

Permit

Permit 1408 was issued to DWR on December 23, 2003. The permit authorizes incidental take (by long-line gear) and release of ESA-listed juvenile and adult Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon, Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon, and Central Valley steelhead from San Pablo Bay, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and the Sacramento River to River Mile 220. The project exclusively targets collection of migrating adult white sturgeon to study sturgeon swimming performance and behavior. Permit 1408 expires June 30, 2008. NMFS has determined that take levels authorized in the modified permit will not jeopardize listed salmon and steelhead nor result in the destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat where described.

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that the permit: (1) was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permit; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. This permit was issued in accordance with, and is subject to, 50 CFR part 222, the NMFS regulations governing listed species permits.

Dated: February 5, 2004.

David O'Brien,

*Acting Chief, Endangered Species Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.*

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COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS**Notice of Meeting**

The next meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts is scheduled for 19 February 2004 at 10 a.m. in the Commission's offices at the National Building Museum, Suite 312, Judiciary Square, 401 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20001-2728. Items of discussion affecting the appearance of Washington, DC may include buildings, parks and memorials.

Draft agendas and additional information regarding the Commission are available on our Web site: <http://www.cfa.gov>. Inquiries regarding the agenda and requests to submit written or oral statements should be addressed to Charles H. Atherton, Secretary, Commission of Fine Arts, at the above address or call 202-504-2200. Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired

should contact the Secretary at least 10 days before the meeting time.

Dated in Washington, DC, January 28, 2004.

Charles H. Atherton,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Air Force****HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board**

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Pub. L. 92-463, notice is hereby given of the forthcoming meeting of the 2nd ACC Advisory Panel Meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to allow the SAB leadership to give consensus advice to the commander of the 2nd ACC Advisory Panel. Because classified and contractor-proprietary information will be discussed, this meeting will be closed to the public.

DATES: February 26-28, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Bldg 205 Dodd Blvd, Langley AFB, VA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maj Tim Kelly, Air Force Scientific Advisory Board Secretariat, 1180 Air Force Pentagon, Rm 5D982, Washington, DC 20330-1180, (703) 697-4811.

Pamela D. Fitzgerald,

Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Air Force****HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board**

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Pub. L. 92-463, notice is hereby given of the forthcoming meeting of the AFC2ISRC Advisory Group. The purpose of the meeting is to brief the Commander of the AFC2ISR Center. This meeting will be closed to the public.

DATES: February 19, 2004.

ADDRESSES: AFC2ISRC, Langley AFB, VA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maj Chris Berg, Air Force Scientific

Advisory Board Secretariat, 1180 Air Force Pentagon, Rm 5D982, Washington, DC 20330-1180, (703) 697-4811.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army****Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Digital Multi-Purpose Range Complex at Fort Benning, GA**

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Digital Multi-Purpose Range Complex (DMPRC) would provide gunnery training facilities for the Bradley Fighting Vehicle (BFV) and the Abrams M1A1 Tank System (Tank), providing the capability for both active and reserve components to train to required standards under realistic conditions.

Fort Benning proposes to construct, operate, and maintain a DMPRC. The DMPRC would provide a state-of-the-art range facility to meet the Army's training needs for soldiers to conduct gunnery courses in a realistic training environment by expanding the Installation's training capacity. The current ranges on Fort Benning do not meet modern gunnery standards and are inadequate to support full gunnery training and qualifications, requiring training to modified standards. The project would include construction of the firing and target area, installation of fiber optics, construction of support facilities, upgrading and construction of associated roadways, installation of utilities to support the site, construction of a helipad, construction of other related equipment and facilities, and operation and maintenance of the DMPRC.

DATES: *Comments:* To be considered in preparation for the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), comments must be received not later than March 29, 2004, by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Meetings: March 2, 2004, 6 p.m., at the Elizabeth Bradley Turner Center, Columbus State University, 4225 University Avenue, Columbus, GA, and March 4, 2004, 6 p.m., at the Marion Middle School Gymnasium, 100 East Burkhalter Avenue, Buena Vista, GA.

ADDRESSES: Please direct written comments or requests for copies of the

Draft EIS (DEIS) to Mr. Richard McDowell, Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Army Infantry Center, ATTN: ATZB-PO, Fort Benning, GA 31905-5122 or e-mail to mcdowellr@benning.army.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Richard McDowell, Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Army Infantry Center, ATTN: ATZB-PO, Fort Benning, GA, 31905-5122, (706) 545-2211, or e-mail to mcdowellr@benning.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Fort Benning is the "Home of the Infantry" and conducts training for elements of Mechanized Infantry Division units. Tank and BFV crews must train and qualify at different skill levels (gunnery tables) that are designed to develop and test the proficiency level of individuals, crews, and platoons. Existing facilities at Fort Benning do not currently meet training standards for advanced gunnery qualification. Specifically, the existing range targetry is antiquated; the natural terrain features of Hastings Range hampers training effectiveness and efficiency; the nearness to the Installation boundary restricts training due to noise; and the lack of digital components on the existing range delays the analysis of the training exercise.

The Army proposes to construct, operate, and maintain a DMPRC. The DEIS analyzes the No Action/Status Quo and two action alternatives. The notice of intent to prepare an EIS for the DMPRC included another alternative, Transport to Fort Stewart, however further analysis indicated that alternative was not reasonable. Alternatives considered in detail in the DEIS are:

1. No Action—Continue to conduct modified advanced gunnery training at Hastings Range on Fort Benning.
2. Construct, operate and maintain a DMPRC in Training Compartment K21 on Fort Benning. The range dimensions would be approximately 1,500 meters by 4,500 meters and cover about 1,800 acres plus support facilities; however these dimensions would be subject to site-specific design requirements and may be modified. The DMRPC would include a firing and target area with 3 course lanes, numerous stationary and moving targets, trenches and berms, maintenance roads; a helipad; utilities and communication systems; and support facilities on about 25 acres including control and instruction buildings, maintenance and storage buildings. The DMPRC would include a safety zone that is inaccessible during operation of the range.

3. Preferred Alternative—Construct, operate and maintain a DMPRC in Training Compartment D13 on Fort

Benning with the same approximate dimensions and facilities as described for Alternative II.

Both Alternatives 2 and 3 would also include changes in training on other ranges (Ruth, Cactus, Carmouche, and Hastings) to incorporate the new DMPRC into the training regime.

The DMPRC DEIS includes analyses of the potential environmental consequences, including cumulative impacts that each alternative may have on many environmental and socioeconomic resources or topics, including: soils and vegetation, water quality, wetlands and streambanks, unique ecological areas, Federally and state listed species, migratory birds, socioeconomic, land use, cultural resources, utilities, noise, air quality, public health and safety, hazardous materials and wastes, and transportation. The findings indicate that the No Action alternative has the least amount of potential impacts because no construction is proposed; however, noise concerns will continue and the needed improvement in range facilities would not be achieved. Alternatives 2 and 3 would have some potential adverse impacts to several of the studied resources; however, mitigations to reduce those impacts are identified in the DEIS, and both alternatives would result in less noise disturbance from BFV and tank weaponry firing.

Scoping and Comments: Fort Benning has distributed a series of newsletters that are also posted on the Fort Benning Web site and may be viewed at www.benning.army.mil/EMD/dmprcLegal&PublicNotices.htm. All future newsletters, notices of meetings, and other public and stakeholder participation opportunities will also be posted on this Web site. Comments or questions may also be submitted on this Web site. Fort Benning invites individuals and organizations to participate in the DEIS review process by submitting written comments to the address listed above and by attending public meetings. Public meetings have been scheduled for March 2, 2004 and March 2, 2004 (*see DATES*); additional notices will be announced in the *Columbus Ledger Enquirer*, the *Tri-County Journal*, the *Bayonet*, on the Fort Benning Web site (listed above), and by notices of meeting sent to parties on the distribution list.

Michael Q. Frnka,

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability of Government-Owned Invention; Available for Licensing

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of the general availability of exclusive or partially exclusive licenses under the following pending patent.

U.S. Patent application Serial Number 60/525,842 entitled "Bowel Preparation for Virtual Colonoscopy" filed 1 December 2003. The present invention relates to a unique approach to colonic preparation for virtual colonoscopy (VC) examination involving a specific combination of sodium phosphate, barium sulfate, and water-soluble iodinated contrast, each taken orally in two evenly divided doses. This improved colonic preparation results in VC that are comparable to the accepted "gold standard" conventional colonoscopy for detecting clinically relevant polyps.

DATES: Applications for an exclusive or partially exclusive license may be submitted at any time from the date of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Submit applications to the Office of Technology Transfer, Naval Medical Research Center, 503 Robert Grant Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20910-7500.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Charles Schlagel, Director, Office of Technology Transfer, Naval Medical Research Center, 503 Robert Grant Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20910-7500, telephone (301) 319-7428 or e-mail at: schlagelc@nmrc.navy.mil

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any license granted shall comply with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR part 404. Applications will be evaluated utilizing the following criteria: (1) Ability to manufacture and market the technology; (2) manufacturing and marketing ability; (3) time required to bring technology to market and production rate; (4) royalties; (5) technical capabilities; and (6) small business status.

Dated: February 3, 2004.

J.T. Baltimore,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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