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Alaska District

# Special Public Notice

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## SEAL Trust In-Lieu Fee Instrument Honsinger Site Addition

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Alaska District is soliciting comments on a proposal submitted by the South East Alaska Land (SEAL) Trust to secure a project site addition that is located south of Egan Drive and along the northern boundary of the Mendenhall Wetlands State Game Refuge, in Juneau, Alaska, at Latitude 58.357320° N., Longitude 134.546467° W. The SEAL Trust, as the In-Lieu sponsor, has provided a Wetlands Management Plan (WMP) describing the proposed Honsinger project site addition. The Honsinger WMP has been attached to this notice as Enclosure 1.

You can find the referenced Honsinger WMP on our Regulatory In-Lieu Fee and Bank Information Tracking System (RIBITS) website at: [https://ribits.usace.army.mil/ribits\\_apex/f?p=107:100:11418117627581::NO::P100\\_PROGRAM\\_ID:1061](https://ribits.usace.army.mil/ribits_apex/f?p=107:100:11418117627581::NO::P100_PROGRAM_ID:1061) under Southeast Alaska Land Trust – Honsinger site. Written comments referencing this notice must be submitted on or before September 7, 2018. Comments may be submitted via email to Mr. Jeremy Grauf at [Jeremy.Grauf@usace.army.mil](mailto:Jeremy.Grauf@usace.army.mil); by fax at (907) 753-2728; or by mail to the address below:

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Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) 404 establishes a permit requirement, administered by the Corps, for projects that involve discharging dredged or fill material into waters of the United States (U.S.). The Corps requires compensatory mitigation as a permit condition for stream or wetland losses that are determined to have significant aquatic resource losses which are specifically identifiable, reasonably likely to occur, and of importance to the human or aquatic environment. The goal of compensatory mitigation is to replace the physical, chemical, and biological functions of these waters of the U.S.

The term “Project Site” refers to a site, or suite of sites, where resources (e.g., wetlands, streams, riparian areas) are restored, established, enhanced, and/or preserved for the purpose of providing compensatory mitigation for impacts authorized by Department of the Army (DA) permits. In general, an In-Lieu Fee sells compensatory mitigation advanced credits to permittees whose obligation to provide compensatory mitigation is then transferred to the In-Lieu Fee sponsor. The advanced credits are then fulfilled by an approved mitigation project plan. The In-Lieu Fee concept was established to provide alternatives to applicants and ease the regulatory burden associated with permitted impacts.

An In-Lieu Fee used to offset aquatic resource impacts through the 404 program must be developed and approved pursuant to the Compensatory Mitigation for Losses of Aquatic Resources; Final Rule, 33 CFR Parts 325 and 332, April 10, 2008 (Final Rule).

In accordance with the Final Rule, the project site addition for the proposed Honsinger project site WMP includes the following information:

- (1) Objectives of the proposed project site addition.
- (2) How the project site addition would be established and operated.
- (3) The general need for and technical feasibility of the proposed project site addition.
- (4) The proposed ownership arrangements and long-term management strategy for the project site addition.
- (5) The qualifications of the sponsor to successfully complete the project site addition.
- (6) The components of a mitigation plan as per 33 CFR 332.4(c)(2-14).
- (7) A credit release schedule.

The Corps will convene an Interagency Review Team (IRT) comprised of Federal and State agencies for the purpose of developing the SEAL Trust's proposed Honsinger project site addition. Comments received during the comment period will be submitted to the IRT and the bank sponsor for consideration during the Federal review and approval process.

Any questions or requests for additional information should be directed to Mr. Jeremy Grauf, who may be reached by phone at (907) 753-2798, toll free from within Alaska at (800) 478-2712, or by email at [Jeremy.Grauf@usace.army.mil](mailto:Jeremy.Grauf@usace.army.mil).

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