson and the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site (PCMS). Implementation of the Proposed Action is anticipated in 2009 and would begin following the completion of a Final EIS and signing of a Record of Decision (ROD). The Proposed Action does not include the expansion of PCMS or any construction at PCMS.

The stationing of additional BCTs and other force structure realignment actions across the Army was analyzed in the 2007 Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Army Growth and Force Structure Realignment. The ROD determined that Fort Carson would receive an additional IBCT and other units contingent on site-specific NEPA analysis. The DEIS is that site-specific analysis of the environmental and socioeconomic impacts of alternatives for implementing the Army's previous stationing decision. The DEIS also analyzes the potential stationing of a CAB.

The DEIS analyzes the impacts of several alternatives for construction of the IBCT facilities and the No Action Alternative. Under the No Action Alternative, the stationing of a new IBCT and CAB at Fort Carson would not be implemented. The No Action Alternative provides the baseline conditions for comparison to the Proposed Alternative.

Impacts analyzed include a wide range of environmental resource areas: Land use, air quality, noise, geology and soils, water resources, biological resources, cultural resources,

socioeconomics, transportation, utilities, hazardous and toxic substances, sustainability, and cumulative environmental effects. Additional concerns or impacts may be identified as a result of comments received on this DEIS.

The Army invites full public participation to promote open communication and better decision making, including comment on the DEIS and participation in public meetings which will be announced in advance in local news media. The DEIS is available at local libraries surrounding Fort Carson and PCMS, and the document may also be accessed at <http://www.aec.army.mil>. Comments from the public will be considered before any decision is made regarding implementation of the Proposed Action.

Dated: October 3, 2008.

**Addison D. Davis, IV,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health).*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Disposal and Reuse of Fort McPherson, Georgia

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability (NOA).

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Army announces the availability of the DEIS, which evaluates the potential environmental and socioeconomic impacts of the disposal and reuse of Fort McPherson, Georgia, pursuant to the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission recommendation.

**DATES:** The public comment period for the DEIS will end 45 days after publication of an NOA in the **Federal Register** by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

**ADDRESSES:** Please send written comments on the DEIS to: Victor Bonilla, BRAC Environmental Division, 2053 North D Avenue, Building 400, Fort Gillem, GA 302975161. E-mail comments should be sent to [victor.manuel.bonilla@conus.us.army.mil](mailto:victor.manuel.bonilla@conus.us.army.mil).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Victor Bonilla, BRAC Environmental Division by telephone at (404) 469-3557, or by e-mail at the above address.