

The Department of Navy (Navy) announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential environmental consequences of constructing and operating the facilities and infrastructure associated with homeporting additional surface ships at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Mayport, Florida. The Navy will review and assess alternatives for homeporting additional Atlantic Fleet surface ships at NAVSTA Mayport including cruisers, destroyers, frigates, amphibious assault ships, amphibious transport docks, dock landing ships, and/or a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier.

The *Navy is holding a public scoping meeting* that will help identify community concerns with respect to this proposed action. The meeting will be held in an open house format with Navy representatives available at different informational displays to discuss the proposed project. There will be no formal presentations. Therefore please plan to attend **at your convenience anytime between 4:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.** The open house meeting will be held in Jacksonville on the following date and location:

Tuesday, December 5 Florida Community College of Jacksonville – Wilson Center, 11901 Beach Boulevard

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please visit our website beginning December 1, 2006 for information regarding the proposed project at: www.mayporthomeportingeis.com. Please submit all comments by 29 December 2006 to ensure their consideration in the EIS analysis. Please submit your comments at the scoping meeting, at the project website, or by mail to:

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