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**Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the
Final Supplemental Environmental Impact
Statement/Supplemental Overseas Environmental Impact
Statement (SEIS/SOEIS) for Surveillance Towed Array Sensor
System (SURTASS) Low Frequency Active (LFA) Sonar**

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of the Navy (DoN), announces its decision to continue utilizing SURTASS LFA and Compact LFA sonar systems (LFA hereafter inclusive of both systems) onboard United States Navy surveillance ships for training and testing activities conducted under the authority of the Secretary of the Navy in the western and central North Pacific and eastern Indian Oceans, including certain geographical restrictions, as described in Alternative 2 of the June 2019 Final SEIS/SOEIS for SURTASS

LFA Sonar. Under Alternative 2, the DoN will be able to meet current and future DoN training and testing requirements.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Alternative 2 is the DoN's preferred alternative, and provides for additional training and testing capacity for vessels to participate in at-sea exercises, to conduct acoustic research testing, and to conduct new SURTASS LFA sonar system testing. The complete text of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the June 2019 Final SEIS/SOEIS for SURTASS LFA Sonar is available on the project website at <http://www.surtass-lfa-eis.com/>, along with the June 2019 Final SEIS/SOEIS for SURTASS LFA Sonar and supporting documents. Single copies of the ROD are available upon request by contacting: Chief of Naval Operations Energy and Environmental Readiness Division, Attn: SURTASS LFA SONAR SEIS/SOEIS Project Manager, 2000 Navy Pentagon Rm 2D253, Washington D.C., 20350-2000.

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