

Derelict Fishing Gear Removal

A pilot project consisted of developing protocols and conducting initial removal efforts. After surveying, locating, and mapping derelict fishing gear, a minimum of 11 tons of lost and abandoned fishing gear was removed by licensed and certified divers.

Nuisance Dam Removal

Two small stone dams blocked fish migration, and degraded water quality and prey habitat conditions for anadromous fish. The dams, while only several feet high, also presented a public safety hazard. This project resulted in opening stream habitat to anadromous fish, restoring acres of tidal wetlands, and removal of a public safety hazard.

Riparian Habitat Restoration

Youth corps members were trained in the use of biore Restoration and stabilization techniques to restore eroding riverbanks and improve habitat for salmon smolt and other fish species.

Diadromous Fish Habitat Restoration

Highly functional salmonid and wildlife habitat was restored with the cooperation of private landowners by opening silted enclosures along a slough to provide refuge for juvenile salmonids during the winter flood flows.

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National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Technical Information Service****National Technical Information Service
Advisory Board**

AGENCY: National Technical Information Service, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the next meeting of the National Technical Information Service Advisory Board (the Advisory Board), which advises the Secretary of Commerce and the Director of the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) on policies and operations of the Service.

DATES: The Advisory Board will meet on Thursday, October 30, 2008 from 10 a.m. to approximately 5 p.m. and again on Friday, October 31, 2008 from 9 a.m. to approximately 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Advisory Board meeting will be held in Room 2029 of the Sills Building at 5285 Port Royal

Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161.

Please note admittance instructions under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Steven D. Needle, (703) 605-6404, sneedle@ntis.gov or Ms. Jill Johnson (703) 605-6401, jjohnson@ntis.gov. These are not toll-free telephone numbers.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NTIS Advisory Board is established by Section 3704b(c) of Title 15 of the United States Code. The charter has been filed in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.).

The October 30 morning session will focus on a review of NTIS' performance in Fiscal Year 2008, its lines of business and its core competencies. The afternoon session is expected to focus on new strategic directions for Fiscal Year 2009, including issues pertaining to the identification of new markets and new ways to enhance NTIS' utility to customers. The October 31 session will focus primarily on Board business but may continue the previous day's discussions. A final agenda and summary of the proceedings will be posted at the NTIS Web site as soon as they are available (<http://www.ntis.gov/about/advisorybd.asp>).

The Sills Building is a secure facility. Accordingly, persons wishing to attend should call the contacts identified above to arrange for admission. Approximately one-half hour will be reserved for public comments during the afternoon of the October 30 session. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. Any person who wishes to submit a written statement for the Board's consideration should mail or e-mail it to the contacts named above not later than October 17, 2008.

Dated: September 18, 2008.

Ellen Herbst,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers****Notice of Availability for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report for the San Pedro Waterfront Project, Los Angeles County, CA**

AGENCY: Department of the Army—U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District (Regulatory Division), in coordination with the Port of Los Angeles, has completed a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the San Pedro Waterfront Project, encompassing approximately 400 acres of land and water primarily along the west side of the Main Channel westward to Harbor Boulevard from the Vincent Thomas Bridge southward to Inner Cabrillo Beach in the Port of Los Angeles. The Port of Los Angeles requires authorization pursuant to section 404 of the Clean Water Act, section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, and section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act, to implement various regulated activities in and over waters of the U.S. associated with redeveloping San Pedro Waterfront, which would include the following elements:

Promenade, Harbors, and Open Space

Waterfront Promenade—Construct a continuous promenade approximately 30 feet wide along the west side of the Main Channel through the project area.

Three New Harbors (North Harbor, Downtown Harbor, and 7th Street Harbor)—Develop three new harbors along the west side of the Main Channel to provide berthing for visiting tall ships, tugboats, and other vessels used for recreational, commercial, and other port-related purposes. This would require excavation and dredging to create the approximately 7 acres of new surface water. Cleaner material would be disposed of at a designated ocean site (LA-2/LA-3), and unsuitable material to be disposed of at an approved upland site. In-harbor sites would also be considered if any become available.

7th Street Pier—The constructed 7th Street Pier would be the public dock for short-term berthing of visiting vessels and would be located within the 7th Street Harbor, adjacent to the Los Angeles Maritime Museum.

Town Square—The Town Square would comprise approximately 0.79 acre in front of the historic San Pedro