

allow the catch, tag, and release of Atlantic cod using rod and reel only. The primary goal of the study is to provide high quality scientific data on the current distribution and movement patterns of Atlantic cod on GB. In the long term, it is hoped that the improved understanding of the cod stock that may result from this study would enable better and more effective management of the cod fishery.

The study proposes to catch, tag, and release 30,000 individual cod during 300 dedicated tagging trips, using up to 60 commercial fishing vessels. The participating vessels would catch cod using rod and reel, with treble hooks eliminated from the jigs, temporarily hold caught cod live in tanks aboard the vessel while processing and tagging the fish, and return the fish alive to the sea. Any other species caught would be released as soon as practicable. During the study, no fish of any species would be landed or retained for commercial sale. Cod would be tagged on dedicated tagging trips in four main areas: The Cape Cod/Chatham area; the Great South Channel area; the Nantucket Shoals area; and the Coxes Ledge area. The study would likely have minimal impacts to the target species in the area due to the use of rod and reel as the catch method and efforts to minimize trauma and release all specimens alive. Tagging program staff would be on board the vessel for training purposes and to observe 20 percent of the dedicated trips to assist with tagging operations.

The research study would occur between December 1, 2003, and June 15, 2004, in the area defined by straight lines connecting the points 42°00' N. lat. 70°00' W. long., the northern border of the Nantucket Lightship Closed Area at 70°00' W. long., the northern border of the Nantucket Lightship Closed Area at 69°00' W. long., the western border of Closed Area I at 69°00' W. long., 42°00' N. lat. at Loran C 13700, and then back to 42°00' N. lat. 70°00' W. long. This area excludes the NE multispecies year-round closed areas but includes the GB Seasonal Closure Area (May 1–May 31). The rationale for needing to access this seasonal closure area is to capture and tag fish from aggregating schools of spawning cod prior to their post-spawning migration.

Therefore, the EFP would allow for exemptions from the FMP as follows: the Georges Bank (GB) seasonal closure area specified at 50 CFR 648.81(n); the DAS notification requirements specified at § 648.10; the effort-control program (DAS) as specified at § 648.82(a); and minimum fish-size restrictions specified at § 648.83(a) for the temporary

retention of undersized fish for data collection purposes.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Performance Review Board Membership for the Chief of Staff of the Army

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is given of the names of members of a Performance Review Board for the Department of the Army.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 26, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 4314(c)(1) through (5) of Title 5, U.S.C., requires each agency to establish, in accordance with regulations, one or more Senior Executive Service performance review boards. The boards shall review and evaluate the initial appraisal of senior executives' performance by supervisors and make recommendations to the appointing authority or rating official relative to the performance of these executives.

The members of the Performance Review Board for the U.S. Army, Chief of Staff of the Army, are:

1. MG Lawrence R. Adair, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, G–1.

2. MG Dorian T. Anderson, Commanding General, United States Army Human Resources Command.

3. BG Harry B. Axson, Jr., Deputy Director for Operations, J–3, U.S. Central Command.

4. Mr. Brian Barr, Technical Director, U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command.

5. Ms. Jean M. Bennett, Director, Resources and Infrastructure, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G–2.

6. Mr. Vernon M. Bettencourt, Jr., Technical Advisor to the Deputy Chief of Staff, G–3, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G–3.

7. MG Robert W. Chesnut, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, G3 (Mobilization), Office of the Chief, Army Reserves.

8. MG Peter W. Chiarelli, Commanding General, 1st Cavalry Division.

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10. Dr. Craig E. College, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Infrastructure Analysis), Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations and Environment).

11. Mr. William F. Crain, Technical Director, U.S. Army Center for Army Analysis.

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13. MG B. Sue Dueitt, Director, Personnel Transformation.

14. Mr. Terrance M. Ford Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, G–2

15. MG James J. Grazioplene, Director, Force Development Office of the Deputy of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G–8.

16. LTG Benjamin S. Griffin, Deputy Chief of Staff, G–8.

17. BG Dennis E. Hardy, Commanding General, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Riley.

18. MG David H. Huntoon, Jr., Commandant, U.S. Army War College.

19. BG Kenneth W. Hunzeker, Vice Director for Force Structure, Resources and Assessment, J–8, The Joint Staff.

20. BG Jerome Johnson, Director of Plans, Operations and Readiness, Office of the G–4.

21. LTG John M. Le Moyne, Deputy Chief of Staff, G–1.

22. Mr. Mark R. Lewis, Director of Plans, Resources, and Operations, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G–1.

23. Ms. Maureen T. Lischke, Program Executive Officer for Information Systems and Chief Information Officer, National Guard Bureau.

24. MG James J. Lovelace, Jr., Director of the Army Staff.

25. Mr. Wendell Lunceford, Director, Army Model and Simulation Office, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G–3.

26. LTG Charles S. Mahan, Jr., Deputy Chief of Staff, G–4.

27. BG Jesus A. Mangual, Director of Force Projection and Distribution, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G–4.

28. Mr. John W. Matthews, Director, Army Declassification Activity, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G–1.

29. MG David F. Melcher, Director, Program Analysis and Evaluation, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G–8

30. Mr. William P. Neal, Associate Director, Force Projection and Distribution, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G–4.

31. Mr. Mark J. O'Konski, Director of Research and Development, Directorate of Research and Development, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

32. MG Elbert N. Perkins, Commanding General, U.S. Army Japan and 9th Theater Support Command.

33. BG Steven P. Schook, Chief of Staff, KFOR (Main), Film City, Camp Bondsteel.

34. Mr. David L. Snyder, Assistant G1 for Civilian Personnel Policy, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1.

35. Mr. John C. Speedy, III, Deputy Director for Army International Affairs, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3.

36. Mr. James J. Streilein, Director, Army Evaluation Center, U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command.

37. Ms. Elizabeth B. Throckmorton, Director, Civilian Personnel Management, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1.

38. MG James D. Thurman, Director of Training, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3.

39. Mr. Donald C. Tison, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Programs, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-8.

40. Mr. Edgar B. Vandiver, III, Director, U.S. Army Center for Army Analysis.

41. BG Lloyd T. Waterman, Director of Sustainment, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4.

42. MG David P. Wherley, Jr., Commander, DC National Guard.

43. Mr. Daniel F. Wiener, II, Chief Information Officer, Chief Army Reserve.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Water Conservation Area 3 Decompartmentalization and Sheet Flow Enhancement Project, Part 1

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), intends to prepare an integrated Project Implementation Report (PIR) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Water Conservation Area 3 (WCA-3) Decompartmentalization and Sheet Flow Enhancement Project Part 1 (Decomp Project). The project is a cooperative effort between the Corps

and the south Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), which is also a cooperating agency for this Draft EIS (DEIS). WCA-3 (made up of WCA 3A and WCA 3B) is located immediately north of Everglades National Park (ENP) in Broward and Miami-Dade Counties. Among the environmentally detrimental effects resulting from the construction of the Central and Southern Florida Project (C&SF), of which WCA 3 is a part, are the compartmentalization and constriction of historically broad wetlands, altered hydroperiods, reduction of wildlife, and degradation of water quality. The Decomp Project will investigate alternatives to reduce barriers to sheet flow such as canals and levees to the extent practicable. The goal is to restore historical sheet flow distributions, depth patterns, hydroperiods, and hydrologic connectivity in the various landscapes within WCA-3 and in Northeast Shark River Slough within ENP, thereby creating a sustainable environment suitable for the recovery and long-term survival of native flora and fauna in concert with related projects.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Planning Division, Environmental Branch, P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville, FL, 32232-0019; Attn: Ms. Janet Cushing or by telephone at 904-232-2259 or e-mail: janet.a.cushing@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

a. *Authorization:* Section 601 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-541) authorized the implementation of the Decomp Project.

b. *Study Area:* The study area is the WCA-3 and the northeast section of Everglades National Park, in Broward and Miami-Dade Counties.

c. *Project Scope:* The scope is to investigate alternatives to reduce barriers to sheet flow through modifications to the canals and levees in WCA-3, and modifications to the section of Tamiami Trail south of WCA-3B. Also, seepage control features may be constructed, as needed, along L-30 to prevent project-induced increased flood damages downstream. The evaluation of alternatives and selection of a recommended plan will be documented in the PIR and EIS.

d. *Preliminary Alternatives:* The conceptual design features of the project presented in the 1999 C&SF Comprehensive Review Study include backfilling all or portions of the Miami Canal between S-8 and the east coast protective levee (L-33); increasing the conveyance capacity of four sections of the North New River Conveyance

System to compensate for conveyance lost from the Miami Canal: (1) Along L-38 canal from S-7 to S-34; (2) across Interstate 75; (3) on L-37 canal from I-75 to C-11; and (4) on L-33 canal from C-9 to C-6; constructing additional structures to pass flow from WCA-3A to WCA-3B through the L-67A Levee; degrading all or portions of the L-29 Levee from S-333 east to S-334 and filling in all or portions of the L-29 borrow canal; raising and bridging all or portions of the Tamiami Trail from S-333 east to S-334; and constructing seepage control features along L-30. Alternative plans to be developed and evaluated may include a combination of these features to greater or lesser degrees, such as leaving canals in place, partial canal filling, strategic placement of fill plugs, the creation of tree islands from levee material, and exploring other possibilities that can meet the goals and objectives of the project.

e. *Issues:* The EIS will address the following issues: The relation between this project and related projects including Modified Water Deliveries to ENP and other Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan projects; impacts to recreational fishing and hunting; impacts to aquatic and wetland habitats; water flows; hazardous and toxic waste; water quality; flood protection; aesthetics; fish and wildlife resources, including protected species; tree island habitat, cultural resources; socioeconomic issues; water supply; and other impacts identified through Scoping, public involvement and interagency coordination.

f. *Scoping:* A Scoping letter and public workshops will be used to invite comments on alternatives and issues from Federal, State, and local agencies, affected Indian tribes, and other interested private organizations and individuals.

g. *DEIS Preparation:* The integrated draft PIR, including a DEIS, is currently scheduled for publication in the second quarter of 2007.

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