

feature within the species' U.S. ranges, with the exception of some areas of hard substrate where these species have not been observed and where it was determined larvae and fragments were unlikely to settle or attach. Given these species' reduced abundances, and because the total surface area of the essential feature is far larger than the surface area currently occupied by the corals, we determined the current designation would maximize the potential for successful recruitment and population growth and is sufficient to provide for the conservation of these coral species. Section 7 consultations on the actions of Federal agencies that may affect the designated critical habitat will assist in ensuring the availability of the essential feature for the corals' colonization and population growth.

In addition to the existing critical habitat designation, the species are protected by the recent ESA section 4(d) regulations that, with few exceptions for research and restoration activities, extend all the ESA section 9 prohibitions to them (73 FR 64264; October 29, 2008). We determined that the section 4(d) regulations are necessary and advisable to provide for the conservation of the species. The section 4(d) regulations apply regardless of whether the species are within designated critical habitat. Thus, the newly discovered staghorn corals are protected even though they occur north of the existing critical habitat designation.

The requested revision would encompass all the suitable substrate feature in an approximately 45 square mile (116.5 sq km) area based on extending the northern boundary of the Florida area approximately 15.5 miles (25 km). However, the new information on the potential northern expansion of staghorn coral's range has been confirmed at approximately 8 miles (13 km) north of Boynton Beach Inlet, or about half of the petitioned expansion. In addition, because the identified natural unconsolidated hard substrate feature is typically patchily distributed and does not uniformly cover the entire area, the actual area that would be available for settlement and recruitment in the petitioned area is likely much smaller, assuming that conditions within the entire area are conducive to coral settlement, recruitment, and survival everywhere the feature is present. The available information indicates the staghorn colonies are present on only one reef, approximately one mile (1.7 km) offshore in 57 ft (17.3 m) of water, and the substrate feature potentially available for future colonization by staghorn coral is present

only in low abundance. Further, given the available data about staghorn corals' historic range, we believe it is still a question of scientific debate whether the petitioned area represents a true northward expansion of the species' range, as opposed to a temporary opportunistic occupation of the area by broken, storm-transported fragments outside of their natural range. Similar to a few colonies of elkhorn coral recently discovered at Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary, the staghorn corals in the petitioned area require monitoring and evaluation to determine whether this is an actual range expansion at this point in geologic history. The existing designation includes all of the suitable substrate throughout both corals' ranges, with the exception of the substrate in the petitioned area. As we described in the existing designation, both species have precipitously declined in abundance and are sparsely distributed throughout their ranges. The essential substrate feature included in the existing designation is much more abundant than the corals, and we have determined there is sufficient substrate protected by the designation that is available for coral settlement, reattachment, recruitment, and population growth.

As noted above, we received the current petition to revise critical habitat less than 2 months after we finalized the existing designation. Designating critical habitat in accordance with the provisions of the ESA is a significant undertaking. The process of designating the current critical habitat for elkhorn and staghorn corals consumed significant personnel resources (i.e., 1.5 full-time employees) for the better part of a 2-year period. Were we to undertake a revision of the recently designated critical habitat, our limited resources would again be diverted from other work, which in turn would delay the completion of other priorities, yet would only realize a very small change (offering limited benefits) in the critical habitat area for one of the coral species. At this time, we believe that a greater conservation benefit for both species of coral, and the appropriate course of action, lie in the completion and implementation of a recovery plan that is currently under development, and that will address all threats inhibiting the conservation and recovery of these species throughout their ranges. We also note that we are currently working to implement our mandatory obligations under the statute regarding a recently received petition to list 83 species of corals as endangered or threatened, 8 of which co-occur in the Atlantic and

Caribbean Oceans with staghorn and elkhorn corals, and to designate critical habitat for these species.

Petition Determination

Based on the information above, pursuant to the provisions of the ESA respecting revision of critical habitat and petitions for revision, we have determined it is not timely and appropriate to revise the recently designated critical habitat for elkhorn and staghorn corals, and we therefore deny the petitioned action.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*

Dated: January 15, 2010.

Samuel D. Rauch III,

*Deputy Assistant Administrator for
Regulatory Programs, National Marine
Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

[Docket No.: 100111018-0020-01]

Meeting With Interested Public on Offsets in Defense Trade

AGENCY: Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) publishes this notice to announce that the agency will hold a meeting on February 3, 2010 for organizations interested in learning about the changes in the reporting requirement for U.S. firms engaged in offsets in defense trade, pursuant to Title 15 of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 701, as provided under the rule BIS published in the **Federal Register** on December 23, 2009. U.S. Government officials will provide information at this meeting on the changes in the reporting requirements for offset agreements and transactions. This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on February 3, 2010, 1:30 p.m. e.s.t.

ADDRESSES: If you wish to attend the meeting, please provide your name and company or organizational affiliation to fax number (202) 482-5650, Attn: Offset Briefing, or call (202) 482-3755. If you are a foreign national wishing to attend the meeting, you are required to provide additional information for entry to the U.S. Department of Commerce facility. Please contact Ron DeMarines at (202) 482-3755 in advance of the meeting for more information on the entry requirements for foreign nationals. The

meeting will be held at the Herbert C. Hoover Building, 14th Street between Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues, NW., Room 4830, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, please contact Ronald DeMarines at BIS on (202) 482-3755 or (202) 482-4506.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 23, 2009, BIS published a Final Rule in the **Federal Register** that updates and provides clarification with regard to the information U.S. firms are required to submit each year to BIS to support BIS's preparation of its annual report to Congress on offsets in defense trade. As set forth in the December 23, 2009 rule, the revised amendments will provide more consistency and less ambiguity in defining the scope of the offset-related activities that respondents report to BIS. Further, the rule responded to a recommendation made by the Government Accountability Office to BIS regarding the collection of more precise information on the industry sectors in which offset activity occurs. The full text of the rule is available at 74 FR 68136. In order to provide more information on the changes to the offset-related reporting requirement, BIS will hold a meeting on February 3, 2010. This meeting is open to the public. In order to prepare for those who plan to attend the meeting, please submit your name and company or organizational affiliation to BIS via fax or phone number provided in the **ADDRESSES** section.

Dated: January 19, 2010.

Karen H. Nies-Vogel,

Acting Director, Office of Strategic Industry and Economic Security.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed additions to the procurement list.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing to add to the Procurement List a product and a service to be provided by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

Comments Must Be Received On or Before: 2/22/2010.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3259.

For Further Information or To Submit Comments Contact: Barry S. Lineback, Telephone: (703) 603-7740, Fax: (703) 603-0655, or e-mail CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the proposed actions.

Additions

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, the entities of the Federal Government identified in this notice for each product and service will be required to provide the product and service listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. If approved, the action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will provide a product and a service to the Government.
2. If approved, the action will result in authorizing small entities to provide a product and a service to the Government.
3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with a product and a service proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

Comments on this certification are invited. Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information.

End of Certification

The following product and service are proposed for addition to Procurement List provided by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Product

NSN: 8105-00-NIB-1300—Grain Bag.
NPA: Mississippi Industries for the Blind, Jackson, MS.

Contracting Activity: Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health

Inspection Service, Minneapolis, MN.
Coverage: C—List for the requirements of the Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Minneapolis, MN.

Service

Service Type/Location: Dining Facility
Attendant Service and Cook Support,
Fort Lewis and McChord AFB, WA.
NPA: Lakeview Center, Pensacola, FL.
Contracting Activity: Mission & Installation
Contracting Command Center-Fort Knox
(MICC CEN-FTK), Ft Knox, KY.

Barry S. Lineback,

Director, Business Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DOD-2010-OS-0004]

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DoD.

ACTION: Notice to delete a system of records.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Secretary of Defense proposes to delete DWHSP08 systems of records notice from its existing inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

DATES: This proposed action will be effective without further notice on February 22, 2010 unless comments are received which result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

* *Federal Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

* *Mail:* Federal Docket Management System Office, 1160 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1160.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Cindy Allard at (703) 588-6830.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of the Secretary of Defense systems of