

Interbasin Study (GLMRIS)—Brandon Road Integrated Feasibility Study and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)—Will County, Illinois,” (Final GLMRIS-Brandon Road Report & EIS) for 46 days in response to stakeholder requests for an extension, from January 7, 2019 to February 22, 2019.

**DATES:** The comment period for the Final GLMRIS-Brandon Road Report and EIS is extended to February 22, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** The Final GLMRIS-Brandon Road Report and EIS are posted at <https://www.mvr.usace.army.mil/GLMRIS-BR>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, ATTN: GLMRIS-Brandon Road EIS, Clock Tower Building, P.O. Box 2004, Rock Island, IL 61204–2004.; or contact online at <https://www.mvr.usace.army.mil/GLMRIS-BR>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The USACE is issuing this notice pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4332 *et seq.*) and the Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (43 CFR parts 1500 through 1508). This notice announces the availability of the final GLMRIS-Brandon Road EIS. The Final GLMRIS-Brandon Road Report & EIS, its appendices, and other supporting documents can be accessed at: <https://www.mvr.usace.army.mil/GLMRIS-BR>.

### Background Information

The Draft GLMRIS-Brandon Road EIS was released on August 18, 2017, and included a 112-day public comment period that ended on December 8, 2017. During that time, USACE held four meetings to solicit comments from the public. USACE analyzed the comments received from the public (Appendix K) and considered them in preparation of the Final GLMRIS-Brandon Road EIS. This EIS provided the necessary information for the public to fully evaluate a range of alternatives designed to meet the purpose and need of the Final GLMRIS-Brandon Road Report & EIS and to provide thoughtful and meaningful comment for the Agency’s consideration.

The Final GLMRIS-Brandon Road Report & EIS identifies six alternatives including no new action (continuing current efforts); the nonstructural alternative; and three technology alternatives using an electric barrier and/or acoustic fish deterrent and lock closure. The effectiveness of these alternatives was considered against the

three different modes of ANS transport, swimming, floating, and hitchhiking. Selection of a Recommended Plan required careful evaluation of each alternative’s (1) reduction in the probability of establishment in the Great Lakes Basin, (2) relative life safety risk, (3) system performance robustness and (4) costs, which include construction; mitigation; operation and maintenance, repair, replacement and rehabilitation; and navigation impacts. Evaluation also included careful consideration of cost effectiveness and incremental cost analyses, significance of the Great Lakes Basin’s ecosystem, acceptability, completeness, efficiency, and effectiveness. Based on the results of the evaluation and comparison of the alternatives, the Recommended Plan is the Technology Alternative—Acoustic Fish Deterrent with Electric Barrier, which includes the following measures: Nonstructural measures, acoustic fish deterrent, bubble curtain, engineered channel, electric barrier, flushing lock, and boat ramps. The Final GLMRIS-Brandon Road Report & EIS identifies potential significant adverse impacts that alternatives may have on existing uses and users of the waterways.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Notice of Intent/NEPA Scoping Meeting and Public Comment Period for the Chesapeake Bay Native Oyster Recovery Program, Virginia

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the requirements of section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) plans to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate environmental impacts from reasonable alternatives and to determine the potential for significant impacts related to implementation of the Chesapeake Native Oyster Recovery Program in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**DATES:** Scoping comments will be accepted until March 1, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** The public was invited to submit written comments at the meeting and/or to Ms. Kimberly Koelsch, Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District, Planning Branch, Environmental Analysis Section (CENAO–WR–PE), Norfolk, VA 23510 or via email to [kimberly.c.koelsch@usace.army.mil](mailto:kimberly.c.koelsch@usace.army.mil).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Kimberly Koelsch, 757–201–7837.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Chesapeake Native Oyster Recovery Program is authorized by Section 704(b) of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1986. USACE Norfolk District executes the Oyster Recovery Program in the Commonwealth of Virginia to achieve goals set by the Chesapeake Bay Protection and Restoration Executive Order.

Utilizing existing information, current technologies, research and population dynamics, the Chesapeake Bay Native Oyster Recovery Program will identify restoration strategies in each tributary. The actions and recommendations needed to restore native populations of oysters in Virginia tributaries, potential techniques and potential impacts will be identified and evaluated prior to construction, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act.

**Scoping/Public Involvement:** The NEPA Public Scoping meeting was held at the Great Neck Library, 1251 Bayne Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23454 on January 10, 2019 from 4:30 until 6:30 p.m. Federal, state, and local agencies, and the public were invited to provide scoping comments and to identify issues and potentially significant effects to be considered in the analysis.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

#### Inland Waterways Users Board Meeting Notice

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

**ACTION:** Notice of open Federal advisory committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Army is publishing this notice to announce the following Federal advisory committee meeting of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Inland Waterways Users Board (Board). This meeting is open to the public. For additional

information about the Board, please visit the committee's website at <http://www.iwr.usace.army.mil/Missions/Navigation/InlandWaterwaysUsersBoard.aspx>.

**DATES:** The Army Corps of Engineers, Inland Waterways Users Board will meet from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on February 28, 2019. Public registration will begin at 7:15 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The Inland Waterways Users Board meeting will be conducted at the Texas A&M University Galveston Campus, Building 3035, Special Events Center, 200 Seawolf Parkway, Galveston, Texas 77554.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Mark R. Pointon, the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the committee, in writing at the Institute for Water Resources, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: CEIWR-GM, 7701 Telegraph Road, Casey Building, Alexandria, VA 22315-3868; by telephone at 703-428-6438; and by email at [Mark.Pointon@usace.army.mil](mailto:Mark.Pointon@usace.army.mil). Alternatively, contact Mr. Kenneth E. Lichtman, the Alternate Designated Federal Officer (ADFO), in writing at the Institute for Water Resources, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: CEIWR-GW, 7701 Telegraph Road, Casey Building, Alexandria, VA 22315-3868; by telephone at 703-428-8083; and by email at [Kenneth.E.Lichtman@usace.army.mil](mailto:Kenneth.E.Lichtman@usace.army.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The committee meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.150.

**Purpose of the Meeting:** The Board is chartered to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Secretary of the Army on construction and rehabilitation project investments on the commercial navigation features of the inland waterways system of the United States. At this meeting, the Board will receive briefings and presentations regarding the investments, projects and status of the inland waterways system of the United States and conduct discussions and deliberations on those matters. The Board is interested in written and verbal comments from the public relevant to these purposes.

**Agenda:** At this meeting the agenda will include the status of funding for inland and coastal Navigation for FY 2019; status of the Inland Waterways Trust Fund (IWTF) and project updates; status of the construction activities for

Olmsted Locks and Dam Project, the Locks and Dams 2, 3, and 4 on the Monongahela River Project, the Chickamauga Lock Project and the Kentucky Lock Project; discussion of capability and efficient funding and subject amounts for the ongoing cost shared IWTF construction projects; an update of the Upper Ohio River Navigation Study; an update of the Colorado River Locks and Brazos River Floodgates Study; and discussion of performance-based budgeting for construction projects.

**Availability of Materials for the Meeting:** A copy of the agenda or any updates to the agenda for the February 28, 2019 meeting. The final version will be provided at the meeting. All materials will be posted to the website after the meeting.

**Public Accessibility to the Meeting:** Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165, and subject to the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public. Registration of members of the public who wish to attend the meeting will begin at 7:15 a.m. on the day of the meeting. Seating is limited and is on a first-to-arrive basis. Attendees will be asked to provide their name, title, affiliation, and contact information to include email address and daytime telephone number at registration. Any interested person may attend the meeting, file written comments or statements with the committee, or make verbal comments from the floor during the public meeting, at the times, and in the manner, permitted by the committee, as set forth below.

**Special Accommodations:** The meeting venue is fully handicap accessible, with wheelchair access. Individuals requiring special accommodations to access the public meeting or seeking additional information about public access procedures, should contact Mr. Pointon, the committee DFO, or Mr. Lichtman, the ADFO, at the email addresses or telephone numbers listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section, at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

**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 Board about its mission and/or the topics to be addressed in this public meeting. Written comments or statements should be submitted to Mr. Pointon, the committee DFO, or Mr. Lichtman, the committee ADFO, via

electronic mail, the preferred mode of submission, at the addresses listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section in the following formats: Adobe Acrobat or Microsoft Word. The comment or statement must include the author's name, title, affiliation, address, and daytime telephone number. Written comments or statements being submitted in response to the agenda set forth in this notice must be received by the committee DFO or ADFO at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting so that they may be made available to the Board for its consideration prior to the meeting. Written comments or statements received after this date may not be provided to the Board until its next meeting. Please note that because the Board operates under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, all written comments will be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection.

**Verbal Comments:** Members of the public will be permitted to make verbal comments during the Board meeting only at the time and in the manner allowed herein. 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 three business (3) days in advance to the committee DFO or ADFO, via electronic mail, the preferred mode of submission, at the addresses listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. The committee DFO and ADFO will log each request to make a comment, in the order received, and determine whether the subject matter of each comment is relevant to the Board'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 (3) minutes during this period, and will be invited to speak in the order in which their requests were received by the DFO and ADFO.

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