## ENERGY, INSTALLATIONS, AND ENVIRONMENT

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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

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DIRECTOR, DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY (DM-E)

SUBJECT: National Military Fish and Wildlife Association Annual Meeting and Training Workshop

The National Military Fish and Wildlife Association (NMFWA) will hold its annual meeting and training workshop March 9-14, 2025, at the Galt House Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky, in conjunction with the 90<sup>th</sup> North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference (<a href="https://wildlifemanagement.institute/conference">https://wildlifemanagement.institute/conference</a>). Attending the NMFWA training workshop offers an important opportunity for DoD natural resources (NR) personnel to maintain their professional certification, as required by the Sikes Act. NMWFA is the primary annual event where DoD NR Managers can discuss DoD-specific NR accomplishments, challenges, and opportunities, as well as recent policy and legislative changes and their impacts to the mission.

The workshop will include a DoD NR Program policy update, Military Service breakout sessions, and multiple technical and informational sessions on topics of importance and relevance to DoD NR management (e.g., endangered, at-risk, and invasive species; climate resilience; habitat management; natural resources conservation; and cultural resources). It will feature numerous training workshops focusing on aspects of climate adaptation and vulnerability, DoD's use of the Avian Knowledge Network, species monitoring, and compliance with natural resources laws and over 15 technical natural resources working groups.

I ask that you support participation in this valuable training opportunity, as resources permit. The workshop agenda and registration information will be available at <a href="https://www.nmfwa.org/2025-meeting">https://www.nmfwa.org/2025-meeting</a>. The point of contact is Mr. Ryan Orndorff, Director, Environmental Planning and Conservation, at ryan.b.orndorff.civ@mail.mil or 703-785-1967.

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Attachment: As stated