

Site-specific recovery actions in the Draft Recovery Plan are described at a relatively high level and are strategic in nature. The third document, the Draft Recovery Implementation Strategy, is a flexible, operational document separate from the Draft Recovery Plan that provides specific, prioritized activities necessary to fully implement recovery actions in the Draft Recovery Plan, while affording us the ability to modify these activities efficiently to reflect changes in the information available as well as progress towards recovery. All three of the recovery planning documents, including the Recovery Status Review, the Draft Recovery Plan, and the Draft Recovery Implementation Strategy, are available on the NMFS oceanic whitetip shark profile website at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/oceanic-whitetip-shark#conservation-management>.

We have determined that this Draft Recovery Plan for the oceanic whitetip shark meets the statutory requirements for a recovery plan and are proposing to adopt it as the ESA recovery plan for this threatened species. Section 4(f)(4) of the ESA requires that public notice and an opportunity to comment be provided prior to final approval of a recovery plan. This notice solicits comments on this Draft Recovery Plan.

Contents of the Draft Recovery Plan

The Draft Recovery Plan presents NMFS' proposed recovery goal, objectives, and criteria, which, when met, would allow the oceanic whitetip shark to be delisted. The proposed demographic and threats-based recovery objectives and criteria are based on the listing factors found in the ESA section 4(a)(1). The proposed demographic and threats-based recovery objectives and criteria for the oceanic whitetip shark address threats from significant population declines, bycatch-related mortality in commercial fisheries, international trade of its fins, inadequate regulatory mechanisms, and identifies stressors that should be monitored for potential future impact, such as climate change. The Draft Recovery Plan also describes specific information on the following: current status of the oceanic whitetip shark, pressures (limiting factors) and threats that have contributed to the species' decline, recovery strategies to address the threats, and site-specific recovery actions with timelines. The Draft Recovery Plan also estimates the time and costs required to implement recovery actions.

The Draft Recovery Implementation Strategy provides specific, prioritized activities necessary to fully implement

recovery actions in the Draft Recovery Plan. This stepped-down approach will afford us the ability to modify these activities efficiently to reflect changes in the information available as well as progress towards recovery.

How NMFS and Others Expect To Use the Plan

In addition to continuing to carry out actions already underway, such as satellite tag deployment and analysis, genetic sampling, and other research activities, we have begun implementation of other actions as described in the plan, such as gear changes in certain fisheries and developing additional regulatory measures to help protect oceanic whitetip sharks in U.S. waters. After public comment and the adoption of the Final Recovery Plan, our intention is to implement the actions and activities for which we have authority and funding; encourage other Federal, state, and local agencies to implement recovery actions and activities for which they have responsibility, authority, and funding; and work cooperatively with the public and local stakeholders on implementation of other actions and activities. We expect the Recovery Plan to guide us and other Federal agencies in evaluating Federal actions under ESA section 7, as well as in implementing other provisions of the ESA, such as considering permits under section 10, and other statutes.

Public Comments Solicited

We are soliciting written comments on the Draft Recovery Plan. All substantive comments received by the date specified above will be considered and incorporated, as appropriate, prior to our decision on whether to approve this Recovery Plan. While we invite comments on all aspects of the Draft Recovery Plan, we are particularly interested in comments on the proposed objectives, criteria, and actions, as well as comments on the estimated time and cost of recovery actions and activities.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: January 19, 2023.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Withdrawal of the Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Mississippi River Hatchie/Loosahatchie, MS River Mile 775-736, Tennessee and Arkansas, Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Memphis District is terminating preparation of a Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement (DIFR-EIS) for the Hatchie-Loosahatchie Mississippi River Ecosystem Restoration Study. A Notice of Intent to prepare the DIFR-EIS was published in the November 4, 2022, issue of the **Federal Register**. The USACE has since determined that a Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment (DIFR-EA) rather than an EIS is the appropriate level of environmental documentation for the study.

DATES: The DIFR-EA is presently scheduled to be available for public review and comment in early 2023. A final IFR-EA is tentatively scheduled for release in May 2024.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Memphis District, Attn: CEMVN-PDC-UDC, 167 North Main St., Room B-202, Memphis, Tennessee 38103.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Thron, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Memphis District; phone 901-544-0708; email LMRRA-Hatchie-Loosahatchie@usace.army.mil. For additional information about the study, please visit the project website at: <https://www.mvm.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental-Stewardship/Hatchie-Loosahatchie-Mississippi-River-Ecosystem-Restoration-Study/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Hatchie-Loosahatchie Mississippi River Ecosystem Restoration Study seeks to examine restoring ecological structure and function to the mosaic of habitats along the lower Mississippi River (LMR) and its floodplain between River Miles 775 and 736 including secondary channels and other floodplain aquatic habitats; floodplain forests; and several scarce vegetative communities such as, wetlands, rivercane, riverfront forests, and bottomland hardwood forests. The

study was originally scoped as an EIS. A notice of intent to prepare an EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on November 4, 2022 (87 FR 66681). The scoping comment period ended on December 5, 2022. During scoping, a project website was prepared, press releases and notifications were sent to affected agencies and interested parties, and one virtual public meeting and three in-person public meetings were conducted in Henning, Tennessee, Millington, Tennessee, and Marion, Arkansas, respectively. No adverse comments were received, and all comments were generally supportive of the proposed activities. Additionally, the plan formulation process resulted in a reduced number of measures in the current array of alternatives being considered since the initiation of the study.

The USACE will notify the public in advance of the availability of the draft and final IFR-EAs through press releases, special public notices, and USACE-Memphis District social media platforms. All public review and project related information will continue to be made available at: <https://www.mvm.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental-Stewardship/Hatchie-Loosahatchie-Mississippi-River-Ecosystem-Restoration-Study/>.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; The Recognition Process for Accrediting Agencies, State Approval Agencies; Evaluation of Foreign Medical, and Foreign Veterinary Accrediting Agencies (e-Recognition)

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing an extension without change of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 24, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice. Click on this link www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain to access the site. Find this information collection request (ICR) by selecting “Department of Education” under “Currently Under Review,” then check the “Only Show ICR for Public Comment” checkbox. *Reginfo.gov* provides two links to view documents related to this information collection request. Information collection forms and instructions may be found by clicking on the “View Information Collection (IC) List” link. Supporting statements and other supporting documentation may be found by clicking on the “View Supporting Statement and Other Documents” link.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Herman Bounds, 202–453–6128.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: The Recognition Process for Accrediting Agencies, State Approval Agencies; Evaluation of Foreign Medical, and Foreign Veterinary Accrediting Agencies (e-Recognition).

OMB Control Number: 1840–0788.

Type of Review: An extension without change of a currently approved ICR.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals and Households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 17.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 18,351.

Abstract: The authority for collecting this information is contained in the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended § 496 (HEA), and implementing regulations at 34 CFR 602. The data is required in order for recognized accrediting agencies to demonstrate compliance with 34 CFR 602. The Secretary will use these criteria in determining whether an

accrediting agency is a reliable authority as to the quality of education or training provided by institutions of higher education they accredit. The data is required for State Agencies for the approval of Vocational Education to demonstrate compliance with 34 CFR 603. The Secretary will use these criteria to determine whether a State Agency for the Approval of Vocational Education is a reliable authority as to the quality of education or training provided by the vocational institutions of higher education they accredit. The data is also required in order for State approval Agencies for Nurse Education to demonstrate compliance with the criteria and procedures for recognition of State Agencies for Approval of Nurse Education published in the January 16, 1969 **Federal Register**. The Secretary will use these criteria in determining whether a state agency is a reliable authority as to the quality of training offered by schools of nursing.

In addition, and in accordance with 34 CFR 600.55, the Secretary is also required to collect information, review, and determine whether the accreditation standards used by foreign countries to accredit medical education programs are comparable to the standards used to accredit medical education programs in the U.S.

Dated: January 19, 2023.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records—National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) Longitudinal, Cross-Sectional, and International Studies

AGENCY: National Center for Education Statistics, Institute of Education Sciences, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of a Modified System of Records; correction.

SUMMARY: On January 18, 2023, the Department of Education published in the **Federal Register** a notice of a modified system of records (SORN) for the NCES Longitudinal, Cross-Sectional, and International Studies. We are correcting the docket ID provided in that notice. All other information in the SORN, including the February 17, 2023,