

permanent basis, other episodically) of the entire lot. The proposed project would adversely impact the ABM population directly by killing individuals in the construction areas via crushing or entombment and indirectly by introduction of house pets (cats), introduction of competitors (house mice), attraction of predators and permanent human disturbances. Occupation of the proposed structures could adversely affect sea turtle nesting by disorienting nesting females and disorienting hatchlings by excess artificial lighting, trampling nests, and trapping or disorienting nesting females and emerging hatchlings among tire ruts or beach equipment left after dark.

Under section 9 of the Act and its implementing regulations, "taking" of endangered and threatened wildlife is prohibited. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take such wildlife if the taking is incidental to and not the purpose of otherwise lawful activities. The Applicant has prepared an HCP as required for the incidental take permit application, and as described above as part of the proposed project.

As stated above, the Service has made a preliminary determination that the issuance of the ITP is not a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment within the meaning of section 102(2)(C) of NEPA. This preliminary information may be revised due to public comment received in response to this notice and is based on information contained in the EA and HCP.

The Service will also evaluate whether the issuance of a section 10(a)(1)(B) ITP complies with section 7 of the Act by conducting an intra-Service Section 7 consultation. The results of the biological opinion, in combination with the above findings, will be used in the final analysis to determine whether or not to issue the ITP.

Dated: April 19, 2002.

**Sam D. Hamilton,**  
*Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Battle of Midway National Memorial Advisory Committee; Meeting Notice

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Battle of Midway National Memorial Advisory Committee will hold its second meeting by teleconference on Thursday, May 30, 2002, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time. During this teleconference, the committee will review plans for the 60th anniversary celebration of the Battle of Midway, the status of historic structures on Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge, and the standards for any new memorials to be placed on the atoll.

**DATES:** May 30, 2002, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia, room 205 or by teleconference.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public wishing further information concerning the meeting or who wishes to submit oral or written comments should contact Barbara Maxfield, External Affairs Chief for the Fish and Wildlife Service's Pacific Islands Office, Box 50088, Honolulu, HI 96805; telephone (808) 541-2749; fax (808) 541-2756 no later than May 24, 2002. You may obtain copies of the draft meeting agenda from the same source.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As directed by Congress, the Secretary of the Interior established the Battle of Midway National Memorial Advisory Committee to facilitate development of a strategy for the dedication and management of this National Memorial. Members of the public are welcome to participate in any of its meetings.

Members of the public in the Washington, DC, area may attend the meeting in person in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Washington Office at 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia, in room 205. Members of the public may also participate by teleconference, however, teleconference lines are limited. Please call Barbara Maxfield (808) 541-2749 if you are interested in participating in the call and to obtain the dial-in number. Seating in room 205 of the Fish and Wildlife Service's Arlington Square office is limited and is available on a first come, first served basis.

We will distribute written comments submitted to the Fish and Wildlife Service at the Honolulu address above to committee members prior to the meeting if we receive them in sufficient time to allow distribution. We will provide an opportunity for oral comments from the public during this teleconference meeting as well.

Dated: April 26, 2002.

**Elizabeth N. Flint,**

*Acting Project Leader, Hawaiian and Pacific Islands Wildlife Refuge Complex.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/ Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Proposed Mesquite Mine Expansion

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** Newmont Gold Company (NGC), operator of the Mesquite gold mine located in Imperial County, California, has proposed to expand mining operations by a plan modification submitted to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) El Centro field office, on November 30, 1998. Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321-4347), and the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, Section 21000, *et seq.*), the BLM and Imperial County, as lead agencies, have directed the preparation of a draft and final environmental impact report (EIR), environmental impact statement (EIS) by a third party contractor on the impacts of an expansion of this gold mining/ processing operation, which would extend the mine a projected six years. The draft EIR/EIS was completed during August, 2000, followed by a combined Federal and State 60 day public review period. Written comments on the draft were accepted until October 30, 2000. The final EIR/EIS is an abbreviated document that consists of responses to comments on the draft and an errata section with specific modifications and corrections to the draft in response to comments. A revised executive summary and list of persons and agencies who received copies of the draft are also included. This information, in conjunction with the draft, constitutes the final EIR/EIS. The final EIR/EIS presents a preferred alternative derived from seven alternatives, including NGC's proposed action. The preferred alternative is the agencies' attempt to reduce or avoid the potential environmental impacts of the proposed action.