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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Notice of Designation of the Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve at Mullica River and Great Bay, New Jersey; and the Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Alaska

**AGENCY:** Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce

**ACTION:** Notice of designation.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U. S. Department of Commerce, has designated certain lands and waters of the Mullica River-Great Bay estuary in New Jersey as the Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve at Mullica River and Great Bay, and has designated certain lands and waters of Kachemak Bay in Alaska as the Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.

On April 3, 1998, Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere D. James Baker, signed findings of designation for the Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve in New Jersey pursuant to Section 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1461, and its implementing regulations at 15 CFR Part 921. The Reserve duly received certification from the State of New Jersey Coastal Zone Management Program that Reserve designation is consistent to the maximum extent practicable with its program. A copy of the official Record of Decision is available for public review from NOAA's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management at the address below.

On February 12, 1999, Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere D. James Baker, signed findings of designation for the Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in Alaska pursuant to Section 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1461, and its implementing

regulations at 15 CFR Part 921. The Reserve duly received certification from the State of Alaska Coastal Zone Management Program that Reserve designation is consistent to the maximum extent practicable with its program. A copy of the official Record of Decision is available for public review from NOAA's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management at the address below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Laurie McGilvray (301) 713-3155, Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, NOAA, 1305 East West Highway, N/ORM5, Silver Spring, MD 20910. A copy of the Record of Decision for each Reserve is available upon request.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Record of Decision for Pacific Missile Range Facility Enhanced Capability

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of record of decision.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Navy, after carefully weighing the operational and environmental consequences, announces its decision to enhance the Pacific Missile Range Facility's (PMRF) capability to permit accommodation of the Department of the Navy Theater Ballistic Missile Defense (TBMD) and Department of Defense (DOD) Theater Missile Defense (TMD) testing, evaluation, and training.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ms. Vida Mossman, Pacific Missile Range Facility, P.O. Box 128, Kekaha, Kauai, Hawaii, 96752-0128, telephone number (808) 335-4740.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The text of the entire Record of Decision (ROD) is provided as follows:

The Department of the Navy, pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing NEPA procedures, 40 CFR parts 1500-1508; SECNAVINST 5090.6; OPNAV

Instruction 5090.1B; and Executive Order 12114, announces its decision to enhance the Pacific Missile Range Facility's (PMRF) capability to accommodate the Department of the Navy Theater Ballistic Missile Defense (TBMD) and Department of Defense (DOD) Theater Missile Defense (TMD) testing, evaluation, and training. These enhancements of PMRF capabilities were described in the preferred alternatives in the Pacific Missile Range Facility Enhanced Capability Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) of December 18, 1998.

This decision adopts both the continuation of current PMRF functions and the development of new sites and implementation of new activities. Existing PMRF functions include range and land-based training and operations, research, development, test, and evaluation (RDT&E), and ongoing base operations and maintenance activities. The new sites and activities adopted include construction and modification of target and interceptor launch facilities, launches of target and interceptor missiles by air, land and/or sea, construction and modification of instrumentation facilities, construction of support facilities, and transportation of missile propellant. Locations that will be affected by this decision are PMRF (PMRF/Main Base, Restrictive Easement; Makaha Ridge; Kokee; Kamokala Magazines; and Port Allen, Kauai) PMRF support sites (Niihau; Kaula; Maui Space Surveillance System, Maui; Kaena Point, Oahu; Wheeler Network Segment Control/PMRF Communications Sites, Oahu; Department of Energy Communication Sites, Kauai and Oahu; and the Ocean Area inside and outside of U.S. territory. Tern Island and Johnston Atoll were eliminated as sites in the Final EIS.

Related State of Hawaii decisions will permit the use of State lands in proximity to PMRF to support missile launch and storage requirements. These State decisions will allow the U.S. Government to: (1) Continue to exclude non-participants from the ground hazard area during missile launches at PMRF, (2) permit the Navy to construct additional ordnance storage facilities to accommodate missile storage requirements, and (3) establish and maintain safety zones around the ordnance storage facilities.

#### Process

The Navy has complied with all applicable Executive Orders including consideration of the environmental effects of its actions outside the United States or its territories under the provisions of Executive Order 12114