

The lower Tillamook watershed is accustomed to frequent flood events that typically interrupt street traffic, farm operations and cause minor damage to homes, businesses and farms. The flood of 1996, however caused extensive damage throughout the watershed which precipitated a number of emergency actions as well as local requests for further study of the flood problems.

The fishing industry that once thrived in the Tillamook area is now in jeopardy. The watershed has historically supported large populations of anadromous fish species including coho, chum and chinook salmon, steelhead and cutthroat trout. During the past several decades, the number of returning adults have declined. Among the list of reasons attributed to the decline is the loss or reduction of habitat.

The objective of the feasibility study is to analyze flood damage reduction and ecosystem restoration problems and opportunities and identify actions that would address them from the Federal and non-Federal perspective. A full range of alternatives will be identified and evaluated with the anticipation that several alternatives can achieve both planning objectives.

EIS Scoping will be an integral part of the process of identifying alternatives and issues relevant to the planning study. Scoping will formally commence with a scoping letter expected to be issued early this summer. Federal, state and local agencies, Indian tribes, and interested organizations and individuals will be asked to comment on the scope of issues, alternatives and their potential impacts. Public meetings will be held in conjunction with each critical stage of the planning process, including opportunity to comment on the scope of the EIS. Further opportunity for public comment will occur during Draft and Final EIS review.

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Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the White River Minimum Flow Study, Arkansas and Missouri

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The purpose of the EIS is to address alternatives and impacts pertaining to reallocation of water storage at five reservoirs in the White River System (Beaver, Table Rock, Bull Shoals, Norfork, and Greers Ferry) as authorized by section 374, "White River Basin, Arkansas and Missouri" of P.L. 106-53 (Water Resources Development Act of 1999).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions or comments concerning the proposed action should be addressed to Mr. Jim Ellis, Environmental Team Leader, Planning Branch, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867, telephone 501-324-5033, e-mail: James.D.Ellis@sw102.usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Beaver Lake, Table Rock Lake, Bull Shoals Lake, Norfork Lake, and Greers Ferry Lake were authorized for the purposes of flood control, hydroelectric power generation, water supply, recreation, and fish and wildlife. Each of these lakes has specifically authorized storage for the purposes of flood control and hydropower generation. Beaver Lake and Greers Ferry Lake also have specifically authorized storage for water supply and Table Rock Lake has specifically authorized storage for fish and wildlife.

The evaluation study and EIS for the White River Minimum Flow Project is being conducted in response to Section 374, "White River Basin, Arkansas and Missouri" of P.L. 106-53 (Water Resources Development Act of 1999).

The study will address implementation of the reallocation of 1.5 feet of storage from Beaver Lake, 2.0 feet of storage from Table Rock Lake, 5.0 feet of storage from Bull Shoals Lake, 3.5 feet of storage from Norfork Lake, and 3 feet of storage in Greers Ferry Lake for the purpose of providing minimum flows to sustain the downstream trout fishery. The study will evaluate impacts due to reallocation from the conservation pool and reallocation from the flood control pool. The study will also evaluate necessary structural modifications to the projects to achieve the desired minimum releases.

The EIS will evaluate the effects of alternatives on the authorized project purposes and other identified concerns. Significant issues to be addressed in the EIS include: (1) Impacts on flood control; (2) impacts on hydropower generation; (3) impacts on recreation and recreation facilities; (4) impacts on structure of the dam; (5) impacts on fish and wildlife resources within and also above and below the lake; (6) impacts

on downstream flows on the White River System; and (7) other impacts identified by the Public, agencies, or Corps studies.

Scoping meetings for the project are planned to be conducted from June through September 2000. News releases informing the public and local, state, and Federal agencies of the proposed action will be published in local newspapers. Comments received as a result of this notice and the news releases will be used to assist the Little Rock District in identifying potential impacts to the quality of the human or natural environment.

Affected local, state, or Federal agencies, affected Indian tribes, and other interested private organizations and parties may participate in the Scoping process by forwarding written comments to the above noted address or attending Scoping meetings.

The draft EIS (DEIS) is expected to be available for public review and comment by December 2001 subject to receipt of Federal funding. Any comments and suggestions should be forwarded to the above noted address no later than November 1, 2000, to be considered in the DEIS.

Douglas L. Bentley, Jr.,

Major, Corps of Engineers, Acting District Engineer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Announcement of Army Corps of Engineers Regional Listening Sessions

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Army Corps of Engineers is initiating a dialogue with its stakeholders, the general public, and with federal, state, and local agencies about future water resources challenges facing the nation. The dialogue will entail a series of fourteen regional listening sessions to be conducted during the June-September, 2000 timeframe (see schedule below). Results from all of the public listening sessions will be compiled into a report assessing the current state of water resources in the U.S. and the gap that must be closed to meet future national needs. The information contained within the report will be provided to decision-makers and the public to help frame discussions

about the need to address the nation's water resource needs for the 21st Century.

ADDRESSES: US Army Corps of Engineers, CEWRC-IWR-A, Casey Building, 7701 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, VA 22315-8435

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mark Gmitro, Program Manager, phone toll free (877) 447-6342 or if you're in Northern Virginia you can phone (703) 428-5835.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Each Regional Listening Session will be held as a facilitated workshop. The workshops will begin at approximately 10:00 a.m. and should end at approximately 4:00 p.m. In order to optimize the time available to all attendees, there will not be time for participants to provide prepared formal statements. However, written statements may be submitted via the web site address below, posted at a designated area during the workshop; or submitted to us before, at or after the workshop to be included in the published proceedings of the listening session.

Registration forms and additional information on the regional listening session is available on the Corps web site (www.wrsc.usace.army.mil/iwr/waterchallenges) or by calling our toll free number at (877) 447-6342 or if you're in Northern Virginia you can reach us at (703) 428-5835.

The following sessions are provided. For exact locations within each Division, and verification of dates and starting times, please visit the above web site.

Regional Listening Sessions

Date: June 16, 2000.

Time: 1 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Host Division: Mississippi Valley Division.

Location: St. Louis, MO.

Date: June 20, 2000.

Time: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Host Division: South Pacific Division.

Location: Sacramento, CA.

Date: June 22, 2000.

Time: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Host Division: South Pacific Division.

Location: Phoenix, AZ.

Date: July 11, 2000.

Time: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Host Division: North Atlantic Division.

Location: Waltham, MA.

Date: July 18, 2000.

Time: 1:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Host Division: Northwestern Division.

Location: Omaha, NE.

Date: July 20, 2000.

Time: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Host Division: South Atlantic Division.

Location: Atlanta, GA.

Date: July 26, 2000.

Time: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Host Division: Pacific Ocean Division.

Location: Honolulu, HI.

Date: August 2, 2000.

Time: 10:00-4:00 p.m.

Host Division: Great Lakes and Ohio Rivers Division.

Location: Chicago, IL.

Date: August 7, 2000.

Time: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Host Division: Great Lakes and Ohio Rivers Division.

Location: Louisville, KY.

Date: August 10, 2000.

Time: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Host Division: Southwestern Division.

Location: Dallas, TX.

Date: August 14, 2000.

Time: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Host Division: North Atlantic Division.

Location: Richmond, VA.

Date: August 17, 2000.

Time: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Host Division: North Atlantic Division.

Location: Absecon, NJ.

Date: September 15, 2000.

Time: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Host Division: Pacific Ocean Division.

Location: Anchorage, AK.

Date: September 19, 2000.

Time: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Host Division: Northwestern Division.

Location: Vancouver, WA.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers values your opinion. Please plan to attend! We look forward to receiving your RSVP and the opportunity to join the Dialogue.

Robert A. Pietrowsky,

Acting Director, Institute for Water Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive Patent License; Nanoptics, Inc.

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of a prospective license to Nanoptics Inc. to the Government-owned invention described as "GRID-FREE, MODULAR LARGE SCREEN DISPLAY".

DATES: Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license must file written

objections along with supporting evidence, if any, not later than July 31, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written objections are to be filed with the Office of Patent Counsel, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center, D0012, 53510 Silvergate Ave., Rm 103, San Diego, CA 92152-5765. Kindly reference N.C. 72,844 in all correspondence directed to this matter.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Harvey Fendelman, Patent Counsel, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center, Code D0012, 53510 Silvergate Ave., Rm 103, San Diego, CA 92152-5765, telephone (619) 553-3001.

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Dated: May 18, 2000.

J.L. Roth,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Federal Pell Grant, Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Work-Study, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Federal Family Education Loan, and William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Programs

AGENCY: Office of Student Financial Assistance, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of revision of the Federal need analysis methodology for the 2001-2002 award year.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Education announces the annual updates to the tables that will be used in the statutory "Federal Need Analysis Methodology" to determine a student's expected family contribution (EFC) for award year 2001-2002 under part F of title IV of the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965, as amended (Title IV, HEA Programs). An EFC is the amount a student and his or her family may reasonably be expected to contribute toward the student's postsecondary educational costs for purposes of determining financial aid eligibility. The title IV, HEA Programs include the Federal Pell Grant, campus-based (Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Work-Study, and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Programs), Federal Family Education Loan, and William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Programs.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Edith Bell, Program Specialist, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., (Room 4621, ROB-3), Washington, DC 20202-5444.