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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-2927 & P-2928

Public Notice Date
July 27, 2015

Expiration Date
August 17, 2015

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File Numbers: 2015-87 & 2015-88

Comments on the described work should reference the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Public Notice numbers 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:

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

I. SCF Lewis & Clark Fleeting, LLC, 2801 Rock Road, Granite City, Illinois 62040, (618) 876-1116, has applied for Section 10 Rivers and Harbors Act authorization to establish two barge fleeting areas to supply more capacity for market demand in and around the St. Louis Harbor. No wetlands or significant bank line impacts are expected to initiate fleeting activities. For identification and comment tracking purposes, each fleet is assigned an individual permit "P" number.

P-2927: This 60 barge anchor fleet, to be known as the Branch Street Fleet, would be located near the right descending bank of the Mississippi River at approximate river mile 182.1. The fleet would be configured in a six barge long by 10 barge wide pattern, measuring approximately 350 feet by 1,200 feet. The fleet would include four anchorage barges arranged in a 2 barge wide by 2 barge long configuration positioned at the upstream, center portion of the fleet. The anchorage barges would be held in place by way of two 15-ton bow anchors attached to two 270-foot lengths of 2 ½-inch anchor chain, along with one 5-ton stern anchor attached to a 90-foot length of 2-inch anchor chain. The upstream, most riverward barge would not extend further towards the navigation channel than latitude 38.658341583 and longitude -90.184215485. The downstream, most riverward barge would not extend further towards the navigation channel than latitude 38.655274554 and longitude -90.182250200.

P-2928: This 14 barge fleet, to be known as the Tyler Street Fleet, would be located near the right descending bank of the Mississippi River at approximate river mile 181.43. The fleet would be 2 barges long and comprised of a maximum 8 barges wide in the upstream row, including the anchorage barge, and a maximum 6 barges wide in the downstream row. The maximum fleet footprint would occupy an area 280 feet wide by 400 feet long. The anchorage barge would be moored to a bank line deadmen structure and 2 ½-inch anchor chain. The upstream, most riverward barge would not extend further towards the navigation channel than latitude 38.648574256 and longitude -90.180972046. The downstream, most riverward barge would not extend further towards the navigation channel than latitude 38.647564890 and longitude -90.180825329.

2. Based on our initial processing of the applicants' proposal, the action is not expected to result in any significant adverse effects on the quality of the human environment. However, a final determination of the need for an environmental impact statement will not be made until the St. Louis District has completed its full review of this application. The review will include our evaluation of any written responses received as a result of this public notice.

3. This permit will be processed under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act.

4. 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.

5. The proposed project is within the range of the federally endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*), least tern (*Sterna antillarum*), pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*), pink mucket mussel (*Lampsilis abrupta*), sheepsnose mussel (*Plethobasus cyphus*), and the threatened northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), piping plover (*Charadrius melodus*) and rufa red knot (*Calidris canutus rufa*). A preliminary determination, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act, as amended, has been made that the proposed fleeting and locations are not likely to adversely affect federally listed species, or adversely affect critical habitat. In order to supplement our determination, this public notice solicits comments from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other interested agencies and individuals.

6. Interested parties, particularly navigation interests, Federal and state agencies for the protection of environmental and cultural resources, and the officials of any state, town, or local associations whose interest may be affected by this work, are invited to submit to this office written facts, arguments, or objections on or before August 17, 2015. The decision whether to authorize the activity will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. The decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain 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. Project authorization will be granted only if it is found not contrary to the public interest.

7. The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny authorization for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are also used to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

8. Any person may request that a public hearing be held to consider the applicant's proposal, provided such request identifies significant issues that would warrant additional public review and comment. All replies to this public notice must be submitted in writing and sent to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, 1222 Spruce Street, Attn: OD-F (Frerker), St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833, or by electronic mail to charles.f.frerker@usace.army.mil, on or before August 17, 2015.

9. 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 posted for 21 days.

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