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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-2916 & P-2917**
Public Notice Date
February 19, 2015

Expiration Date
March 13, 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. The Jefferson County Port Authority, represented by Ms. Janice Luchan, 5217 Highway B, Hillsboro, Missouri 63050, (636) 797-6048, has reapplied a third time for Section 10 Rivers and Harbors Act permits to establish barge fleets to supply market demand in the Jefferson County area. The applicant withdrew pending permits P-2858 for a 60 barge fleet and P-2879 for a 15 barge fleet, due to navigation safety concerns. The current proposal is to install two fleets in a narrow barge configuration to reduce the distance each fleet would extend towards the navigation channel. The two proposed anchor fleets would be positioned as far away from the navigation channel as possible, but no closer to the bankline than the 11-foot depth contour, based on the -3.5' Dredge Reference Plane. Tow boats would approach each fleet from downstream to drop off or pick up barges. Each fleet would be held in place by two (2) anchors and chains attached to a captive barge positioned on the upstream, landward side. No wetlands or bankline area should be impacted by the proposed fleeting activities. Each fleet would maintain a barge-width distance from the nearby dike structures to avoid impacts to the fleeted barges and the river training structures. For identification and comment tracking purposes, each fleet is assigned an individual permit "P" number.

P-2916: This 20 barge fleet would be located near the right descending bank of the Mississippi River at approximate river mile 149.3. The fleet would be configured in a four long by five wide pattern, measuring approximately 175 feet by 780 feet. The riverward side of the fleet would be located a minimum of 460 feet from the center of the typical navigation travel path. The upstream, most riverward barge would not extend further towards the navigation channel than latitude 38.230130226 and longitude -90.363437025. The downstream, most riverward barge would not extend further towards the navigation channel than latitude 38.228094875 and longitude -90.362590736.

P-2917: This 20 barge fleet would be located near the right descending bank of the Mississippi River at approximate river mile 148.85. The fleet would be configured in a five long by four wide pattern, measuring approximately 140 feet by 975 feet. The riverward side of the fleet would be located a minimum of 441 feet from the center of the typical navigation travel path. The upstream, most riverward barge would not extend further towards the navigation channel than latitude 38.224320638 and longitude -90.361020422. The downstream, most riverward barge would not extend further towards the navigation channel than latitude 38.221835122 and longitude -90.359774540.

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*), pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*), pink mucket mussel (*Lampsilis abrupta*), scaleshell mussel (*Leptodea leptodon*), sheepsnose mussel (*Plethobasus cyphus*), snuffbox mussel (*Epioblasma triquetra*), spectaclecase mussel (*Cumberlandia monodonta*) and the proposed for listing northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*). 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 **March 13, 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.

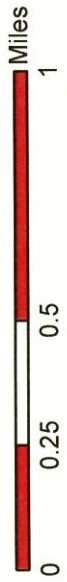
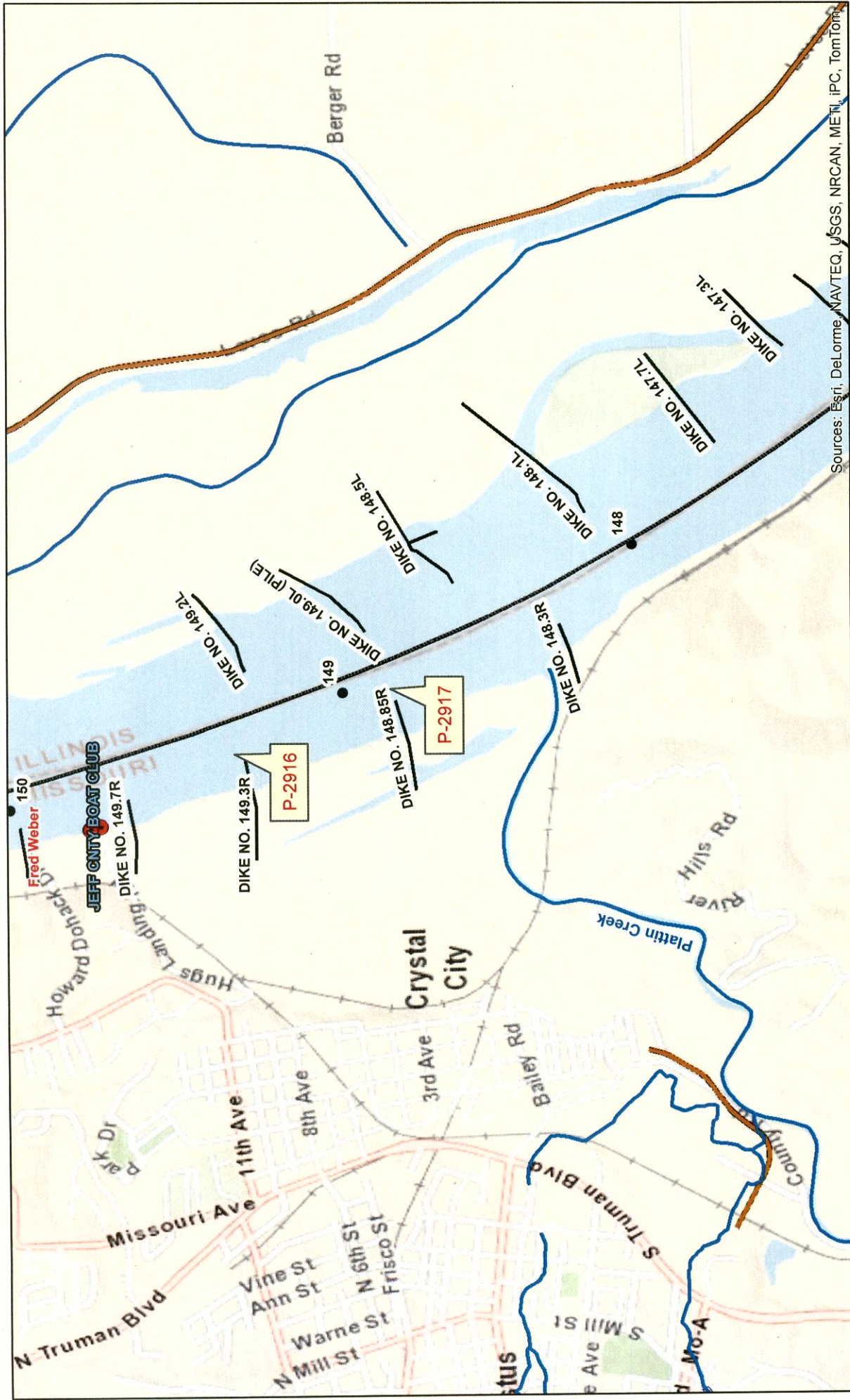
8. Any person may request that a public hearing be held to consider the applicant's proposal, provided such request identifies significant issues that would warrant additional public review and comment. All replies to this public notice must be submitted in writing and sent to the U.S. Army Corps of 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 **March 13, 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.


for Danny D. McClendon
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Attachments

NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS: It is requested that this notice be conspicuously and continually posted for 21 days.



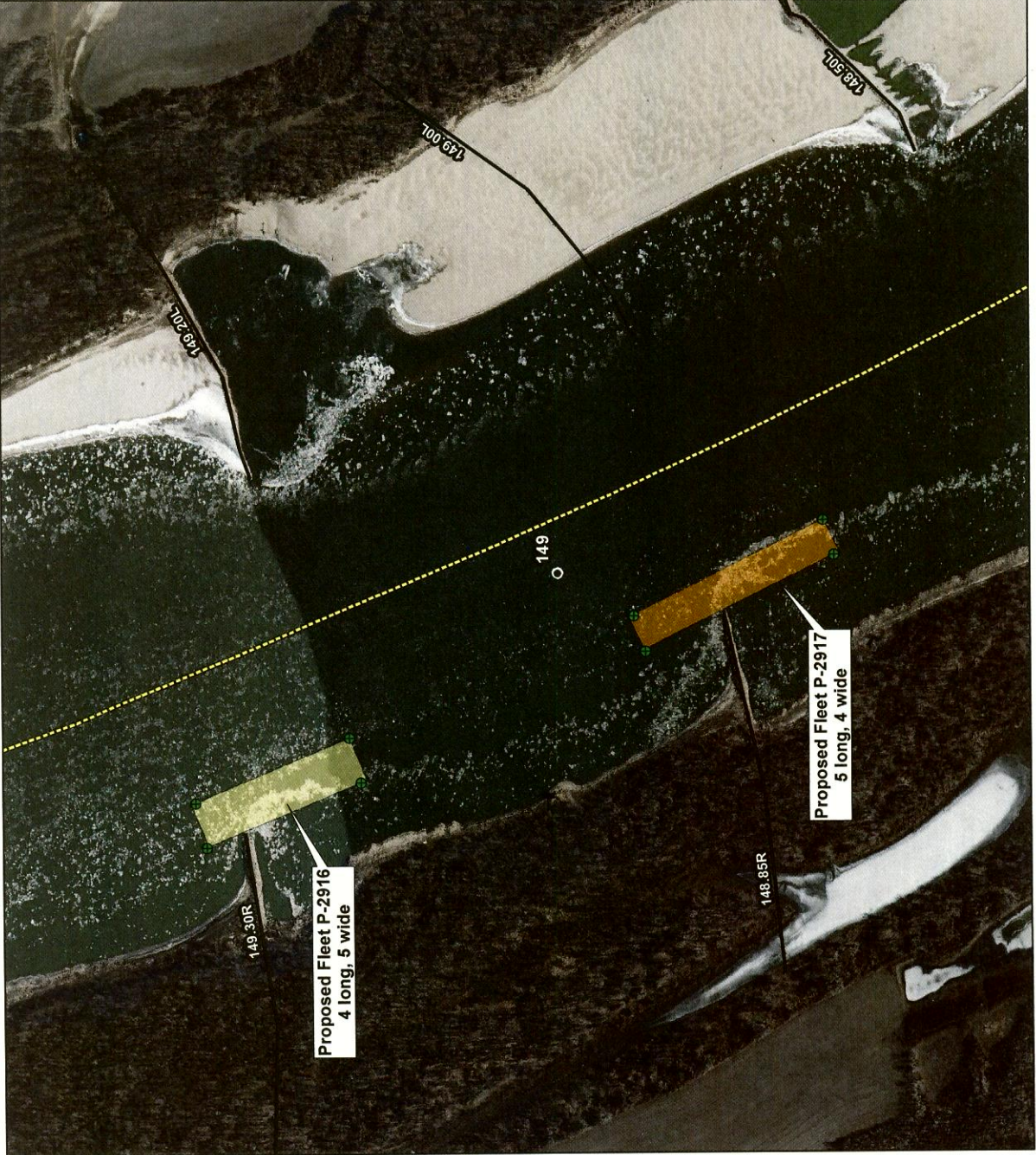
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P-2916 & P-2917 **Jefferson County Port Authority** **Near Crystal City, Jefferson County, MO**

LOCATION MAP

Sources: Esri, DeLorme, NAVTEQ, USGS, NRCAN, METI, IPC, TomTom

Jefferson County Port Authority - Proposed Fleets P-2916 & P-2917



Legend

Coordinates

Sailing Line

Proposed Fleet P-2916

Proposed Fleet P-2917

Fleet	Point	Lat	Lon
P-2916	NE	38.230130226	-90.363437025
	NW	38.229980103	-90.364014906
	SE	38.228094875	-90.362590736
	SW	38.227942760	-90.363174527

Fleet	Point	Lat	Lon
P-2917	NE	38.224320638	-90.361020422
	NW	38.224175338	-90.361481961
	SE	38.221835122	-90.359774540
	SW	38.221693045	-90.360228146

