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Wilmington District

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Comment Deadline: February 3, 2014

Morehead City Harbor, Morehead City, NC Draft Integrated Dredged Material Management Plan And Environmental Impact Statement

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District and the Cape Lookout National Seashore (CALO), National Park Service (NPS) are extending the comment period on the Morehead City Harbor Draft Integrated Dredged Material Management Plan (DMMP) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), Morehead City, North Carolina, dated October 2013. This notice amends our October 23, 2013, Public Notice seeking comments on the project and extends the comment period from December 16, 2013, to February 3, 2014.

Additionally, the Wilmington District and CALO are notifying all interested parties that a public/information meeting is to be held in the auditorium at the Duke Marine Lab on Pivers Island (Beaufort, North Carolina) from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on January 15, 2014.

INFORMATION: The integrated DMMP and EIS for the Morehead City Harbor project has been developed using a consistent and logical procedure by which dredged material management measures and alternatives have been identified, evaluated, screened, and recommended so that dredged material disposal operations are conducted in a timely, environmentally sensitive, and cost-effective manner. The EIS evaluates the long-term impacts of maintaining the existing Federal navigation channels in Morehead City Harbor. The EIS concludes that Brandt Island, the beaches of Fort Macon State Park, Atlantic Beach, and Shackleford Banks, the existing and proposed nearshore placement areas and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's designated ocean dredged material disposal site, provide adequate disposal capacity for maintenance of the Morehead City Harbor navigation project to its fully authorized dimensions for at least the next 20 years.

The NPS is a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) cooperating agency for this DMMP and EIS. The proposed action of the NPS may be to issue one or more special use permits (or similar instrument) allowing and governing the deposition of dredged sediment on Shackleford Banks, within the boundary of CALO, if deemed appropriate by the NPS. However, the NPS has the option to decline disposal of sand on Shackleford Banks during the life of the DMMP.

AVAILABILITY OF THE EIS: The EIS can be accessed as follows:

1. Online, downloaded from the Wilmington District Internet homepage at:
<http://www.saw.usace.army.mil/Missions/Navigation/Dredging/MoreheadheadCityHarbor.aspx>.

2. CD copies of the EIS may be obtained by contacting:
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District
ATTN: Mr. Hugh Heine (CESAW-TS-PE)
69 Darlington Avenue
Wilmington, North Carolina 28403
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3. The EIS is also available for review and inspection (not for distribution) at:
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District
District Library
69 Darlington Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28409

(Note: Please contact Mr. Hugh Heine at the contact information address above to make arrangements for reviewing the EIS at the District library).

4. Copies of the draft DMMP/EIS have been mailed to Federal, State, and local agencies; public interest groups; and individuals.

SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS: The Wilmington District and CALO are soliciting comments from the public, Federal, State, and local agencies and officials, Indian tribes, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed activity. Comments received will be considered in preparation of the final DMMP/EIS.

Written comments and requests for additional information should be submitted to:
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District
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69 Darlington Avenue
Wilmington, North Carolina 28403
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COMMENT PERIOD: Comments pertaining to this notice should reach this office on or before February 3, 2014, so they may be considered during our evaluation and decision process.

PUBLIC/INFORMATION MEETING: The public/information meeting will be held in the auditorium at the Duke Marine Lab on Pivers Island (Beaufort, North Carolina) from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on January 15, 2014. Attendees are reminded that the purpose of the meeting is to collect input on the adequacy of the EIS and not to express preferences for or against the proposal.



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