

Harassment]; or (ii) any act that disturbs or is likely to disturb a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild by causing disruption of natural behavioral patterns, including, but not limited to, migration, surfacing, nursing, breeding, feeding, or sheltering, to a point where such behavioral patterns are abandoned or significantly altered [Level B Harassment].

### Summary of Request

In August 2008, NMFS received an application from the Navy requesting authorization to take individuals of 28 species of marine mammals (all cetaceans) incidental to upcoming training and RDT&E activities to be conducted in the MIRC over the course of 5 years. The Navy provided an addendum to the application in February 2009. NMFS subsequently requested additional information, which was received in March 2009. These training and RDT&E activities are classified as military readiness activities. The Navy states that these training activities may expose some of the marine mammals present in the area to sound from various active tactical sonar sources or to pressure from underwater detonations. The Navy requests authorization to take individuals of 28 species of cetaceans by Level B Harassment. Further, the Navy requests authorization to take 9 individual beaked whales (of any of the following species: Blainville's beaked whale, Cuvier's beaked whale, Ginkgo-toothed whale, Longman's beaked whale) and one pantropical spotted dolphin by serious injury or mortality over the course of the 5-year rule.

### Specified Activities

In the application submitted to NMFS, the Navy requests authorization to take marine mammals incidental to conducting training events and RDT&E utilizing mid- and high frequency active sonar sources and explosive detonations. These sonar and explosive sources will be utilized during Anti-submarine Warfare (ASW) Tracking and Torpedo Exercises, ASW Major Exercises (Multi Strike Group Exercises, Joint Expeditionary Exercises, and others), Extended Echo Ranging and Improved Extended Echo Ranging (EER/IEER) events, Missile Exercises, Gunnery Exercises, Bombing Exercises, Sinking Exercises, and Demolitions. Table 1-3 in the application lists the activity types, the equipment and platforms involved, and the duration and potential locations of the activities.

### Information Solicited

Interested persons may submit information, suggestions, and comments concerning the Navy's request (see

**ADDRESSES**). All information, suggestions, and comments related to the Navy's MIRC request and NMFS' potential development and implementation of regulations governing the incidental taking of marine mammals by the Navy's MIRC activities will be considered by NMFS in developing, if appropriate, the most effective regulations governing the issuance of letters of authorization.

Dated: March 12, 2009.

**P. Michael Payne,**

*Chief, Division of Permits, Conservation, and Education, Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Telecommunications and Information Administration

#### Notice: Broadband Grant Programs Meetings

**AGENCY:** National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Meetings, Clarification.

**SUMMARY:** On February 24, 2009, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) published a Notice in the **Federal Register** announcing its intention to begin holding meetings on March 2, 2009, in connection with the broadband grant programs described in the Broadband Data Services Improvement Act, Public Law No. 110-385, and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act), Public Law No. 111-5 (collectively, "Broadband Grant Programs"). This Notice provides clarification regarding those meetings.

**DATES:** March 16, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, 1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barbara Brown at (202) 482-4374 or [bbrown@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:bbrown@ntia.doc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 24, 2009, NTIA published a Notice announcing a joint public meeting with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to discuss the Broadband Initiatives contained in the Recovery Act. See Joint Notice of Public Meeting, 74 Fed. Reg. 8914 (Feb. 27, 2009) (announcing a joint

public meeting on March 10, 2009). At the same time, NTIA published a Notice announcing its intention to begin holding meetings on March 2, 2009 in response to numerous requests received from individuals and groups interested in the program. See Notice of Meetings, 74 Fed. Reg. 8233 (Feb. 24, 2009). This Notice explained the manner in which individuals and groups could request meetings and the treatment of such meetings as *ex parte* presentations. Since the publication of these Notices, NTIA has received over 2,500 requests for meetings from interested parties.

Subsequently, NTIA and USDA's Rural Utilities Service announced that the agencies would hold six public meetings on March 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, and 24, 2009, about the new broadband grants, loans, and loan guarantees funded by the Recovery Act and accept written comments about the programs through April 13, 2009. See Joint Request for Information and Notice of Public Meetings, 74 Fed. Reg. 10716 (March 12, 2009). These public meetings will be conducted as roundtables, will be open to the public, and also will be webcast. Transcripts and all written comments received also will be available. Participation in the public meetings and the filing of written comments is encouraged. For further information about these meetings and to submit and view written comments, please see NTIA's website at <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/broadbandgrants/>.

As a result of the overwhelming demand from interested parties for meetings and the expedited time frames in the Recovery Act for making the broadband grant, loan, and loan guarantee funds available, NTIA will not be able to accommodate all meeting requests received. The agency, however, does reserve the right to schedule such *ex parte* meetings as necessary to fulfill the needs of the Broadband Grant Program. All other information provided in the Notice of Meetings remains unchanged.

Dated: March 13, 2009.

**Kathy D. Smith,**

*Chief Counsel, National Telecommunications and Information Administration.*

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## CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Corporation for National and Community Service.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. Sec. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY-TDD) may call (202) 565-2799 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Currently, the Corporation is soliciting comments concerning its proposed renewal of its Disaster Response Database (DRD). The DRD is a data collection tool that allows the Corporation to collect information from its programs and grantees on disaster response activities across the country. This tool serves as a central repository of information on Corporation disaster response activities for reporting to the public.

Copies of the information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the individual and office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section by May 18, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by the title of the information collection activity, by any of the following methods:

(1) *By mail sent to:* Corporation for National and Community Service; Attention Phil Shaw, Emergency Management Coordinator, 9th Floor; 1201 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20525.

(2) *By hand delivery or by courier to:* the Corporation's mailroom at Room 8100 at the mail address given in paragraph (1) above, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

(3) *By fax to:* (202) 606-3477, Attention Phil Shaw, Emergency Management Coordinator.

(4) Electronically through the Corporation's e-mail address system: [pshaw@cns.gov](mailto:pshaw@cns.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Phil Shaw, (202) 606-6697, or by e-mail at [pshaw@cns.gov](mailto:pshaw@cns.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Corporation is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are expected to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology (e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses).

**Background**

The Corporation for National and Community Service regularly engages its national service programs and grantees to respond to disasters as a part of its mandate to promote community service and meet community needs. The great number of national service participants and variety of support offered necessitate a centralized reporting tool to track and measure resources dedicated to supporting communities recovering from disaster.

*Current Action:* The Corporation seeks to renew the data collection: CNCS Disaster Response Database (OMB control number 3015-0114) scheduled to expire on June 30th, 2009. The database is a Web-based system that permits programs and grantees to report contributions to disaster responses. The system will be updated to include a previously approved quantifiable accomplishment reporting module.

The current data collection can be found at [http://www.nationalservice.gov/relief/tbl\\_response/AddTbl\\_responsePage.aspx](http://www.nationalservice.gov/relief/tbl_response/AddTbl_responsePage.aspx).

*Type of Review:* Renewal.

*Agency:* Corporation for National and Community Service.

*Title:* Disaster Relief Information Collection.

*OMB Number:* 3045-0114.

*Agency Number:* None.

*Affected Public:* Corporation for National and Community Service

programs/grantees involved in disaster activities.

*Total Respondents:* 100.

*Frequency:* Every two weeks.

*Average Time per Response:* Averages 30 minutes.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 50 Hours.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* None.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* None.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 12, 2009.

**Kristin McSwain,**

*Chief of Program Operations.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Navy**

**Notice of Extension of Comment Period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement for the Northwest Training Range Complex**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** An amended notice of availability was published by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 8940) on February 27, 2009 for the Northwest Training Range Complex (NWTRC) Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS) extending the public comment period to March 11, 2009. This notice announces a further extension of the public comment period until April 13, 2009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mrs. Kimberly Kler, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Northwest, Attention: NWTRC EIS/OEIS, 1101 Tautog Circle, Suite 203, Silverdale, Washington, 98315-1101; or <http://www.NWTRangeComplexEIS.com>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The public comment period on the NWTRC Draft EIS/OEIS will be extended until April 13, 2009. Comments may be submitted in writing to Naval Facilities Engineering Command Northwest, Attention: Mrs. Kimberly Kler—NWTRC EIS/OEIS, 1101 Tautog Circle, Suite 203, Silverdale, WA 98315-1101. In