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Elizabeth,

Please find the attached Navy comments to this scoping notice. We look forward to working with you as this process evolves.

V/R,

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From: Sablad, Elizabeth [mailto:Sablad.Elizabeth@epa.gov] On Behalf Of R9RoseCanyon
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 10:14 AM
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Notice of Scoping for the Rose Canyon Sustainable Aquaculture Project

Notice of Scoping for the Rose Canyon Sustainable Aquaculture Project

Public Notice Date: November 20, 2015

Comment Period Closes: December 21, 2015

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321-4307h), the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA regulations (40 CFR Part 1500-1508), and EPA's regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR Part 6), EPA will prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the potential impacts related to the issuance of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the Rose Canyon Sustainable Aquaculture Project. The EA will evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with construction and operation of the proposed concentrated aquatic animal production facility. Factors that may be considered include conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, cultural resources, fish and wildlife, navigation, recreation, water quality, safety, and coastal impacts. The Army Corps of Engineers, the United States Coast Guard, and the National Marine Fisheries Service have agreed to be cooperating agencies as described in 40 C.F.R. Section 1501.6 of the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) NEPA regulations.

Rose Canyon Fisheries, Inc. (RCF), a partnership between Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute and Cuna del Mar, has proposed construction of a concentrated aquatic animal production facility in federal waters, approximately 4.5 miles off the coast of San Diego, CA. The proposed project will be a commercial-scale fish farm and will be phased, initially producing 1,000 to 1,500 metric tons of fish per year, and increasing to 5,000 metric tons of fish per year by year eight. The initial fish species for production will be yellowtail jack with the option of changing fish species later to white seabass or striped bass. At the maximum capacity, the project will consist of 2 mooring structures, each with 24, 11,000 m3 submersible sea cages.

This notice initiates the scoping process by inviting comments from Federal, State, and local agencies, Indian tribes, and the public to help identify potential environmental impacts and reasonable alternatives for the EA to examine. The scoping process will inform the preparation of the EA, which will be made available for public comment.

Comments may be submitted during the comment period as follows:

Electronically: Email comments to

R9RoseCanyon@epa.gov <mailto:R9RoseCanyon@epa.gov>

Mail: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9

ATTN: (WTR-2-3)

75 Hawthorne St.

San Francisco, CA 94105

NPDES application and supplemental materials available at:

http://www.epa.gov/region09/water/npdes/pubnotices.html

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons who would be interested in this matter.