

Crescent City Harbors' continued operations and maintenance work.

Four previously used disposal sites: SF-1, Crescent City Harbor Dredge Ponds, Beach Nourishment at Whaler Island and Humboldt Ocean Disposal Site (HOODS); and four previously unused disposal sites: SFDODS, Chetco River Disposal Site (Chetco), an Offshore Berm area and a potential Crescent City Harbor Waterfront Development Plan site will be evaluated. Figure 1 displays the eight sites being considered.

Issues: Potentially significant issues associated with the project may include: aesthetics/visual impacts, air quality emissions, biological resource impacts, environmental justice, geologic impacts related to seismicity, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, traffic and transportation, and cumulative impacts from past, present and reasonably foreseeable future projects.

Scoping Process: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is seeking participation and input of all interested federal, state, and local agencies, Native American groups, and other concerned private organizations or individuals on the scope of the draft DMMP and EA through this public notice. The purpose of the public scoping meeting is to solicit comments regarding the potential impacts, environmental issues, and alternative placement sites associated with the proposed action to be considered in the study report. The meeting place, date and time will be advertised in advance in local newspapers, and meeting announcement letters will be sent to interested parties. The final draft DMMP is expected to be available for public review and comment in the summer of 2015 and a public meeting will be held after its publication.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Installation of a Terminal Groin Structure at the Eastern End of Ocean Isle Beach, Extending Into the Atlantic Ocean, West of Shallotte Inlet (Brunswick County, NC)

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

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Wilmington District, Wilmington Regulatory Field Office has received a request for Department of the Army authorization, pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbor Act, from the Town of Ocean Isle Beach to install a terminal groin structure on the east side of Ocean Isle Beach, extending into the Atlantic Ocean, just west of Shallotte Inlet. The structure will be designed to function in concert with the Federal storm damage reduction project.

DATES: The public is invited to attend, and/or comment at, a public hearing to be held at Union Elementary School, 180 Union School Rd., NW., Shallotte, NC 28459, on February 24, at 6:00 p.m. Written comments on the DEIS will be received until 5 p.m., March 9, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Copies of comments and questions regarding the DEIS may be submitted to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Wilmington District, Regulatory Division, c/o Mr. Tyler Crumbley, ATTN: File Number SAW-2011-01241, 69 Darlington Avenue, Wilmington, NC 28403.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions about the proposed action and DEIS can be directed to Mr. Tyler Crumbley, Wilmington Regulatory Field Office, telephone: (910) 251-4170, facsimile (910) 251-4025, or email at tyler.crumbley@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. **Project Description.** The Town of Ocean Isle Beach is seeking Federal and State authorization for construction of a terminal groin, and associated beach fillet with required maintenance, to be located at the eastern end of Ocean Isle Beach. The proposed terminal groin and beach fillet is the Town's preferred alternative (#5) of five alternatives considered in this document. Under the preferred alternative, the terminal groin would have a seaward section extending 750-foot seaward of the April 2007 mean high water shoreline and a 300-foot

shore anchorage section extending landward of the April 2007 mean high water shoreline. The seaward section would be constructed with loosely placed armor stone to facilitate the movement of sand past the structure. The shore anchorage section would be constructed with sheet pile which would have a top elevation varying from +4.9 feet NAVD to +4.5 feet NAVD.

The proposed terminal groin is one of four such structures approved by the General Assembly to be constructed in North Carolina following passing of Senate Bill (SB) 110. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) determined that there is sufficient information to conclude that the project would result in significant adverse impact on the human environment, and has prepared a DEIS pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to evaluate the environmental effects of the alternatives considering the project's purpose and need. The purpose and need of the proposed terminal groin and beach fillet is to provide shoreline protection that would mitigate chronic erosion on the eastern portion on the Town's oceanfront shoreline so as to preserve the integrity of its infrastructure, provide protection to existing development, and ensure the continued use of the oceanfront beach along this area.

2. **Issues.** There are several potential environmental and public interest issues that are addressed in the DEIS. Public interest issues include, but are not limited to, the following: Public safety, aesthetics, recreation, navigation, infrastructure, solid waste, economics, and noise pollution. Additional issues may be identified during the public review process. Issues initially identified as potentially significant include:

- a. Potential impacts to marine biological resources (benthic organisms, passageway for fish and other marine life) and Essential Fish Habitat.
- b. Potential impacts to threatened and endangered marine mammals, reptiles, birds, fish, and plants.
- c. Potential for effects/changes to Ocean Isle beach, Holden Beach, and Shallotte inlet, respectively.
- d. Potential impacts to navigation.
- e. Potential effects on regional sand sources and sand management practices, including the Federal (Ocean Isle Beach storm damage reduction) project.
- f. Potential effects of shoreline protection.
- g. Potential impacts on public health and safety.
- h. Potential impacts to recreational and commercial fishing.

i. Potential impacts to cultural resources.

j. Potential impacts to future dredging and nourishment activities.

3. *Alternatives.* Five alternatives are being considered for the proposed project. These alternatives, including the No Action alternative, were further formulated and developed during the scoping process and are considered in the DEIS. A summary of alternatives under consideration are provided below:

a. Alternative 1—No Action (Continue Current Management Practices).

b. Alternative 2—Abandon/Retreat.

c. Alternative 3—Beach Fill Only (Including Federal Project).

d. Alternative 4—Shallotte Inlet Bar Channel Realignment with Beach Fill (Including Federal Project).

e. Alternative 5—Terminal Groin with Beach Fill (Including Federal Project)/ Applicants Preferred Alternative.

4. *Scoping Process.* Project Review Team meetings were held to receive comments and assess concerns regarding the appropriate scope and preparation of the DEIS. Federal, state, and local agencies and other interested organizations and persons participated in these Project Review Team meetings.

The Corps will initiate consultation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to the Endangered Species Act and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act. The Corps will also consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Act and Endangered Species Act. The Corps will coordinate with the State Department of Cultural Resources pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Potential water quality concerns will be addressed pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act through coordination with the North Carolina Divisions of Coastal Management (DCM) and Water Resources (DWR). This coordination will insure consistency with the Coastal Zone Management Act and project compliance with water quality standards. The Corps has coordinated closely with DCM in the development of the DEIS to ensure the process complies with State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requirements, as well as the NEPA requirements. The DEIS has been designed to consolidate both NEPA and SEPA processes to eliminate duplications.

5. *Availability of the DEIS.* The DEIS has been published and circulated. The DEIS for the proposal can be found at the following link: <http://www.saw.usace.army.mil/Missions/RegulatoryPermitProgram.aspx> under

Major Projects/Town of Ocean Isle Terminal Groin Project. The public is invited to attend, and/or comment at, a public hearing to be held at Union Elementary School, 180 Union School Rd., NW., Shallotte, NC 28459, on February 24, at 6:00 p.m. Written comments on the DEIS will be received until 5 p.m., March 9, 2015.

Dated: January 14, 2015.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Public Meeting for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Military Readiness Activities at the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC), Nevada

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and regulations implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) parts 1500–1508), the Department of the Navy (DoN) has prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of ongoing and proposed military training activities within the FRTC EIS Study Area. The Bureau of Land Management is a cooperating agency for this EIS.

With the filing of the Draft EIS, the DoN is initiating a 46-day public comment period beginning on January 23, 2015 and ending on March 9, 2015 and has scheduled a public meeting to inform the public and receive comments on the accuracy and adequacy of the Draft EIS. This notice announces the date and location of the public meeting and provides supplementary information about the environmental planning effort.

Dates and Addresses: The DoN will hold a public meeting to inform the public about the proposed action and alternatives under consideration and to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the accuracy and adequacy of the environmental analysis presented in the Draft EIS. Federal, state, and local agencies and officials, Native American Indian Tribes and Nations, and interested organizations and individuals are encouraged to provide comments in

person at the public meeting or in writing during the public review period.

A public meeting will be held between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 19, 2015, at the Churchill County Commission Chambers, 155 North Taylor Street, Fallon, Nevada 89406. The public meeting will be an open house session with informational poster stations staffed by DoN representatives. A brief DoN presentation will be given at 5:30 p.m.

Attendees will be able to submit oral and written comments during the public meeting. Oral comments from the public will be recorded by a certified court reporter. Equal weight will be given to oral and written statements. Written comments may also be submitted to: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest, Attention: Ms. Amy Kelley, Code EV21.AK; 1220 Pacific Highway, Building 1, 5th Floor; San Diego, CA 92132. Written comments may also be submitted electronically via the project Web site (www.FRTCEIS.com).

All comments submitted during the public review period, oral or written, will become part of the public record. All comments will be reviewed and responded to in the Final EIS. For consideration in the Final EIS, comments must be postmarked or received online by March 9, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest; Attention: Ms. Amy Kelley, Code EV21.AK; 1220 Pacific Highway Building 1, 5th Floor; San Diego, CA 92132.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FRTC is a set of well-defined geographic training areas in the high desert of northern Nevada encompassing airspace, land ranges, and associated electronic systems used primarily for air and ground training activities. In total, the complex encompasses approximately 230,000 acres of training land and 12,256 square nautical miles of airspace. A portion of the FRTC, Naval Air Station (NAS) Fallon, is located six miles to the southeast of the city of Fallon. The land and airspace of the FRTC comprises the Study Area evaluated in the Draft EIS.

The DoN's Proposed Action is to continue and enhance ground and aviation training activities within the existing FRTC study area. To support training requirements for fleet readiness, the DoN proposes to adjust training activities from current levels to the levels needed to accommodate evolving mission requirements, including those resulting from training, tactics development, testing, and introduction