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Public Notice

Reply To:
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Attn: CEMVS-OD-F
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, MO 63103-2833

Public Notice No.

P-2730

Public Notice Date

August 3, 2009

Expiration Date

August 23, 2009

Postmaster Please Post Conspicuously Until:

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for Department of the Army authorization to perform periodic drag line dredging in an existing boat harbor along the Mississippi River, as described below and shown on the attached figures.

COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Comments on the described work should reference the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers File Number shown above and must reach this office no later than the above expiration date of the Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Comments should be mailed to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
ATTN: CEMVS-OD-F (Tyson Zobrist)
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833

APPLICANT: Southshore Marina Inc., Attn: Mr. Timothy McDonald, 1014 Urna Dr., St. Charles, Missouri 63301.

LOCATION: Dredging activities would occur within the existing Southshore Marina boat basin. The marina is located along the right descending bank of Dardenne Slough, a side channel of the Mississippi River, at approximate river mile 226.9, approximately three miles north of St. Charles, in St. Charles County, Missouri. (See Attached Aerial).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Southshore Marina Inc. seeks authorization to hydraulically dredge approximately 23,000 cubic yards of accumulated sediment and sand from within their existing boat basin back to its original construction depths. The purpose of the project would be to remove sediments and sand that have been deposited within the boat basin due to the fluctuation of the water levels within the Mississippi River. Authorization to conduct periodic dredging activities would ensure an adequate depth for safe boating and provide Southshore Marina members access to their boat slips as well as the river itself. All dredged material would be deposited back into Dardenne Slough, a side channel of the Mississippi River, via an eight inch discharge pipe. Dredging needs and frequency are dependent on the Mississippi River's fluctuation and deposition patterns. Due to the unknown schedule of dredging needs, Southshore Marina Inc. seeks a 5-year permit authorization to allow periodic dredging on an as needed basis.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting the applicant or Mr. Tyson Zobrist, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at either (314) 331-8578 or at electronic mail address: tyson.j.zobrist@usace.army.mil

AUTHORITY: This permit will be processed under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: By issuance of this public notice, the project plans are considered submitted

to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program for state certification of the proposed work in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. The certification, if issued, will express the Agency's opinion that the proposed activities will not violate applicable water quality standards. Written comments concerning possible impacts to waters of Missouri should be addressed to: Water Protection Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0176, with copy provided to the Corps of Engineers.

SECTION 404 (b)(1) EVALUATION: The impact of the activity on the public interest will be evaluated in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency guidelines pursuant to Section 404 (b)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Request for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding the public hearing.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act, as amended, has been made that the work that is proposed would not affect species designated as threatened or endangered, or adversely affect critical habitat. Therefore, no formal consultation request has been made to the United States Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service. In order to complete our evaluation, comments are solicited from the Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies and individuals through this Public Notice.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The St. Louis District will evaluate information provided by the State Historic Preservation Officer and the public in response to this public notice and we may conduct, or require a reconnaissance survey of the project area.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the described activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit that may reasonably be expected to accrue from the described activity must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the described activity will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion, and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is 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 these proposed activities. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

In accordance with 33 CFR 325.3, it is presumed that all interested parties and agencies will wish to respond to public notices; therefore, a lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the proposed project.

Danny D. McClendon
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Attachments

NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS:

It is requested that this notice be conspicuously and continually placed for 21 days from the date of this issuance of this notice.

DARDENNE ISLAND

Dardenne Slough

River Mile
227

Southshore Marina



Dardenne

Est. Mar

Charlton

Lima

Charles

Robert

Shore

Edwin

Caroline

Harbor Grove

Lakeview

River

Deser

Pin Oaks

Emery Over

Church

Coro Balla



