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**Written Comments or Statements:** Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140 and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the public or interested organizations may submit written comments or statements to the subcommittee, in response to the stated agenda of the open meeting or in regard to the subcommittee's mission in general. Written comments or statements should be submitted to Mr. Kesten, the subcommittee Alternate Designated Federal Officer, via electronic mail, the preferred mode of submission, at the address listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Each page of the comment or statement must include the author's name, title or affiliation, address, and daytime phone number. The Alternate Designated Federal Official will review all submitted written comments or statements and provide them to members of the subcommittee for their consideration. Written comments or statements being submitted in response to the agenda set forth in this notice must be received by the Alternate Designated Federal Official at least seven business days prior to the meeting to be considered by the subcommittee. Written comments or statements received after this date may not be provided to the subcommittee until its next meeting.

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.140d, the Committee is not obligated to allow a member of the public to speak or otherwise address the Committee during the meeting. Members of the public will be permitted to make verbal comments during the Committee meeting only at the time and in the manner described below. If a member of the public is interested in making a verbal comment at the open meeting, that individual must submit a request, with a brief statement of the subject matter to be addressed by the comment, at least seven business days in advance to the subcommittee's Alternate Designated Federal Official, via electronic mail, the preferred mode of submission, at the address listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. The Alternate Designated Federal Official will log each request, in the order received, and in consultation with the Subcommittee Chair, determine whether

the subject matter of each comment is relevant to the Subcommittee's mission and/or the topics to be addressed in this public meeting. A 15-minute period near the end of the meeting will be available for verbal public comments. Members of the public who have requested to make a verbal comment and whose comments have been deemed relevant under the process described above, will be allotted no more than three minutes during the period, and will be invited to speak in the order in which their requests were received by the Alternate Designated Federal Official.

**Brenda S. Bowen,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Defense Acquisition Regulations System

**[Docket DARS–2017–0007; OMB Control Number 0704–0248]**

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD)

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Acquisition Regulations System has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by December 4, 2017.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number:* Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS), Appendix F, Material Inspection and Receiving Report; OMB Control Number 0704–0248.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit and not-for profit institutions.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*Reporting Frequency:* On occasion.

*Number of Respondents:* 153,000.

*Responses per Respondent:* 18, approximately.

*Annual Responses:* 2,800,000.

*Average Burden per Response:* .05 hours (3 minutes).

*Annual Burden Hours:* 140,000 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* The collection of this information is necessary to process

shipping and receipt documentation for goods and services provided by contractors and permit payment under DoD contracts.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Ms. Jasmeet Seehra.

Comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Jasmeet Seehra, DoD Desk Officer, at *Oira\_submission@omb.eop.gov*. Please identify the proposed information collection by DoD Desk Officer and the Docket ID number and title of the information collection.

You may also submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by the following method:

*Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

*DoD Clearance Officer:* Mr. Frederick C. Licari.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Licari at: WHS/ESD Directives Division, 4800 Mark Center Drive, 2nd Floor, East Tower, Suite 03F09, Alexandria, VA 22350–3100.

**Jennifer L. Hawes,**

*Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Drawdown and Habitat Enhancement of East Lake Tohopekaliga in Osceola County, Florida

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Jacksonville District, Cocoa Permits Section field office, has received a request for Department of the Army (DA) authorization, pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbor Act of 1899, from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) for activities associated with the proposed drawdown, vegetation removal, and demucking of East Lake Tohopekaliga (ELT) to improve habitat conditions for fish and wildlife. The drawdown would require a deviation to the Water Control Plan for ELT and a DA permit for

proposed fill in waters of the United States.

**DATES:** The USACE will hold a public scoping meeting for the Draft EIS on December 5, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Interested parties are invited to submit scoping comments to USACE by January 4, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** The public scoping meeting will be held at Osceola Heritage Park, 1875 Silver Spur Lane, Kissimmee, FL 34744. Scoping comments may be submitted by mail or hand-delivered to: Jeffrey S. Collins, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Cocoa Permits Section, 400 High Point Drive, Suite 600, Cocoa, FL 32926. Comments may also be submitted by email to: [jeffrey.s.collins@usace.army.mil](mailto:jeffrey.s.collins@usace.army.mil). All comments should include "East Lake Tohopekaliga Drawdown Comments" in the subject line.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Questions about the Proposed Action and Draft EIS should be directed to Mr. Collins by telephone at (321) 504-3771 or by email: [jeffrey.s.collins@usace.army.mil](mailto:jeffrey.s.collins@usace.army.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

1. *Background/Project Authorization.* USACE is preparing this Draft EIS in accordance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulation [CFR] 1500 *et seq.*), and USACE provisions for implementing the procedural requirements of NEPA (33 CFR 230, USACE Engineering Regulation [ER] 200-2-2). A primary purpose of a USACE Regulatory Program EIS is to provide disclosure of the significant impacts of a proposal seeking a DA permit on the human environment. The Draft EIS and Final EIS are used to inform the public and agency decision-makers of alternatives to an applicant's project that may avoid or minimize impacts or enhance the quality of the human environment.

The EIS will address all the requirements of NEPA including applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and executive orders. A partial list of statutes to be addressed in the EIS includes: Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403); Coastal Zone Management Act; Clean Air Act; Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; Endangered Species Act; Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act; National Historic Preservation Act; Archeological and Historic Preservation Act; and Executive Order 11990, Protection of

Wetlands. Additional authority is provided in 33 CFR 222.5, Water Control Management (ER 1110-2-240).

2. *Need or Purpose of Project.* The purpose of the proposed activity is aquatic habitat improvement in ELT. Major contributors to deteriorating aquatic habitat in the ELT are water level stabilization and pollution from watershed development. Negative environmental changes include an increase in aquatic plant density and biomass, organic sediments, and a shift to invasive species. Dense bands of organic material have formed along the lakeshore and, combined with aquatic plants such as pickerelweed, cattail, and tussucks, form a barrier that keeps fish from shallow spawning areas. Decline in coverage of desirable aquatic vegetation negatively impact the diversity and abundance of forage organisms that depend on these plant communities. In turn, this directly contributes to reduced sport fish production and wading bird utilization.

3. *Project Description.* East Lake Tohopekaliga is an approximately 11,968-acre lake located in the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes. FWC is pursuing authorization from USACE, Jacksonville District Regulatory Division, to conduct a temporary drawdown of ELT to accomplish demucking and vegetation removal activities for purposes of littoral zone habitat enhancement. FWC proposes to draw down ELT in Osceola County from 57.0 National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) feet to 53.0 NGVD feet. Four pumps (combined capacity of 400 cfs) are proposed to be used to drain ELT; pumps are required because gravity-fed conveyance becomes inefficient as the lower ELT stage approaches that of Lake Tohopekaliga. The proposed drawdown would begin in October-November 2018, work conducted in February-May 2019, with the refill initiated in June 2019. Other proposed activities include:

a. Modification of the Lake Tohopekaliga and ELT regulation schedules as established by the USACE Water Control Plan, to allow a temporary deviation in water levels in both lakes.

b. Installation of sheet piling and a flood control pump in the canal between ELT and Fells Cove, and in the canal between ELT and Lake Runnymede. These constructed elements may be necessary to maintain normal lake stages upstream of the canals.

c. Approximately 115 acres of littoral zone will be mechanically scraped along the east shore and consolidated into two 1-2 acre in-lake spoil islands. Woody

vegetation within the scrape zone would be piled and burned.

d. Vegetation on the west shore would be sprayed with herbicide and subsequently burned.

4. *Issues.* Preliminary environmental and public interest factors have been identified and would be addressed in the EIS. Additional issues may be identified during the scoping process through commenting cooperating agencies and the public. USACE has preliminarily identified potential issues to include:

a. Potential impacts to threatened and endangered species, particularly the Everglades snail kite (*Rostrhamus sociabilis plumbeus*).

b. Required alteration of the Water Control Plan. The Master Water Control Manual for Kissimmee River-Lake Istokpoga Basin (USACE, 1994), which contains the relevant Water Control Plan, specifies coordination with USACE South Atlantic Division for review and approval of planned deviation requests.

c. Potential impacts to navigation, both commercial and recreational.

d. Potential aesthetic impacts to landowners with a viewshed of proposed disposal islands.

e. Potential impacts on public health and safety.

f. Potential impacts on waterborne recreation activities.

g. Potential impacts to cultural resources.

h. Potential economic impact on local businesses.

i. Potential air quality during burning of woody debris.

j. Potential water quality impacts during ELT drawdown, muck removal and creation of islands.

k. Potential concern regarding downstream discharges resulting from the ELT Drawdown.

l. Cumulative impacts of past, present and foreseeable future projects affecting ELT.

5. *Alternatives.* The Draft EIS will analyze reasonable alternatives to meet the project purpose and need. These alternatives will be further developed during the scoping process and an appropriate range of alternatives, including the no federal action alternative, will be considered in the EIS. Other preliminary alternatives to be considered include: Effectuating ELT drawdown with pumps; ELT drawdown without pumps; disposing of spoil material by truck-hauling off-site; and disposing of spoil material using in-lake disposal islands.

6. *Scoping Process.* USACE is furnishing this notice to advise other Federal and State agencies, affected

federally recognized Tribes, and the public of the proposed project. This notice announces the initiation of a 30-day scoping period which requests the public's involvement in the scoping and evaluation process of the Draft EIS. A public scoping meeting (see **DATES**) will be held to receive public comment and address public concerns concerning the scope of issues and level of analysis to be considered in preparation of the Draft EIS. Participation in the public meeting by federal, state and local agencies and other interested organizations and persons is encouraged. A detailed description of the study area will be developed following the scoping meeting, at which time USACE will determine the final study area for the EIS.

7. *Public Involvement.* The USACE invites Federal agencies, American Indian Tribal Nations, state and local governments, and other interested private organizations and parties to attend the public scoping meeting and to provide comments in order to ensure that all significant issues are identified and the full range of issues related to the permit request are addressed.

8. *Coordination.* The proposed action is being coordinated with a number of Federal, state, regional, and local agencies including but not limited to the following: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, federally recognized Native American Indian Tribes, Florida State Historic Preservation Officer, Osceola County, the City of St. Cloud, and other agencies as identified in scoping, public involvement, and agency coordination.

9. *Agency Role.* The USACE will be the lead agency for the EIS. The USACE expects to receive input and critical information from federal, state and local agencies (see Coordination), either as commenting or cooperating agencies.

10. *Draft EIS Preparation.* The Draft EIS is expected to be published and circulated in late spring 2018. A Notice of Availability will be issued, which will open the public comment period. Comments will be accepted during the Draft EIS public comment period, which will last approximately 30 days.

Dated: October 24, 2017.

**Donald W. Kinard,**

*Chief, Regulatory Division.*

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## **DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION**

### **Notice of Public Hearing and Business Meeting November 15 and December 13, 2017**

Notice is hereby given that the Delaware River Basin Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 15, 2017. A business meeting will be held the following month on Wednesday, December 13, 2017. The hearing and meeting are open to the public and will be held at the Washington Crossing Historic Park Visitor Center, 1112 River Road, Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania.

*Public Hearing.* The public hearing on November 15, 2017 will begin at 1:30 p.m. Hearing items subject to the Commission's review will include draft dockets for withdrawals, discharges, and other water-related projects, as well as a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the University of Maryland for the analysis of ambient water samples from the Delaware Estuary for primary productivity and associated nutrient parameters.

The list of projects scheduled for hearing, including project descriptions, and the text of the proposed resolution will be posted on the Commission's Web site, [www.drbc.net](http://www.drbc.net), in a long form of this notice at least ten days before the hearing date.

Written comments on matters scheduled for hearing on November 15 will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. on November 20. Time permitting, an opportunity for Open Public Comment will be provided upon the conclusion of Commission business at the December 13 Business Meeting; in accordance with recent format changes, this opportunity will not be offered upon completion of the Public Hearing.

The public is advised to check the Commission's Web site periodically prior to the hearing date, as items scheduled for hearing may be postponed if additional time is deemed necessary to complete the Commission's review, and items may be added up to ten days prior to the hearing date. In reviewing docket descriptions, the public is also asked to be aware that project details commonly change in the course of the Commission's review, which is ongoing.

*Public Meeting.* The public business meeting on December 13, 2017 will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will include: Adoption of the Minutes of the Commission's September 13, 2017 Business Meeting, announcements of upcoming meetings and events, a report on hydrologic conditions, reports by the

Executive Director and the Commission's General Counsel, and consideration of any items for which a hearing has been completed or is not required. The latter are expected to include a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute an agreement for the preparation of an actuarial evaluation of the Commission's "Other Post-Employment Benefit" ("OPEB") obligations, in accordance with Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 75 ("GASB 75").

After all scheduled business has been completed and as time allows, the Business Meeting will also include up to one hour of Open Public Comment.

There will be no opportunity for additional public comment for the record at the December 13 Business Meeting on items for which a hearing was completed on November 15 or a previous date. Commission consideration on December 13 of items for which the public hearing is closed may result in approval of the item (by docket or resolution) as proposed, approval with changes, denial, or deferral. When the Commissioners defer an action, they may announce an additional period for written comment on the item, with or without an additional hearing date, or they may take additional time to consider the input they have already received without requesting further public input. Any deferred items will be considered for action at a public meeting of the Commission on a future date.

*Advance Sign-Up for Oral Comment.* Individuals who wish to comment on the record during the public hearing on November 15 or to address the Commissioners informally during the Open Public Comment portion of the meeting on December 13 as time allows, are asked to sign-up in advance through EventBrite, the online registration process recently introduced by the Commission. Links to EventBrite for the Public Hearing and the Business Meeting are available at [drbc.net](http://drbc.net). For assistance, please contact Ms. Paula Schmitt of the Commission staff, at [paula.schmitt@drbc.nj.gov](mailto:paula.schmitt@drbc.nj.gov).

*Addresses for Written Comment.* Written comment on items scheduled for hearing may be made through SmartComment, the Web-based comment system recently introduced by the Commission, a link to which is posted at [drbc.net](http://drbc.net). Although use of SmartComment is strongly preferred, comments may also be delivered by hand at the public hearing; or by hand, U.S. Mail or private carrier to Commission Secretary, P.O. Box 7360, 25 Cosey Road, West Trenton, NJ 08628.