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NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, PUBLIC GROUPS AND CITIZENS:

The U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers (USACE), Detroit District, has completed a Draft Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment (DFR/EA) addressing the proposed construction of a sea lamprey barrier and trap at the existing Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) egg collection facility located on the Little Manistee River, Manistee County, Michigan. The DFR/EA may be reviewed online at <http://www.lre.usace.army.mil>. Go to the category "Other Public Notices" in the lower left corner of the webpage, Little Manistee River Sea Lamprey Barrier and Trap. A paper copy of the DFR/EA may be reviewed during normal business hours at the Manistee Public Library reference desk, 95 Maple St, Manistee, MI 49660 [telephone number: (231) 723-2519] or the U.S. Post Office lobby at 35 Filer St, Manistee, MI 49660. A disc copy of the DFR/EA may be obtained by writing to the USACE address identified below. The project study authority is Section 506 of the Water Resources Development Act 2000, as amended by Section 5011 of WRDA 2007, commonly known as the Great Lakes Fishery and Ecosystem Restoration Program (GLFER).

Several alternatives were considered for the proposed project. Alternative 1, no federal action; Alternative 2, demolition and reconstruction of the existing Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) weir facility; and Alternative 3, construct a permanent attractant water trap (AWT) sea lamprey trap in one bay of the existing MDNR fish weir. This alternative also includes raising the walkway for structure access and lamprey removal, removal of the existing concrete spillway, and constructing a steel sheet pile weir with stop logs across the entire existing spillway apron to provide a drop barrier. Furthermore, this alternative includes installation of a fish guidance weir downstream of the spillway in order to direct fish to the collection facility and replacement of the existing canoe portage pathway located within the existing spillway and installation of scour and erosion protection measures. The DFR/EA includes a Section 404(b)(1) evaluation, pursuant to the Clean Water Act (CWA), for placement of fill material into the waters of the United States. Any person who has an interest that may be affected by the discharge and/or disposal of fill material may request a public hearing. To be considered, the request must be submitted in writing to the contact provided below within the comment period of this notice and must clearly set forth the interest that may be affected and the manner in which the interest may be affected by this activity.

This DFR/EA includes a Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act effect determination. Any person who has a historical or cultural interest that may be affected by the proposed action may submit comments. The comments must be submitted in

writing within the comment period of this notice (as described below) and must clearly state what historical or cultural interest may be affected by this activity. You may also submit comments by email to: LittleManisteeRiverSLBT@usace.army.mil

Environmental review of the proposed action indicates that no significant cumulative or long-term adverse environmental impacts would be expected as a result of project implementation. The identified adverse effects would be minor, including short-term noise and air emissions from construction equipment operation. A Clean Water Act Section 401 water quality certification, or waiver thereof, will be obtained from the State of Michigan prior to beginning construction by the non-Federal sponsor through the state permit process.

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, this Public Notice is being issued to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Forest Service, the State of Michigan, other Federal, state, and local agencies, tribes and tribal interests, the public and other interested groups and individuals for the purpose of providing information and to solicit comments and views relative to the proposed construction activity. Comments you may have concerning the proposed activity must be made within thirty (30) days from the date of this notice. Please direct your comments to:

U.S. Army Engineer District, Detroit
ATTN: CELRE-PLE (Charles A. Uhlarik)
477 Michigan Ave.
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Following the comment period and a review of the comments received, the USACE Detroit District Engineer will make a final decision regarding the necessity of preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed work. If any received comments identify significant impacts to the quality of the human environment, the project may be modified to reduce the level of impact, the work cancelled or a notice of intent to prepare an EIS could be published. Based on the conclusions of the DFR/EA, it appears preparation of an EIS will not be required; therefore, a preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been included in the DFR/EA. The preliminary FONSI concludes that implementing the proposed action does not constitute a major Federal action that significantly affects the quality of the human environment.

Sincerely



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