



**United States Department of the Army
and the
South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control**

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JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

Myrtle Beach Storm Damage Reduction Project -Beach Renourishment

Notice of Availability:

Federal Consistency Determination for Reach 1 (North Myrtle Beach) and Reach 3 (Garden City and Surfside Beach) of the Myrtle Beach Storm Damage Reduction Project -Beach Renourishment, Atlantic Ocean, Georgetown and Horry Counties, South Carolina and Notice of Availability of a Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment (Draft EA), pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, of a proposed beach renourishment project for North Myrtle Beach, Horry County, SC.

Public Participation:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Charleston District, in conjunction with the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, Offices of Ocean and Coastal Resources Management (SCDHEC OCRM) are inviting project comment and this notice serves as a public notice on their behalf. The proposed beach renourishment is subject to review for consistency with the enforceable policies of the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Program.

Comments will be accepted until April 18, 2016. Detailed project information is available to review in the Charleston offices of the USACE or SCDHEC OCRM or online:

<http://www.sac.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/NEPADocuments.aspx>.

Federal Project Authorization and Project Description:

The Myrtle Beach Project was authorized for construction by Section 101 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1990, Public Law 101-640, dated November 28, 1990 (WRDA 90): "MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA. The authorized project requires the construction of separate protective beach in three separate reaches, North Myrtle Beach (Reach 1), Myrtle Beach (Reach 2), and Garden City/Surfside Beach (Reach 3)." The total project reach is 25.3 miles. An EA, FONSI, and other environmental compliance documentation for an upcoming renourishment on Myrtle Beach Reach 3 were completed in 2016. At the time, Reach 1 was not included because funding for Reach 1 was not available. Documentation for Myrtle Beach Reach 3 is still available for reference and comment at the website given above.

The Reach 1 project is a periodic renourishment of a previously approved USACE Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction Project at North Myrtle Beach and part of emergency repairs to this reach for damage caused by recent storms. The project provides for renourishment of approximately 3.3 miles of shoreline. Preliminary investigations of the quantity of sand required to rebuild the construction template reveal that about 362,000 cubic yards of sand from the Little River borrow site will be placed along North Myrtle Beach. The Little River borrow area lies approximately 1.7 miles southeast of the town of North Myrtle Beach, and 2.0 miles southwest of Little River Inlet. The borrow area primarily lies within SC-State jurisdictional waters, landward of the Federal 3- nautical mile line. All work is expected to be completed in the general timeframe of July 2017 – June 2018.

The USACE has provided SCDHEC with a determination that the proposed activity will be undertaken in a manner consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Program (SCCZMP). Applicable enforceable resource policies of the SCCZMP include: (1) Wildlife and Fisheries Management, (2) Dredging, (3) Erosion Control, (4) Activities in Areas of Special Resource Significance, and (5) Beach and Shoreline Access. Comments are invited on the consistency of the project with the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Program, pursuant to 15 C.F.R. § 930.42, regulations associated with the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972. The SCCZMP enforceable policies may be reviewed in detail:

http://www.scdhec.gov/Environment/docs/OCRM_Policies_Procedures.pdf

Comments will be accepted until April 18, 2017 on the project and should be addressed or emailed to:

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Further information on Federal Consistency:

<http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/WaterQuality/CoastalPermits/CoastalZoneConsistency/>

<https://coast.noaa.gov/czm/consistency/>