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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-2427a

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Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit for certain work in waters of the United States, as described below and shown on the attached map.

<u>COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:</u> 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 (Alan Edmondson) 1222 Spruce Street St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833

APPLICANT: Duck Club Condominium Association, Inc., c/o: Mr. Mike Eberhardt, Harbormaster, 6257 Hwy V, St Charles, MO 63301. (636) 250-3007

**LOCATION:** Maintenance dredging activities would take place within the Duck harbor, located at 6257 Highway V, in the Northeast ¼ of Section 8, Township 48 North, Range 5 East, near the right descending bank of the Mississippi River, approximately 221 miles above the Ohio River confluence, near Portage Des Sioux, St. Charles County, Missouri. (See Attached Location Map).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant was authorized to contract the services of a hydraulic dredge vessel to remove approximately 40,000 to 50,000 cubic yards of accumulated sediments from the Duck Club Harbor, which equates to a depth removal of up to approximately 2 to 3 feet. The 2005 permit authorized dredged materials to be placed into the Mississippi River in an open water disposal site, approximately 300 to 600 yards downstream of the harbor's mouth, on the riverward side of Perry Island. The dredge material would be placed just outside of the designated navigation channel of the Mississippi River, in waters located in the State of Missouri. This action was previously permitted under permit number P-2006 on August 30, 1996. Only 19,000 cubic yards (approximately) of material has been dredged to this date. (See Attached Drawings)

<u>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:</u> Additional information may be obtained by contacting Alan Edmondson, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (314) 331-8811 or at electronic mail address: alān.r.edmondson@usace.army.mil

<u>AUTHORITY:</u> 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: The project plans have been 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 is requested as of the date of this Public Notice, and 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, Post Office Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0176, with a 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.

<u>PUBLIC HEARING:</u> 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 the range of the following threatened, endangered, or protected species: Least Tern (interior population) (Sterna antillarum), Piping plover (Charadrius melodus), Northern Great Plains Breeding Population, Rufa Red knot (Calidris canutus rufa), Decurrent false aster (Boltonia decurrens), Running buffalo clover (Trifolium stoloniferum), Gray bat (Myotis grisescens) Indiana bat (Myotis sodalis), Pallid sturgeon (Scaphirhynchus albus) and Bald eagle (Haliaeetus leucocephalus).

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.

<u>CULTURAL RESOURCES:</u> 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.

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.

