

FOREWORD

The Draft Point Mugu Sea Range Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS) was released on April 24, 2020, for public review and comment through June 8, 2020. Changes in this Final EIS/OEIS reflect responses to all substantive comments made on the Draft EIS/OEIS during the public comment period as well as refinements to the Proposed Action made by the Navy. Public comments are summarized, and their corresponding responses are provided, in Appendix I (Public Comment Responses) of the Final EIS/OEIS.

Additionally, minor changes to text and figures in some sections of the Final EIS/OEIS were changed between the draft and final versions to improve clarity and to cite scientific research and other publications made available since the Draft EIS/OEIS was completed. Substantive changes made to sections between the Draft EIS/OEIS and Final EIS/OEIS are summarized below.

- Section 3.0 (Affected Environment and Environmental Consequences):

In response to comments received on the DEIS/OEIS, the data presented in Tables 2.0-2 and Table 3.0-7 of the Draft EIS/OEIS could be mis-interpreted. As a result, the Navy has revised the tables in the Final EIS/OEIS to reduce confusion and to provide for comparisons of the data that are more meaningful. Furthermore, Table 3.0-7 reflects the number of explosives proposed for use in the PMSR that may result in take of marine mammals and sea turtles pursuant to MMPA and ESA. The original data included inert and captive carry ordnance that do not result in take of these marine species.

- Section 3.10 (Cultural Resources):

This section was updated to include a stressor-based analysis as a result of consultation with Indian Tribes and comments received on the Draft EIS/OEIS. The stressors analyzed for cultural resources include physical disturbance/strike and impulsive noise. The updated analysis considers potential impacts on shipwrecks, submerged resources, and terrestrial cultural resources from falling military expended materials debris, activities associated with the positioning of directed energy equipment, and impulsive noise from land-based launches. This section was also updated to include new information provided by Tribes regarding San Nicolas Island as a Traditional Cultural Property and a potential archaeological district, which may be eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

- Chapter 6 (Other Regulatory Considerations):

A new subsection was added, Section 6.1.4 (Executive Order 13175 Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments) which includes details regarding the government-to-government consultation process for this EIS/OEIS and an assessment of effects on historic properties.

- Appendix D (Direct Strike Impact Analysis):

The estimated representative marine species exposures from direct strike of military expended materials was revised for the Long Beaked Common Dolphin, Sei Whale, Short Beaked Common Dolphin, and the Sperm Whale. Direct strike exposure estimates for leatherback sea turtle were added to the appendix. In addition, Section D.4 (Seafloor Impact Area) was updated to include an explanation on how seafloor disturbance due to an instantaneous impact of military expended material was estimated.

- Appendix H (Public Comment Responses):

This Appendix was added since the release of the Draft EIS/OEIS and includes an explanation of the public comment process for the Draft EIS/OEIS, a list of agencies and organizations that provided comments, and a table containing the comments received and the Navy's responses.