National Environmental Policy Act

To comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and NOAA Administrative Order (NAO) 216–6A, NMFS must review our proposed action (i.e., the issuance of an incidental harassment authorization) with respect to potential impacts on the human environment.

This action is consistent with categories of activities identified in Categorical Exclusion B4 (incidental harassment authorizations with no anticipated serious injury or mortality) of the Companion Manual for NOAA Administrative Order 216–6A, which do not individually or cumulatively have the potential for significant impacts on the quality of the human environment and for which we have not identified any extraordinary circumstances that would preclude this categorical exclusion. Accordingly, NMFS has determined that the issuance of the IHA qualifies to be categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

Endangered Species Act (ESA)

Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA: 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) requires that each Federal agency insure that any action it authorizes, funds, or carries out is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated critical habitat. To ensure ESA compliance for the issuance of IHAs, NMFS Office of Protected Resources consults internally, in this case with the NMFS Alaska Regional Office, whenever we propose to authorize take for endangered or threatened species.

There is one marine mammal species (Mexico DPS humpback whale) with confirmed occurrence in the project area that is listed as endangered under the ESA. The NMFS Alaska Regional Office Protected Resources Division issued a Biological Opinion on July 16, 2019 under section 7 of the ESA, on the issuance of an IHA to the City of Ketchikan under section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA by the NMFS Permits and Conservation Division. The Biological Opinion concluded that the proposed action is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of Mexico DPS humpback whale, and is not likely to destroy or adversely modify critical habitat because none exists.

Authorization

NMFS has issued an IHA to the City of Ketchikan for the potential harassment of small numbers of nine marine mammal species incidental to the rock pinnacle removal project in Tongass Narrows, near Ketchikan, Alaska, provided the previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring and reporting are incorporated.

Dated: July 25, 2019.

Donna S. Wieting,
Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Future accommodation to individuals with disabilities where appropriate. Anyone who needs an interpreter or other accommodation should notify Sandy Scott at sscco@cnss.gov or 202–606–6724 by 5:00 p.m. (ET) on August 5, 2019.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Army Education Advisory Subcommittee Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of open subcommittee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army is publishing this notice to announce the following Federal advisory subcommittee meeting of the Department of the Army Historical Advisory Subcommittee (DAHAS), a subcommittee of the Army Education Advisory Committee. This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The Department of the Army Historical Advisory Subcommittee will meet from 8:40 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on August 15, 2019 and 8:40 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on August 16, 2019.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Fort Eustis Club, 2123 Pershing Avenue, Newport News, VA 23604.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Thomas W. Crecca, the Alternate Designated Federal Officer for the subcommittee, in writing at U.S. Army Center of Military History, ATTN: ATMH–FPF, 102 4th Ave., Bldg. 35, Fort McNair, Washington, DC 20319–5060 by email at thomas.w.crecca.civ@mail.mil or by telephone at (202) 685–2627.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: The subcommittee meeting is being held 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.

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of the meeting is to review the Army historical program and provide advice...