



US Army Corps
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Alaska District

Public Notice Modification of In Lieu Fee Program – Site Addition

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PUBLIC NOTICE DATE:	May 11, 2016
EXPIRATION DATE:	June 14, 2016
REFERENCE NUMBER:	POA-2010-132
WATERWAY:	Multiple Waterways

Interested parties are hereby notified that the District Engineer has received a project proposal to establish an In-Lieu Fee (ILF) wetland compensatory mitigation site for Federal permits as described below:

IN-LIEU FEE SPONSOR:

The Conservation Fund
1655 North Fort Meyer Drive, Suite 1300
Arlington, VA 22209
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Program POC
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WATERWAY AND LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED WORK: The SC-2 property is located on Stariski Creek and Cook Inlet, within Section 35, T. 3 S., R. 15 W., Seward Meridian; Latitude 59.868° N., Longitude 151.801° W. The proposed mitigation site is approximately 73.39 acres in size and is proposed to be preserved as part of the Stariski Creek Watershed.

PROPOSED WORK AND PURPOSE: The sponsor is proposing the SC-2 compensatory mitigation site from the preservation of the SC-2 property. The purpose of the preservation is to protect high-value aquatic resources, and to help maintain the ecological function to the Stariski Creek watershed. The goal of the preservation is to provide compensatory mitigation for impacts to aquatic sites authorized by Department of the Army permits in The Conservation Fund's Southcentral Service Area. Factors considered in the selection of this site included the presence of high quality aquatic resources, priority lands, the presence of threats to the aquatic resources, and the practicability of self-sustaining preservation.

The sponsor has proposed, for purposes of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act and/or Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, that the geographic service area of this mitigation site is located in the Southcentral Service Area.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The latest published version of the Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRs) has been consulted for the presence or absence of historic properties, including those listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. There is a registered or eligible property in the vicinity of the worksite. It has been designated Linstrang-Walli Homestead. Because it has been determined to be outside of the project area, no further action is required.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Oversight of this mitigation site will be by a group of federal and state agency representatives. This interagency oversight group will be known as the Interagency Review Team (IRT). The Alaska District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers shall chair the IRT.

This mitigation site may be a practicable option available to applicants to compensate for unavoidable wetland impacts associated with permits issued under the authority of Section 404 and 401 of the Clean Water Act (Public Law 95-217).

The actual approval of the use of this mitigation site for a specific project is the decision of the Corps pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and/or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. The Corps provides no guarantee that any particular individual or general permit will be granted authorization to use this mitigation site to compensate for unavoidable wetland impacts associated with a proposed permit, even though compensatory mitigation may be available.

AUTHORITY: Issuance of a public notice regarding proposed mitigation sites is required pursuant to the "Compensatory Mitigation for Losses of Aquatic Resources; Final Rule," (Rule) as published in the April 10, 2008, Federal Register, Vol. 73, No. 70, Pages 19594-19705 (33CFR Parts 325 and 332).

FEDERAL EVALUATION OF PROPOSAL: The 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 this proposed mitigation site. This is not an application for work in Waters of the United States. The Corps of Engineers in evaluating this proposal will consider any comments received. Comments are used to assess the viability of the compensatory mitigation site.

COMMENT PERIOD: Comments on this project should be made in writing, addressed to the Alaska District Corps of Engineers (ATTN: Danielle Shack), CEPOA-RD-SA, Post Office Box 6898 JBER, Alaska 99506-0898 or by email to danielle.g.shack@usace.army.mil with the project name and number in the subject line. Comments must be received by the close of business on June 6, 2016.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

District Commander
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers