



Public Notice

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

Public Notice No.
P-2824
Public Notice Date
April 20, 2012

Expiration Date
May 10, 2012

Postmaster Please Post Conspicuously Until:

File Number: 2012-189

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for Department of the Army permits to create a fleeting area within navigable waters of the United States, as described below and shown on the attached map.

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 to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Comments should be mailed to the following address:

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ATTN: OD-F (Charles Frerker)
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APPLICANT: Mr. Myron McDonough, SCF Lewis and Clark Fleeting LLC, 727 North 1st Street, Suite 600, St. Louis, Missouri 63102 (314) 436-7559.

LOCATION: The proposed fleet is located along the right descending bank of the Mississippi River, at approximate river mile 177.2, near South Wharf Street, in St. Louis County, Missouri.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant seeks authorization to expand fleeting operations immediately downstream of their existing George Street fleet. The proposed fleeting area, to be known as the Dorcas Street fleet, is a recently leased 975-foot area owned by the City of St. Louis. The proposed Dorcas Street fleet is located within a historically used fleeting area. The Dorcas Street fleet would contain a maximum of 35 barges, configured in a 7-barge wide by 5-barge long arrangement and would measure approximately 245-feet-wide by 1,000-feet-long. The Dorcas Street fleet would be located adjacent to two (2) existing mooring structures located approximately 140 feet riverward of the adjacent flood wall. While the existing mooring structures would likely be used for supplemental anchorage, additional concrete deadmen structures, anchor chain and wire rope would also be used. See attached figures for more information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting the applicant's consultant, Mr. Wade McGrady with Manley Brothers, LLC at 636-225-9106 or Mr. Charles Frerker, Regulatory Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at electronic mail address: charles.f.frerker@usace.army.mil

AUTHORITY: The pending permit will be processed under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).

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: The proposed project is within range of the endangered Indiana Bat (**Myotis sodalis**), Gray Bat (**Myotis grisescens**), Pallid Sturgeon (**Scaphirhynchus albus**), Pink Mucket (**Lampsilis abrupta**) and the Sheepnose (**Plethobasus cyphus**). A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act as amended, has been made that the proposed fleet expansion activity in a historically utilized fleeting area is not likely to affect species designated as threatened or endangered, or adversely affect critical habitat. In order to complete our evaluation, this public notice solicits comments from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies and individuals.

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.


for 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.

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Vicinity Map



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