



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
WILMINGTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
69 DARLINGTON AVENUE  
WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA 28403-1343

January 13, 2014

Dear Sir or Madam:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District, is preparing an update to the existing John H. Kerr Shoreline Management Plan (SMP). The John H. Kerr Reservoir is located in Granville, Vance and Warren Counties in North Carolina and Charlotte, Halifax, and Mecklenburg Counties in Virginia. We are now requesting comments from agencies, interest groups and the public to identify significant resources and issues of concern with regard to the management of the John H. Kerr Reservoir Shoreline. An Environmental Assessment (EA) for the purpose of addressing the environmental effects of the proposed John H. Kerr Reservoir Shoreline Management Plan update and alternatives considered will also be prepared. Comments received as a result of this scoping letter will be considered during preparation of the draft SMP and the EA.

Effective January 17, 2014, the Commander of the Wilmington District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Colonel Steven A. Baker has placed a moratorium on the issuance of new shoreline use permits and the addition of facilities to existing permits. Existing permits can be renewed, re-issued and maintained as currently approved. A moratorium is commonly applied in the Shoreline Management Plan review and update process. Any applications that are in process at the start of the moratorium will be processed in accordance with the current plan.

The current SMP was last reviewed and updated in January 1995. The SMP provides guidance and information to the public specific to the effective management of the shoreline at John H. Kerr Reservoir. The plan describes the types of private uses that are permitted for such items as boat docks, walkways, vegetative clearings, and erosion control structures. Should there be other issues which you believe should be discussed in the SMP and/or EA, please take this opportunity to bring them to our attention.

Three public listening sessions are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at the South Hill Public Library from 4 – 7 PM  
Thursday, February 6, 2014 at the Clarksville Community Center from 4 – 7 PM  
Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at the Vance Granville Civic Center from 4 – 7 PM

In addition, staff will be available to answer questions at the John H. Kerr Visitor Assistance Center located at 1930 Mays Chapel Road, Boydton, VA 23917, Monday-Friday from 8 AM – 4 PM. Individuals can also schedule an appointment.

The Corps will host a second round of public listening sessions upon the completion of the draft plan. The draft is expected to be released in the summer of 2014 with a projected timeframe for completion in the spring of 2015. Information related to the update will be posted on the official John H. Kerr Reservoir webpage:

<http://www.saw.usace.army.mil/Locations/DistrictLakesandDams/JohnHKerr.aspx>

Written comments may be submitted no later than February 28, 2014 to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1930 Mays Chapel Road, Boydton, Virginia 23917. Comments can also be emailed to the Corps at [KerrSMP@usace.army.mil](mailto:KerrSMP@usace.army.mil). Any questions relating to this process may be directed to the John H. Kerr Project shoreline management staff at 434-738-6143.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel S. Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

Daniel S. Brown  
Chief, Lakes Branch