APPENDIX M

CHARLESTON HARBOR POST 45
BENEFICIAL USE OF DREDGED MATERIAL
SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
Charleston, South Carolina

Correspondence
Charleston Harbor Post 45
Beneficial Use of Dredged Material
Supplemental Environmental Assessment
Public and Agency Comments and Responses
January 12, 2017


COMMENT: “Consultation under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) is not required for "no effect" determinations. However, the Service will concur with the US Army Corps of Engineers' determination that beneficial re-use of dredged material is not likely to adversely affect threatened and endangered species under the Service's jurisdiction.”

RESPONSE: Thank you for concurring with the species impact determinations within the Environmental Assessment. As always, we will continue to coordinate with your office regarding obligations under the ESA.

2. United States Environmental Protection Agency, emailed comments dated 31 October 2016

COMMENT: In the “9.0 Environmental Compliance” section (page 87), the EPA notes that there is no discussion regarding the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act (MPRSA) within this section. It is EPA’s understanding that because these alternatives are beneficial use of material, that MPRSA does not apply, and therefore the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is within compliance.

RESPONSE: The following text will be added to 9.0 to discuss compliance with the MPRSA: “The transportation of dredged material for the purpose of dumping (or disposal) into ocean waters is regulated by Section 103 of the Marine, Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act (MPRSA) of 1972, as amended. EPA promulgated implementing regulations in 40 CFR Subchapter H - Ocean Dumping (Parts 220-228). Section 103 does not govern the proposed beneficial uses of dredged material. The Crab Bank Enhancement, the Shutes Folly Enhancement, and the Morris Island Beach Placement would all occur within Charleston Harbor and outside of the ocean waters subject to the MPRSA. The SCDNR Nearshore Reef Placement would occur within the Territorial Sea, and is regulated pursuant to Section 404 of the CWA (33 USC 1344) and the 404(b)(1) Guidelines (40 CFR 230.2; Beneficial Use Planning Manual, EPA/USACE, Oct. 2007). The Artificial Reefs include fisheries development as a sole or a primary purpose. EPA regulations exclude the “placement or deposit of ... materials for the purpose of developing, maintaining, or harvesting fisheries resources; provided such placement is regulated under or is a part of an authorized State or Federal program ...” (40 CFR 220.1(c)(2)). The placement of dredged material for the reefs will be regulated under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and the National Fishing Enhancement Act of 1984. Therefore, evaluation under Section 103 of MPRSA is not required.”
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COMMENT: Table 6 shows that with the exception of the two mitigation reefs, all proposed artificial reef habitats are likely to be constructed using cobble and gravel generated by a cutterhead dredge. Small diameter rock and shell have been used with varying effectiveness in lower energy inshore environments to create oyster reef and other types of inshore fishery habitat. However, for most applications in high energy offshore environments, larger rock (boulder) is preferred for reef construction since it provides more structural complexity. Reefs constructed of piles of small stone packs too tightly, and spaces may easily be filled with sand, gravel, and rock chips.

In addition, as pointed out in the DSEA, habitat constructed of smaller rock is less stable over time and during high energy storm events (i.e., hurricane Matthew) than that made of larger materials. Unstable habitat is less effective as fish attractants and as benthic habitat and becomes less so over time. The EPA notes that the long term viability of these artificial reefs is not discussed in the SDEA.

Recommendation: The EPA recommends the USACE expand the discussion regarding the methodology used in constructing these artificial reefs. The EPA also recommends the USACE discuss the long term viability and productivity of these artificial reefs within the Final SEA.

RESPONSE: USACE will include the following language in the Final Environmental Assessment to address this concern: “The beneficial use reefs will be constructed in water ranging from roughly -35 to -45 feet MLLW and will not be subject to frequent wave activity. The beneficial use reefs will not likely be as stable as the mitigation reefs; however, the 100’ buffer between the reef sites and nearby hardbottom habitat will minimize any sediment transport impacts to hardbottom communities. The dredging method will still allow for some larger rock to be present which will provide substrate for benthic invertebrates and structure for fish species.”

COMMENT: The EPA notes that the USACE has not discussed climate change anywhere within the EA. The EPA is concerned that the USACE has not properly disclosed climate change or greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions as described in the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) recently published, "Final Guidance for Federal Departments and Agencies on Consideration of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and the Effects of Climate Change in National Environmental Policy Act Review" (dated August 1, 2016).

Recommendation: The EPA recommends the USACE include climate change and GHG emissions discussions in the Final EA in accordance with the "Final Guidance for Federal Departments and Agencies
on Consideration of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and the Effects of Climate Change in National Environmental Policy Act Review”.

**RESPONSE:** The CEQ’s Final Guidance for Federal Departments and Agencies on Consideration of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and the Effects of Climate Change in National Environmental Policy Act Review” (August 1, 2016) states that “Agencies should apply this guidance to all new proposed agency actions when a NEPA review is initiated. .... CEQ does not expect agencies to apply this guidance to concluded NEPA reviews and actions for which a final EIS or EA has been issued.” As stated in Section 1.0 of this EA, “This Environmental Assessment (EA) is a supplement to the Final Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement for the Charleston Harbor Post 45 Study (“IFR/EIS,” USACE, 2015).” Section 2.0 of this EA explains that the limited reason for the EA is to provide some additional analysis of previously proposed beneficial use actions related to the process and results of fine-tuning the construction methodologies and locations of artificial reefs and other placement options, with the principal potential environmental impacts having been previously evaluated in the Final FR/EIS. However, the following will be added to the Final EA, Section 8.17: “Section 6.21 of the Final IFR/EIS includes a brief discussion of EO 13653, “Preparing the United States for the Impacts of Climate Change,” and references the more detailed discussion in Appendix A to the IFR/EIS which was conducted consistent with ETL 1100-2-1 and the USACE Responses to Climate Change (RCC) Program. Using the USACE Institute of Water Resources (IWR) online Sea-Level Rise calculator and spreadsheet (ER 1110-2-8162), the historical trend at Charleston is estimated to be 2.94 mm (0.12 inches)/yr. The ER was also used to determine various rates of sea level change under different scenarios (low, intermediate, and high) and could result in 0.57 ft of sea level rise over 50 years. The analysis indicated that sea level rise would increase over 50 years 0.57 ft in the low scenario (based on the historical rate), 1.08 feet in the intermediate scenario, and 2.74 feet in the high scenario. Based on these scenarios, it is even more important to implement the proposed beneficial use actions, as keeping sand within the harbor or nearshore littoral system is preferable to placing the material in an ODMDS. In addition to the fisheries development and enhancement provided by the Artificial Reefs and ODMDS Berm, the proposed beneficial placements in Charleston Harbor will decrease vulnerability and increase resilience to sea level rise. Implementation of one or more of the proposed beneficial use options will not appreciably change the overall Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions for the Post 45 Project. An Air Emission Inventory is contained within the Final IFR/EIS for the Post 45 Project. The addition of shore based equipment such as bulldozers and front end loaders will not substantially alter the findings of the Air Emission Inventory or increase GHG emissions for the Project.”

3. **South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, letter dated 08 November 2010**

**COMMENT:** Limit dredged material placement on the northwestern end of Crab Bank to the period between October 15 and April 15 in order to avoid periods of high bird nesting activity in this area.

**RESPONSE:** As noted in the Draft Environmental Assessment, USACE intends to avoid the northwestern end between April 15 and October 15 to minimize impacts to nesting birds.

**COMMENT:** Take appropriate precautions during dredged material placement to avoid impacts to large expanses of vegetated saltmarsh on the landward sides of Crab Bank and Shutes Folly.
RESPONSE: The Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) includes protective language for this expanse of marsh and Final EA will include it as well.

COMMENT: Take appropriate precautions to minimize excess turbidity and suspended solids in the vicinity of the dredging and disposal operations.

RESPONSE: USACE has proposed that temporary containment berms will be used and constructed with native materials to help contain sediments and build up the island. These berms will be flattened out to natural grade upon completion of the project. USACE will include language within the contract specifications to minimize temporary suspended sediment concentrations.

COMMENT: Comply with the dredging window for new work construction as described in Section 5.4.14 of the IFR/EIS (USACE 2015). This window prohibits dredging within Mt. Pleasant Reach, Rebellion Reach, and between the jetties in Ft. Sumter Reach between April 1 and September 30 in order to avoid impacts to larval fish in an area identified as a spawning “hotspot” by DNR. The window also prohibits new work dredging within 1000’ on either side of the Ravenel Bridge during this same time period.

RESPONSE: Noted.

COMMENT: Restrict any hopper dredging for the Morris Island alternative to the winter months (December 1 through March 31) to avoid impacts to sea turtles, and use a “turtle deflecting draghead” to reduce the potential for take of sea turtles and other demersal species, including Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon.

RESPONSE: To the extent practicable, USACE will stay within this window, however, the Biological Opinion for the project was issued by National Marine Fisheries Service and allows dredging from November 1 through May 31.

COMMENT: Avoid placing dredged material on Morris Island during turtle nesting season (May 1 - October 31). If placement of dredged material cannot be avoided during this period, a pre-construction survey of the beach should be conducted to ensure that any and all nests had reached full incubation and had been inventoried.

RESPONSE: Since a hopper dredge is the anticipated dredge that will be utilized for this reach of the project and the window for hopper dredging is from November 1 to May 31, it is not likely that USACE will dredge and dispose during nesting season. However, if methodologies change and disposal must occur during nesting season, USACE will perform the pre-construction survey of the beach and have monitors observe for turtle nesting during construction consistent with other beach projects constructed in nesting season.


COMMENT: “We (DHEC–BOW and DHEC-OCRM) appreciate the opportunity to review the beneficial use plans and have no further comments.”

RESPONSE: Noted. The EA was submitted in partial fulfill of the obligations of the Post 45 401 Consistency Determination and the Coastal Zone Consistency Certification.

COMMENT: “South Carolina is currently attaining all of the NAAQS, but may face nonattainment when designations for the new ozone standards are made. If a project is located in a nonattainment area, it may be subject to prescriptive requirements such as Transportation Conformity or air quality modeling.”

RESPONSE: Noted.

COMMENT: “The Bureau appreciates that emissions associated with the proposed beneficial use options would be offset by the reduction in travel distance for dredge material disposal.”

RESPONSE: Noted.

COMMENT: “The Bureau would like to offer the following suggestions on how this project can help us stay in compliance with the NAAQS. More importantly, these strategies are beneficial to the health of citizens of South Carolina: Utilize alternatively fueled equipment; Utilize emission controls applicable to your equipment; reduce idling time on equipment; and Fugitive dust emissions should be minimized through good operating practices.”

RESPONSE: Noted. Use of diesel equipment will be in compliance with federal standards.

6. South Carolina Department of Archives and History, email dated 27 October 2016

COMMENT: “We have reviewed the beneficial use Draft Supplemental EA for the Charleston Harbor deepening and widening project. On September 30, 2016, our office concurred with the No Effect determination made by the USACE.”

RESPONSE: Noted, thank you.

7. South Carolina Department of Archives and History, letter dated 30 September 2016

COMMENT: “While the significance of these features remains uncertain, our office, in consultation with the State Underwater Archaeologist, concurs that a 100 foot buffer should be placed around them during the project. If these avoidance measure employed, we would concur that the proposed project will have no effect on historic properties. If avoidance and buffering is not possible, additional identification efforts should be implemented.”

RESPONSE: Noted, thank you.

COMMENT: “If archaeological materials are encountered during construction, the procedures codified at 36 CFR 800.13(b) will apply. Archaeological materials consist of any items, fifty years old or older, which were made or used by man. These items include, but are not limited to, human skeletal materials, stone projectile points (arrowheads), ceramic sherds, bricks, worked wood, bone and stone, and metal and glass objects. The federal agency or the applicant receiving federal assistance should contact our office immediately.”

RESPONSE: Noted, thank you.

8. South Carolina Institute for Anthropology and Archaeology, email dated 30 October, 2016
COMMENT: “(On Morris Island)…we have recommended the presence of an archaeologist to monitor any disturbance of human remains or archaeological features during the construction activities. In the event, human remains or archaeological sites, features, or object are encountered, work should cease in that area, and continue elsewhere, and the SHPO and SCIAA notified for further guidance.

RESPONSE: Thank you for the recommendation. While USACE does not intend to have an archaeologist on the construction site, the following language will be included within the plans and specifications: “. In the event, human remains or archaeological sites, features, or object are encountered, work should cease in that area, and continue elsewhere, and the SHPO and SCIAA notified for further guidance”.

COMMENT: “(At Morris Island) We have proposed buffer zones (for dredged material pipelines) to avoid potential adverse effects to these (cultural resource) anomalies.”

RESPONSE: USACE will include the SCIAA provided buffer zones within the plans and specifications package. Based upon discussions with your office, USACE will also require an archaeologist to be present on site when operating within 100 yards of the jetty terminus on Morris Island.

COMMENT: “(At Shutes Folly) … the area may contain unknown infrastructural components associated with the construction and the logistical supply of the fortification. Therefore, we recommend that an intertidal archaeological survey, at low-tide, take place prior to construction activities to locate any exposed features to determine their historical or archaeological significance. As with Battery Morris, we recommend the presence of an archaeologist to monitor any disturbance of human remains or archaeological sites during construction activities.

RESPONSE: Discussions with your office led to an agreement to have an archaeologist perform a pedestrian survey prior to any construction taking place at Shutes Folly. The survey will be performed at and around a 2 hour window around low tide. Avoidance areas and/or mitigation would be discussed and applied where applicable. As always, USACE will include the following language in the plans and specifications for the work: “In the event human remains or archaeological sites, features, or object are encountered, work should cease in that area, and continue elsewhere, and the SHPO and SCIAA notified for further guidance”.

COMMENT: “(At Crab Bank) We recommend that a submerged cultural resource survey take place prior to construction activities to determine the presence or absence of unknown archaeological sites within the (area).”

RESPONSE: Discussions with your office led to an agreement that a preconstruction side scan sonar survey and magnetometer survey would be performed on the main channel (southwest) side of Crab Bank prior to any work taking place. The survey would cover the extent of the construction footprint. Results would be shared with SHPO and SCIAA and buffers or mitigation would be addressed accordingly. As always, USACE will include the following language in the plans and specifications for the work: “In the event human remains or archaeological sites, features, or object are encountered, work should cease in that area, and continue elsewhere, and the SHPO and SCIAA notified for further guidance”.

COMMENT: “Thank you for outlining steps the Corps will take to avoid, monitor and survey historic properties that may be present at Crab Bank, Morris Island, and Shutes Folly. These steps are a result of consultation and coordination with the State Underwater Archaeologist, SC Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology. Based on these commitments to archaeological resources, our office concurs with the Corps determination that the proposed beneficial use alternatives will have no adverse effects on historic properties.”

RESPONSE: Noted, thank you.

10. Ken Blair, via email

COMMENT: “Will the deepening of the channel to 52’ require construction of new deeper bulkheads at berthing areas?”

RESPONSE: This comment is outside the scope of the Supplemental Environmental Assessment, Beneficial Uses for Charleston Harbor Deepening Project. However, yes, the SC Ports Authority is undertaking that action.

11. Marilyn and Bill Blizard, via email

COMMENT: “Because Post 45 is currently in the Preconstruction Engineering and Design (PED) Phase of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ Civil Works Process, it is the ideal time to assure that clean sand from the dredging is designed to be used to provide essential nesting territory for our seabirds. These pelicans, oystercatchers & other native birds not only lend quality of life to us humans, but they deserve our care as so aptly written by Nathan Dias in the Post & Courier. Thank you in advance for doing all that you can to shore up the Crab Bank with clean sand.”

RESPONSE: Noted. We appreciate your support of the project. USACE will make all efforts within our authorities to implement the construction of the proposed beneficial use projects. The proposals are not least cost option for USACE and cannot be constructed without support of a non-Federal sponsor.

12. Amy Hanson, via email

COMMENT: “Please shore up these important bird breeding areas. It is important to help the birds in these areas due to detrimental human impact in other areas.”

RESPONSE: Noted. We appreciate your support of the project. USACE will make all efforts within our authorities to implement the construction of the proposed beneficial use projects. The proposals are not least cost option for USACE and cannot be constructed without support of a non-Federal sponsor.

13. Matt Johnson, Summerville, SC, via email

COMMENT: “I am writing in support of Post 45, in particular the Beneficial Use Project Alternative that would support the enhancement of Crab Bank. This alternative (1a) outlines the use of dredge materials to enlarge this important nesting, roosting, and foraging island for seabirds and shorebirds located in Charleston Harbor. Crab Bank is both an Important Bird Area designated by the National Audubon Society, as well as one of the five recognized Seabird Sanctuary islands located along the South Carolina coast. These designations are both for good reason. Due to the increase of development along our coast and the dependence of many of our seabirds and shorebirds on colonial nesting sites along our beaches,
isolated islands like Crab Bank represent some of the most important habitat for these species in all of South Carolina. Crab Bank supports a variety of nesting terns and gulls, as well as other seabirds and shorebirds. Included among these breeding species are some of the most iconic birds of our state, such as the Brown Pelican, American Oystercatcher, and Black Skimmer. Unfortunately, many of these species are facing population declines that stem from loss of habitat. As a naturalist and birdwatcher, I can attest to the amazing diversity of birds that utilize Crab Bank. I have stood often at spots along the perimeter of Charleston Harbor and watched the spectacle of birds using this sanctuary. Protecting and maintaining islands such as Crab Bank are important for the breeding success of these important bird species. Unfortunately, these islands are susceptible to erosion and wave action which can reduce the amount of suitable nesting habitat. For this reason, I am writing to urge you to adopt Beneficial Use Project Alternative 1a to re-nourish and enlarge Crab Bank. I believe that this alternative represents what is best for the birds that are such a critical part of our coastal ecosystems.

RESPONSE: Noted. We appreciate your support of the project. USACE will make all efforts within our authorities to implement the construction of the proposed beneficial use projects. The proposals are not the least cost option for USACE and cannot be constructed without support of a non-Federal sponsor.


COMMENT: “I am writing in support of Post 45, specifically for Beneficial Use Project Alternative 1a.”

Located in Charleston Harbor at the mouth of Shem, Crab Bank is one of five existing Seabird Sanctuary Islands protected during the nesting season from human disturbance. These islands are vital for the success of beach nesting seabirds and shorebirds which include many species in decline. Data from its IBA record state that Crab Bank also serves as a secondary site for other established colonial sites subject to sever tidal overwash or human disturbance. Species that have been recorded using the island since 2007 include American Oystercatcher, Black Skimmer, Brown Pelican, Gull-billed Tern, Laughing Gull, Royal Tern, and Sandwich Tern. In 2007 the island supported 15 breeding pairs of American Oystercatchers, 179 Black Skimmer nests, 615 Brown Pelican nests, 50 Gull-billed Tern nests, 1,212 Royal Tern nests, and 35 Sandwich Tern nests. These birds rely on safe places to recover and maintain healthy populations. With an increasing number of people moving to the coast every year, beach-nesting bird habitat faces more risks than ever. Maintaining Seabird Sanctuary islands should be paramount on the coast. Beneficial Use Project Alternative 1a would re-nourish Crab Bank and prevent vital bird habitat from disappearing. More sand on Crab Bank would restore bird habitat and put the dredged sand to use in a beneficial way.

The added wave energy from larger container ships navigating Charleston Harbor also poses a potential problem to beach nesting birds. Added sand to Crab Bank would mitigate this problem and provide a base to create living shorelines which can decrease erosion due to wave energy. As Audubon South Carolina’s Coastal Program Coordinator, I visit Crab Bank multiple times throughout the year and have personally witnessed the amount of erosion and nest loss due to overwash on Crab Bank. Especially after Hurricane Matthew, at high tide there is little beach left for birds to nest. This island is a fantastic resource for people living and visiting Charleston and adds enormous aesthetic and economic value to the Shem Creek and greater Charleston areas. Birds and other wildlife are what makes South Carolina such a beautiful place to live, visit, and has made SC a successful area to do business.
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December 30, 2016
Mark,

Consultation under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) is not required for "no effect" determinations. However, the Service will concur with the US Army Corps of Engineers' determination that beneficial re-use of dredged material is not likely to adversely affect threatened and endangered species under the Service's jurisdiction. Please note, that due to obligations under the ESA the potential impacts of this project must be reconsidered if: (1) new information reveals impacts of this identified action may affect any listed species or critical habitat in a manner not previously considered; (2) this action is subsequently modified in a manner, which was not considered in this assessment; or (3) a new species is listed or critical habitat is designated that may be affected by the identified action.

Mark

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-----Original Message-----
From: Messersmith, Mark J CIV CESAC CESAD (US) [mailto:Mark.J.Messersmith@usace.army.mil]
Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2016 6:49 AM
To: Mark Caldwell
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: post45: beneficial uses

Mark - in the EA we mentioned that we'd be asking FWS and NMFS for concurrence on our NE and NLAA determinations. What would you like us to say within the final EA to close out our ESA coordination with FWS?

Can we talk today? I want to be sure your office is ok with the potential projects. I'm working from home. Cell number is 843-991-2242.

Thanks - Mark

-----Original Message-----
From: Mark Caldwell [mailto:mark_caldwell@fws.gov]
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2016 10:22 AM
To: Messersmith, Mark J CIV CESAC CESAD (US)  
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Cc: Thomas McCoy <Thomas_McCoy@fws.gov>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: post45: beneficial uses

We will not be sending comments.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Nov 3, 2016, at 9:37 AM, Messersmith, Mark J CIV CESAC CESAD (US)  
> <Mark.J.Messersmith@usace.army.mil> wrote:  
> > Tom and Mark - will you all be able to submit comments soon in regards to  
> > FWCA and ESA on the subject project?  
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Hi Mark. We are not going to be able to comment. Pace

On Mon, Oct 31, 2016 at 8:21 AM, Messersmith, Mark J CIV CESAC CESAD (US) <Mark.J.Messersmith@usace.army.mil> wrote:

Yes. Nov 1 is fine. Thanks for letting me know.

Mark

-----Original Message-----
From: Pace Wilber - NOAA Federal [mailto:pace.wilber@noaa.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2016 8:17 AM
To: Messersmith, Mark J CIV CESAC CESAD (US) <Mark.J.Messersmith@usace.army.mil>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Charleston Harbor Post45: Beneficial Use Environmental Assessment

Hi Mark. I am out of the office today through Wednesday. Can I have until Monday Nov 7? Pace

On Mon, Oct 31, 2016 at 8:13 AM, Messersmith, Mark J CIV CESAC CESAD (US) <Mark.J.Messersmith@usace.army.mil> wrote:

Post 45 ICT - Just a reminder that the requested commenting deadline is today so please send in any comments/concerns/support for the potential beneficial use projects today. If you desire more time, please email me or call me so that we can discuss the coordination.

Respectfully, Mark
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District (The Corps), working in cooperation with the South Carolina State Ports Authority, has prepared a Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate potential beneficial use of dredged material projects that could be completed as part of the deepening and widening of Charleston Harbor. The EA is a supplement to the 2015 Charleston Harbor Post 45 Integrated Feasibility Report (IFR) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). As we've discussed in the past, opportunities for beneficial use of dredged material exist associated with the dredging of new work material during the construction of the Charleston Harbor Post 45 Navigation Project. In accordance with ER 1105-2-100, the Corps is considering beneficial use of dredged material as a part of the project.

The 2015 Final IFR/EIS identified several items for further evaluation during PED phase, one of those being a commitment to evaluate additional beneficial use alternatives for the new work dredged material. This Draft Supplemental EA addresses the evaluation of beneficial uses of dredged material for the new work material dredged from the channel. It also discusses the process and results of fine-tuning the locations of artificial reefs near the entrance channel and identifying any existing approved reefs that could be supplemented with rock material from the channel. Our evaluation led to proposing potential projects to augment eroding islands in the Charleston Harbor (Crab Bank, Shutes Folly, and a portion of Morris Island) with dredged material from the federal navigation channel. Your input throughout the process, whether via email, phone call, or from our two beneficial use ICT meetings, was helpful to us. Our preliminary findings are that the proposed beneficial use projects would have no significant environmental impacts.

Please review the Draft Supplemental EA which can be found online at [http://www.sac.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Charleston-Harbor-Post-45/](http://www.sac.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Charleston-Harbor-Post-45/). In accordance with provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) your review of this Draft Supplemental EA and any comments are hereby solicited. We respectfully request your comments by October 31, 2016. Some of you will also be receiving a formal letter by Monday.

Additionally, we would like to have a 2 hour ICT meeting with you on Oct 19 to discuss the proposed beneficial use options. This should give you time to formulate any comments prior to the Oct 31 comment period end. I will send out a meeting invite for a 0900 meeting on that day shortly.

As always, please feel free to call me with any questions.

Respectfully, Mark

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Hi Mark,

Attached are EPA’s comments regarding the Post 45-Draft Supplemental EA for Beneficial Use of Dredge Material. We appreciated the opportunity to comment and please let me know if you have questions regarding our comments.

Thanks,

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On page 66 (7.4 Artificial Reef Creation/ODMDS Berm Construction), the USACE states,

A cutterhead dredge could result in the rock being dredged into smaller rock pieces (i.e., jagged pieces likely up to basketball size) as well as a mixture of gravel and cobble. If the contractor uses a mechanical dredge for the construction of the beneficial use, the rock fragments could be larger in size. A combination of material types may also occur. While smaller rock from a cutterhead may not produce a substrate quite as stable for a hardbottom benthic community, it will still be a beneficial use for fish habitat enhancement and provide some hardbottom benefits from rock fragments.

If constructed with larger rock, the habitat could be more suitable for invertebrate growth and hardbottom habitat development along with the fish habitat benefits. If constructed with smaller rock and/or gravel/cobble, the habitat could serve as a fish attractant and still have the potential for benthic invertebrate recruitment. Any of the placement techniques results in an enhancement to nearshore fisheries resources.

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In addition, as pointed out in the DSEA, habitat constructed of smaller rock is less stable over time and during high energy storm events (i.e., hurricane Matthew) than that made of larger materials. Unstable habitat is less effective as fish attractants and as benthic habitat and becomes less so over time. The EPA notes that the long term viability of these artificial reefs is not discussed in the SDEA.

Recommendation: The EPA recommends the USACE expand the discussion regarding the methodology used in constructing these artificial reefs. The EPA also recommends the USACE discuss the long term viability and productivity of these artificial reefs within the Final SEA.

- The EPA notes that the USACE has not discussed climate change anywhere within the EA. The EPA is concerned that the USACE has not properly disclosed climate change or greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions as described in the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) recently published, "Final Guidance for Federal Departments and Agencies on Consideration of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and the Effects of Climate Change in National Environmental Policy Act Review" (dated August 1, 2016).

Recommendation: The EPA recommends the USACE include climate change and GHG emissions discussions in the Final EA in accordance with the "Final Guidance for Federal Departments and Agencies on Consideration of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and the Effects of Climate Change in National Environmental Policy Act Review".
November 8, 2016

Lt. Col. Matthew Luzzatto
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ATTN: Mr. Mark Messersmith

RE: Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI);
Beneficial Uses for Charleston Harbor Deepening Project (Post-45)

Dear Lt. Col. Luzzatto:

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has reviewed the Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment (DSEA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) referenced above and offers the following comments.

**Background:** In July 2015, the Corps released the Final Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement (IFR/EIS) for the Charleston Harbor Post 45 Study, which described the Recommended Plan (RP) for navigation improvements to Charleston Harbor. The Final IFR/EIS identified several potential alternatives for the beneficial use of new work dredged material that would be further evaluated during the Pre-construction, Engineering, and Design (PED) phase of the Post 45 Project. The DSEA provides a detailed analysis of those alternatives, as well as a refinement of the proposed locations for several new “patch” reefs and the identification of existing artificial reefs that could be supplemented with rock material dredged from the federal channel. Potential environmental impacts of the proposed rock placement were previously evaluated in detail in the Post 45 Final IFR/EIS.

In the DSEA, the Corps evaluated the feasibility of over 15 beneficial use alternatives for dredged sediments, including the “no-action” alternative. Many of these alternatives
were eliminated from further consideration due to economic, engineering, or environmental constraints; however, the following beneficial use options were retained for more detailed analysis and were identified as the preferred alternatives:

1. **Alternative 1a - Crab Bank Enhancement**: augmentation of Crab Bank, a small island within Charleston Harbor, to create and protect bird nesting habitat using up to 1.2 million cubic yards of predominantly sandy dredged material from the navigation channel.

2. **Alternative 2b - Shutes Folly Enhancement**: augmentation of Shutes Folly, a small island within Charleston Harbor, to create and protect bird nesting habitat using up to approximately 300,000 cubic yards of predominantly sandy dredged material from the navigation channel.

3. **Alternative 3a – Rock berm around ODMDS**: placement of rock material from the entrance channel along the western, southern and eastern boundaries of the Charleston Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site (ODMDS), primarily to contain fine-grained sediments and secondarily to create hardbottom habitat for fish and invertebrates. The majority of the material would be smaller-sized rock dredged with a cutterhead dredge. The Final IFR/EIS included a preferred design in which the berm would be topped with larger-sized rock dredged with a mechanical dredge as a beneficial use component of the project; however, the Corps has determined that requiring mechanical dredging would not be the least cost alternative. Therefore, the berm is proposed to be constructed without any restrictions placed on the type of dredging equipment used or the size of rock material placed.

4. **Alternative 3b – Rock Reefs near Navigation Channel**: creation of two (required) “mitigation reefs” and six (optional) “beneficial use reefs”. Rock material also would be added to existing artificial reefs identified by DNR. As with Alternative 3a, the Corps has determined that requiring mechanical dredging in order to obtain larger-sized rock material would not be the least cost alternative. Therefore, the beneficial use reefs are proposed to be constructed without any restrictions placed on the type of dredging equipment used or the size of rock material placed.

5. **Alternative 13b - Beach Placement on Morris Island**: placement of predominantly sandy material on the eroding shoreface of Morris Island around the landward terminus of the south jetty of Charleston Harbor in order to protect dry beach habitat and eliminate flanking of the south jetty where it terminates at Morris Island.
As noted in the DSEA, the cost of implementing several of these alternatives exceeds that of the least cost alternative (i.e., disposal of the dredged material in the Charleston ODMDS). Corps policy requires that one or more eligible non-federal sponsors provide matching funds to either fully cover or potentially share in the additional cost of any beneficial use over that of the least cost alternative. One possible exception to this requirement would be alternative 13b (Beach Placement on Morris Island), which could be constructed as part of the USACE Charleston Harbor Operation and Maintenance program without a non-federal sponsor if the Corps determines it is the most cost-efficient option for protecting the south jetty.

**Comments on Alternatives 1a (Crab Bank), 2b (Shutes Folly), and 13b (Morris Island):** DNR fully supports alternatives 1a and 2b for beneficially using suitable dredged material to increase habitat for colonial seabirds, shorebirds, and wading birds on Crab Bank and Shutes Folly. Crab Bank has been designated as an “Important Bird Area” by the National Audubon Society and is also a South Carolina Heritage Trust Site owned by the State of South Carolina and managed by DNR as a sanctuary for the protection, conservation, and propagation of birds. Both Crab Bank and Shutes Folly provide important nesting habitat for several species of waterbirds due to their relative isolation, small size, and lack of predators. As noted in the DSEA, both Crab Bank and Shutes Folly have experienced significant erosion since 1994. Augmentation of these islands with clean, predominantly sandy dredged material will increase available nesting, roosting, and foraging habitat for several species of birds.

DNR also supports alternative 13b for the beneficial use of suitable dredged material to protect dry beach habitat on Morris Island and eliminate flanking of the south jetty at its landward terminus; however, from a natural resource perspective, DNR would rank this alternative lower in priority than Crab Bank and Shutes Folly since the northern end of Morris Island is not heavily used by nesting or migrating birds, primarily because of human activity in this area. The northern end of Morris Island is also infrequently used by nesting sea turtles; although, a few nests have been found in recent years. The proposed use of a hopper dredge for this particular alternative also poses a potential risk to sea turtles and other demersal (bottom-dwelling) species, including Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon, both of which are known to occur in the project area throughout the year, but in greater numbers from November through May. Unfortunately, this time period coincides with the allowable hopper dredging window for sea turtles, thus increasing the risk of take for sturgeon.

Therefore, while DNR is supportive of all three beneficial use alternatives described above, we recommend that the following precautions be taken to minimize any adverse impacts of dredging and dredged material placement on aquatic species and their habitats:

1. Limit dredged material placement on the northwestern end of Crab Bank to the period between October 15 and April 15 in order to avoid periods of high bird nesting activity in this area.

2. Take appropriate precautions during dredged material placement to avoid impacts to large expanses of vegetated saltmarsh on the landward sides of Crab Bank and Shutes Folly.

3. Take appropriate precautions to minimize excess turbidity and suspended solids in the vicinity of the dredging and disposal operations.

4. Comply with the dredging window for new work construction as described in Section 5.4.14 of the IFR/EIS (USACE 2015). This window prohibits dredging within Mt. Pleasant Reach, Rebellion Reach, and between the jetties in Ft. Sumter Reach between April 1 and September 30 in order to avoid impacts to larval fish in an area identified as a spawning “hotspot” by DNR. The window also prohibits new work dredging within 1000’ on either side of the Ravenel Bridge during this same time period.

5. Restrict any hopper dredging for the Morris Island alternative to the winter months (December 1 through March 31) to avoid impacts to sea turtles, and use a “turtle deflecting draghead” to reduce the potential for take of sea turtles and other demersal species, including Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon.

6. Avoid placing dredged material on Morris Island during turtle nesting season (May 1 - October 31). If placement of dredged material cannot be avoided during this period, a pre-construction survey of the beach should be conducted to ensure that any and all nests had reached full incubation and had been inventoried.

Comments on Alternatives 3a (Rock Berm around ODMDS) and 3b (Rock Reefs near Navigation Channel): DNR fully supports the use of rock material dredged from the federal channel to extend the existing berm around the ODMDS and to create and enhance nearshore reef habitat. DNR strongly recommends, however, that the Corps adhere to the original design for all of these structures rather than the newly proposed least cost design. Originally, the two “mitigation reefs”, six “beneficial use reefs”, and ODMDS berm were proposed to be constructed with a “base” of smaller rock material using a cutterhead dredge and then topped with larger rock material using a mechanical dredge. As proposed in the DSEA, the original design still will be used for the two mitigation reefs; however, an alternative design is proposed for all other reefs and the ODMDS berm.
The proposed (least cost) design for the berm and six beneficial use reefs would not require the use of a mechanical dredge to generate the larger rock material and, instead, would rely only on the smaller rock material produced by a cutterhead dredge to construct the beneficial reefs and berm. Placing the larger rock material on top of the ODMDS berm would improve its stability and ensure it continues to serve its primary function of containing fine-grained sediments within the ODMDS, thus preventing those sediments from impacting nearby naturally occurring hardbottom habitat. Adding the larger rock material to the berm and to all proposed reefs would also provide greater topographic relief and habitat complexity, which could enhance the development of hardbottom communities of fish and invertebrates on these structures. For these reasons, DNR recommends adherence to the original design for all proposed structures and would support all reasonable efforts to secure the additional funds needed to implement this design.

In addition, DNR continues to recommend that the Site Management and Monitoring Plan (SMMP) that is currently being developed for the expansion of the Charleston ODMDS include a comprehensive assessment of the final dimensions and physical characteristics of the proposed berm, as well as a long-term assessment of its structural stability, efficacy as a sediment containment structure, and development as functional habitat for fish and invertebrates. This monitoring plan should be incorporated by reference into the Final EA for Beneficial Uses for the Charleston Harbor Deepening Project.

**Conclusion:** The DNR supports all proposed beneficial uses (with the caveats stated above) and concurs with the finding that any adverse impacts resulting from implementation of the proposed beneficial uses are likely to be minor and temporary, provided the recommendations included in this letter and other environmental precautions discussed in the DSEA are incorporated into the final design of these projects. The DNR looks forward to further assisting the Corps in exploring all viable options for funding and implementing the proposed beneficial use projects. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact me at wendtp@dnr.sc.gov or Bob Perry at perryb@dnr.sc.gov.

Sincerely,

**Priscilla H. Wendt**

Priscilla H. Wendt  
Office of Environmental Programs
December 12, 2016

Planning and Environmental Branch

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Dear Ms. Johnson,

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District (The Corps), working in cooperation with the South Carolina State Ports Authority, has prepared a Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate potential beneficial use of dredged material projects that could be completed as part of the deepening and widening of Charleston Harbor. The EA is a supplement to the 2015 Charleston Harbor Post 45 Integrated Feasibility Report (IFR) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Opportunities for beneficial use of dredged material exist associated with the dredging of new work material during the construction of the Charleston Harbor Post 45 Navigation Project. The evaluation led to proposing potential projects to augment eroding islands in the Charleston Harbor (Crab Bank, Shutes Folly, and a portion of Morris Island) with dredged material from the federal navigation channel.

The Corps has previously received Section 106 (National Historic Preservation Act) concurrence for various other aspects of the Post 45 project, including channel dredging and the offshore placement of artificial reefs. Presently, the undertaking of proposed alternatives at Crab Bank, Shutes Folly, and Morris Island need concurrence from your office and the Corps would like to ensure that all aspects of the undertaking are covered under Section 106. On October 30, 2016 Mr. James Spirek of the SC Institute for Anthropology and Archaeology (SCIAA), sent an email to the Corps requesting further survey work for Crab Bank, Shutes Folly and Morris Island. SCIAA is often consulted regarding underwater resources, and these recommendations warrant consideration (see email attachment). The Corps met with Mr. Spirek via phone call on December 9, 2016 and discussed the following resolution for these projects.

Battery Wagner was a concern to SCIAA due to its possible location near the terminus of the south jetty on Morris Island. SCIAA performed magnetometer work in certain nearby areas to try to identify any portions of the historic fort. While the exact
boundaries are still unknown, SCIAA provided the Corps a map detailing avoidance areas due to potential anomalies. The construction contractor will be provided this information within the plans and specifications as avoidance areas. The Corps will require the construction contractors to be aware that the potential for finding cultural resources in this area exists. In addition, SCIAA requested that an archaeologist monitor the construction site when operating within 100 yards on either side of the jetty due to the potential for the undertaking to encounter remains of Battery Wagner and this recommendation will be included in the plans and specifications. If during the course of work cultural resources are uncovered, work will cease immediately and the Charleston District will coordinate with SHPO and SCIAA before additional work is performed or move to another location.

Placement operations will have no impact on any historic structures on Crab Bank or Shutes Folly. Prior to construction, an archaeologist will perform a pedestrian survey of the intertidal zone at Shutes Folly due to the potential for encountering historic resources and/or human remains. At Crab Bank, a preconstruction side scan sonar and magnetometer survey will be performed on the main channel (southwest) side of Crab Bank. The survey will cover the extent of the construction footprint. Results will be shared with SHPO and SCIAA and buffers or mitigation will be addressed accordingly.

Considering the aforementioned commitments to archaeological resources, the Corps respectfully requests your Section 106 (NHPA) concurrence that the undertaking of the proposed beneficial use alternatives at Crab Bank, Shutes Folly, and Morris Island will have no adverse effects on historic properties. If you have additional questions or comments on the undertaking, please contact Mr. Mark Messersmith at mark.j.messersmith@usace.army.mil or by phone at (843) 329-8162.

Sincerely,

Diane C. Perkins, AICP
Chief, Planning and Environmental Branch
December 13, 2016

Mark Messersmith
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Re: Charleston Harbor Post 45, Beneficial Use of Dredged Materials, Potential Placement at Crab Bank, Shutes Folly, and Morris Island
Charleston County, South Carolina
SHPO Project Number 10-CW0455

Dear Mark Messersmith:

Thank you for your letter of December 12, 2016 which we received via email on December 13 regarding this undertaking. The State Historic Preservation Office is providing comments to the Corps of Engineers pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800. Our office has previously provided concurrence for other parts of the Post 45 project, including channel dredging and the offshore placement of artificial reefs. Consultation with the SHPO is not a substitution for consultation with Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, other Native American tribes, local governments, or the public.

Thank you for outlining steps the Corps will take to avoid, monitor and/or survey historic properties that may be present at Crab Bank, Morris Island, and Shutes Folly. These steps are a result of consultation and coordination with the State Underwater Archaeologist, SC Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology. Based on these commitments to archaeological resources, our office concurs with the Corps determination that the proposed beneficial use alternatives will have no adverse effects on historic properties.

If archaeological materials are encountered during construction, the procedures codified at 36 CFR 800.13(b) will apply. Archaeological materials consist of any items, fifty years old or older, which were made or used by man. These items include, but are not limited to, human skeletal materials, stone projectile points (arrowheads), ceramic sherds, bricks, worked wood, bone and stone, and metal and glass objects. The federal agency or the applicant receiving federal assistance should contact our office immediately.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (803) 896-6168 or ejohnson@scdah.sc.gov.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth M. Johnson
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State Historic Preservation Office

cc: Jim Spirek, SCIAA
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Re: Charleston Harbor Post 45 Impact area and Artificial Reef, draft report  
Charleston County, South Carolina  
SHPO Project Number 10-CW0455

Dear Mark Messersmith:

On September 6, our office received the report entitled Cultural Resources Survey for the Post 45 Charleston Harbor Project Impact Area and Artificial Reef Site Clearance, Charleston, South Carolina. The State Historic Preservation Office is providing comments to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800. Consultation with the SHPO is not a substitution for consultation with Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, other Native American tribes, local governments, or the public.

The report meets the guidelines set forth in the South Carolina Standards and Guidelines for Archaeological Investigations. During the course of the survey, 144 magnetic anomalies and 25 sidescan sonar contacts were recorded. Of these, one cluster (M-18, M-19, M-22, M-23, and M-24), one sonar contact, C009, were found to be noteworthy in the Mitigation North area. One submerged paleofeature was also identified in the Mitigation North area. While the significance of these features remains uncertain, our office, in consultation with the State Underwater Archaeologist, concurs that a 100 foot buffer should be placed around them during the project. If these avoidance measures employed, we would concur that the proposed project will have no effect on historic properties. If avoidance and buffering is not possible, additional identification efforts should be implemented.

If archaeological materials are encountered during construction, the procedures codified at 36 CFR 800.13(b) will apply. Archaeological materials consist of any items, fifty years old or older, which were made or used by man. These items include, but are not limited to, human skeletal materials, stone projectile points (arrowheads), ceramic sherds, bricks, worked wood, bone and stone; and metal and glass objects. The federal agency or the applicant receiving federal assistance should contact our office immediately.

We accept the reports as final. To complete the consultation process: We require one (1) additional bound and one (1) unbound hard copy on acid-free paper. Investigators should send all
copies directly to SHPO. SHPO will distribute the appropriate copies to SCIAA.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (803) 896-6181 or edale@scdah.sc.gov.

Sincerely,

Emily Dale  
Staff Archaeologist/GIS Coordinator  
State Historic Preservation Office

cc: Jim Spirek, SCIAA  
    Keith Derting, SCIAA
Hi Mark,

We have reviewed the beneficial use Draft Supplemental EA for the Charleston Harbor deepening and widening project. On September 30, 2016, our office concurred with the No Effect determination made by the USACE. At this time, we have no additional comments.

Thank you for providing our office with the opportunity to comment on this project. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Emily Dale

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The 2015 Final IFR/EIS identified several items for further evaluation during PED phase, one of those being a commitment to evaluate additional beneficial use alternatives for the new work dredged material. This Draft Supplemental EA addresses the evaluation of beneficial uses of dredged material for the new work material dredged from the channel. It also discusses the process and results of fine-tuning the locations of artificial reefs near the entrance channel and identifying any existing approved reefs that could be supplemented with rock material from the channel. Our evaluation led to proposing potential projects to augment eroding islands in the Charleston Harbor (Crab Bank, Shutes Folly, and a portion of Morris Island) with dredged material from the federal navigation channel. Your input throughout the process, whether via email, phone call, or from our two beneficial use ICT meetings, was helpful to us. Our preliminary findings are that the proposed beneficial use projects would have no significant environmental impacts.

Please review the Draft Supplemental EA which can be found online at Blockedhttp://www.sac.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Charleston-Harbor-Post-45/. In accordance with provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) your review of this Draft Supplemental EA and any comments are hereby solicited. We respectfully request your comments by October 31, 2016. Some of you will also be receiving a formal letter by Monday.

Additionally, we would like to have a 2 hour ICT meeting with you on Oct 19 to discuss the proposed beneficial use options. This should give you time to formulate any comments prior to the Oct 31 comment period end. I will send out a meeting invite for a 0900 meeting on that day shortly.

As always, please feel free to call me with any questions.

Respectfully, Mark

Mark Messersmith
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Hi Mark,

I have spoken to Jim Spirek a bit about the Post 45 Survey and after receiving his formal comments, what we recommend is a report that conforms to the S.C. Standards and Guidelines for Archaeological Investigations which can refer back to the first survey report a bit for the environmental/historical/archaeological context. What it will need is discussion of potential offshore shipwrecks and paleolandscapes to put the survey's purpose into some perspective as well as full methods and interpretations sections. We concur that no additional survey work is necessary and that, with a permit stipulation ensuring a 100-foot buffer around the cluster of magnetic anomalies (M18, 19, 22, 23, 57, and 24) and the acoustic anomaly (C008), no historic properties will be affected. I can either put this on letterhead now or wait until we have reviewed the report, just let me know.

Best,
Emily Dale

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-----Original Message-----
From: Messersmith, Mark J SAC [mailto:Mark.J.Messersmith@usace.army.mil]
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2016 6:05 PM
To: SPIREK, JIM
Cc: Dale, Emily
Subject: RE: Charleston Post 45 Survey Archeological Results Summary

Thanks Jim. To clarify, along with siting issues/buffers/spec language, I'd like to know what additional information you would require to support a decision from your office (and the SHPO)? Is a polished report really necessary or just the data presented to make a decision?

Thanks - Mark

-----Original Message-----
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To: Messersmith, Mark J SAC <Mark.J.Messersmith@usace.army.mil>
Cc: Dale, Emily <EDale@scdah.sc.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Charleston Post 45 Survey Archeological Results Summary

Mark,

I will review the report shortly and get back to discuss any potential siting issues, etc. and final report specs. Thanks.
-----Original Message-----
From: Messersmith, Mark J SAC [mailto:Mark.J.Messersmith@usace.army.mil]
Sent: Saturday, June 18, 2016 10:00 PM
To: SPIREK, JIM
Cc: Dale, Emily
Subject: FW: Charleston Post 45 Survey Archeological Results Summary

Mr. Spirek - Please take a look at the attached draft results chapter for the mitigation reef search areas north and south of the charleston entrance channel. After you have a chance to look it over, let me know a good time that we can talk about your needs for a final report.

Thanks - Mark

-----Original Message-----
From: Steve Dial [mailto:sdial@dialcordy.com]
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Charleston Post 45 Survey Archeological Results Summary

Mark/Patrick -Please find attached a PDF of what will be Pan American’s Cultural Resources results chapter. There are no potentially significant anomalies. This chapter still lacks the subbottom images but a review indicates a lack of paleo-features. When we complete the Southern area side-scan analysis of HB features this week, we can then site the artificial reef locations.

Best, Steve
Mark,

We have reviewed the Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment to evaluate the potential beneficial use of dredged materials projects as part of the widening and deepening of Charleston Harbor. The projects identified in the document include Morris Island, Crab Bank, and Shute's Folly for the placement of these dredged materials. Proposed means to place and position the dredged materials include two alternate methods, that is, to pipe dredge spoil to the sites or to use dumping scows to deposit the materials at the aforementioned locations, and then to use heavy equipment to distribute the materials. At each of these three identified project areas we have concerns regarding potential adverse effects to known and potential archaeological resources within the Area of Potential Effect:

Morris Island: As identified in the document, we have concerns regarding the proposed placement and movement of the dredged materials at this location due to the historic location of Battery Wagner, an important Confederate, and later Union, earthwork during the Civil Work. The historic location of the battery is straddled by the terminus of the South Jetty. Over the years, our office and others have received reports of human remains and other related items in this vicinity. In discussion with the SHPO and the USACE, we have recommended the presence of an archaeologist to monitor any disturbance of human remains or archaeological features during the construction activities. In the event, human remains or archaeological sites, features, or object are encountered, work should cease in that area, and continue elsewhere, and the SHPO and SCIAA notified for further guidance. Concerning the delivery of the dredged materials to the site, SCIAA has also provided the USACE, specifically Mark Messersmith, with the results of a previous remote-sensing survey undertaken in the offshore vicinity of the proposed land activities. We have proposed buffer zones to avoid potential adverse effects to these anomalies.

Shute's Folly: As with Battery Wagner, over the years, we have received reports of human remains eroding out from Shute's Folly, apparently a burying ground in the past. Additionally, the island contains the ruins of Castle Pinckney, a Federal and Civil War brick fortification. The APE of the area may contain unknown infrastructural components associated with the construction and the logistical supply of the fortification. Therefore, we recommend that an intertidal archaeological survey, at low-tide, take place prior to construction activities to locate any exposed features to determine their historical or archaeological significance. As with Battery Morris, we recommend the presence of an archaeologist to monitor any disturbance of human remains or archaeological sites during construction activities.

Crab Bank: During the Post-45 and previous submerged cultural resource surveys at Charleston Harbor, a number of shipwrecks have been historically documented as occurring in Charleston Harbor. Many of the documented ships wrecked during storms, most likely foundering as well as grounding at shallow areas of the harbor. Crab Bank is a potential ship trap in the harbor, particularly along the western shoreline, the likely destination of vessels driven ashore or grounding during storms. We recommend that a submerged cultural resource survey take place prior to construction activities to determine the presence or absence of unknown archaeological sites within the APE.

If you have any questions or comments about our recommendations please contact me or Emily Dale, SHPO archaeologist. Thank you for the opportunity to assist and to review the Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment concerning the potential beneficial use of dredged materials.

Jim

James D. Spirek
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South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology
Hi Mark,

Attached are EPA’s comments regarding the Post 45-Draft Supplemental EA for Beneficial Use of Dredge Material. We appreciated the opportunity to comment and please let me know if you have questions regarding our comments.

Thanks,

Jamie

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Dear Mr. Messersmith:

I am writing in support of Post 45, specifically for Beneficial Use Project Alternative 1a. This letter will comment on Alternative 1a: Crab Bank Enhancement:

Audubon South Carolina, the state arm of National Audubon Society, represents over 18,000 Audubon members in South Carolina. In partnership with BirdLife International, Audubon has the responsibility for identifying and working to conserve a network of Important Bird Areas (IBA) throughout the US. As you know, Crab Bank is a Recognized State IBA. This in combination with its classification as a Seabird Sanctuary make Crab Bank the ideal location for depositing dredge spoils from Charleston Harbor.

Located in Charleston Harbor at the mouth of Shem, Crab Bank is one of five existing Seabird Sanctuary Islands protected during the nesting season from human disturbance. These islands are vital for the success of beach nesting seabirds and shorebirds which include many species in decline. Data from its IBA record state that Crab Bank also serves as a secondary site for other established colonial sites subject to sever tidal overwash or human disturbance. Species that have been recorded using the island since 2007 include American Oystercatcher, Black Skimmer, Brown Pelican, Gull-billed Tern, Laughing Gull, Royal Tern, and Sandwich Tern. In 2007 the island supported 15 breeding pairs of American Oystercatchers, 179 Black Skimmer nests, 615 Brown Pelican nests, 50 Gull-billed Tern nests, 1,212 Royal Tern nests, and 35 Sandwich Tern nests. These birds rely on safe places to recover and maintain healthy populations. With an increasing number of people moving to the coast every year, beach-nesting bird habitat faces more risks than ever. Maintaining Seabird Sanctuary islands should be paramount on the coast. Beneficial Use Project Alternative 1a would re-nourish Crab Bank and prevent vital bird habitat from disappearing. More sand on Crab Bank would restore bird habitat and put the dredged sand to use in a beneficial way.

The added wave energy from larger container ships navigating Charleston Harbor also poses a potential problem to beach nesting birds. Added sand to Crab Bank would mitigate this problem and provide a base to create living shorelines which can decrease erosion due to wave energy. As Audubon South Carolina’s Coastal Program Coordinator, I visit Crab Bank multiple times throughout the year and have personally witnessed the amount of erosion and nest loss due to overwash on Crab Bank. Especially after Hurricane Matthew, at high tide there is little beach left for birds to nest. This island is a fantastic resource for people living and visiting Charleston and adds enormous aesthetic and economic value to the Shem Creek and greater Charleston areas. Birds and other wildlife are what makes South Carolina such a beautiful place to live, visit, and has made SC a successful area to do business.

Sincerely,

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Please shore up these important bird breeding areas. It is important to help the birds in these areas due to detrimental human impact in other areas.

Thank you,

Amy Hanson
Greensboro, N.C.
Will the deepening of the channel to 52' require construction of new deeper bulkheads at berthing areas?
Dear Post & Courier,

Thank you for posting the article written by Nathan Dias on the issue of using clean sand from the harbor dredging to shore up Crab Bank for our nesting shore birds.

We have written to the USACE due to this article being posted. See below.

What a win-win situation when this comes to pass. Please have your staff monitor the progress of this valuable Post 45 activity.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Blizard

Project Coordinator

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Because Post 45 is currently in the Preconstruction Engineering and Design (PED) Phase of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ Civil Works Process, it is the ideal time to assure that clean sand from the dredging is designed to be used to provide essential nesting territory for our seabirds.

These pelicans, oystercatchers & other native birds not only lend quality of life to us humans, but they deserve our care as so aptly written by Nathan Dias in the Post & Courier.

Thank you in advance for doing all that you can to shore up the Crab Bank with clean sand.
Sincerely, Marilyn & Bill Blizard
Dear Mr. Messersmith,

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Crab Bank is both an Important Bird Area designated by the National Audubon Society, as well as one of the five recognized Seabird Sanctuary islands located along the South Carolina coast. These designations are both for good reason. Due to the increase of development along our coast and the dependence of many of our seabirds and shorebirds on colonial nesting sites along our beaches, isolated islands like Crab Bank represent some of the most important habitat for these species in all of South Carolina. Crab Bank supports a variety of nesting terns and gulls, as well as other seabirds and shorebirds. Included among these breeding species are some of the most iconic birds of our state, such as the Brown Pelican, American Oystercatcher, and Black Skimmer. Unfortunately, many of these species are facing population declines that stem from loss of habitat.

As a naturalist and birdwatcher, I can attest to the amazing diversity of birds that utilize Crab Bank. I have stood often at spots along the perimeter of Charleston Harbor and watched the spectacle of birds using this sanctuary.

Protecting and maintaining islands such as Crab Bank are important for the breeding success of these important bird species. Unfortunately, these islands are susceptible to erosion and wave action which can reduce the amount of suitable nesting habitat. For this reason, I am writing to urge you to adopt Beneficial Use Project Alternative 1a to re-nourish and enlarge Crab Bank. I believe that this alternative represents what is best for the birds that are such a critical part of our coastal ecosystems.

Sincerely,

Matt Johnson

Summerville, SC
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34 E River Dr
Beaufort, SC 29907-1130
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Dar Bozec
400 Lakecrest Dr
Spartanburg, SC 29301-5238
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365 Sugar Cane Way
Mount Pleasant, SC 29464-2748
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4252 Home Town Ln
Ravenel, SC 29470-3333
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6141 Afton Pl
Los Angeles, CA 90028-8348
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1224 Loner Rd
Blythewood, SC 29016-9046
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162 Rest Haven Dr Lot 21
West Columbia, SC 29169-3602
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50 Hawksbill Ln
Simpsonville, SC 29680-7751
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407 Oneil St
Sullivans Island, SC 29482-8785
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Timothy Strickland
1429 Amanda Park Ln
Charleston, SC 29412-8651
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elizabeth harris
414 Autumn Cir
Columbia, SC 29206-4982
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Tony Panek
4904 Boundview Ct
Summerville, SC 29485-8683
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Marilyn Blanchard

Aiken, SC 29803
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33 Raven Glass Ln
Bluffton, SC 29909-7107
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1033 Tyler St
Hollywood, FL 33019-1303
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743 Kipling Dr
Columbia, SC 29205-2061
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2812 Bratton St
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Golden, CO 80403
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Nancy Kreml
111 Southwood Dr
Columbia, SC 29205-3219
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Sincerely,
Nancy Vinson

Charleston, SC 29412
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1430 Wonder Dr
Chapin, SC 29036-8849
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1936 Davant Cir
Mount Pleasant, SC 29464-6256
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201 Martin St
Clemson, SC 29631-1528
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Redwood City, CA 94062
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225 Virginia Ave
Greenwood, SC 29646-4631
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1120 Hamlin Rd
Easley, SC 29642-9612
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PO Box 553
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1500 Highway 15 Lot 7
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504 Berrie Rd SW
Aiken, SC 29801-4810
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673 Oxbow Dr
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1844 Gingercake Cir Apt 204
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403 Temple Rd
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232 Lake Fairfield Dr
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812 Harbour Watch Ct
Mount Pleasant, SC 29464-2860
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1724 Henley Rd
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130 Crystal Dr
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E.M. Skidmore
7789 Steamboat Landing Rd
Edisto Island, SC 29438-6514
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William Blackman III
107 Orchid Ct
Round O, SC 29474-4515
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131 Cheyenne Rd
Gaffney, SC 29341-4232
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330 Bahama Dr
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576-9799
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41 Lemoyne Ln
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1434 Diamond Blvd
Mount Pleasant, SC 29466-9463
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319 Tamassee Dr
Clemson, SC 29631-1844
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3755 Ducane Rd
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118 Honey Hill Dr
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1434 Fairfield Ave
Charleston, SC 29407-5322
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West Columbia, SC 29169
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5864 N Rhett Ave Apt 1B
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47 Racquet Club Dr
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9 Oakleaf Rd
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655 Clearview Dr
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1429 Amanda Park Ln
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196 Tortoise Trl
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1234 No Paper Mail Please
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307 Summit Townes Way
Columbia, SC 29229-7723
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3380 Pampas Dr
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6 Village North Dr Apt 119
Hilton Head Island, SC 29926-3306
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1334 Bryjo Pl
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4104 Egrets Point Dr
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3296 Vinewood Pl
North Charleston, SC 29420-8849
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748 Gin House Ct
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4554 S Rhett Ave
North Charleston, SC 29405-5252
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97 Francis Marion Cir
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15 Boathouse Close
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Carol Moloney
173 Lamar Dr
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1718 Madison Rd Apt 3
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1234 DAIS Rd
Rembert, SC 29128
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208 Heatherstone Ct
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602 Ashley Downs
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915 Allendale Cir
Rock Hill, SC 29732-8920
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Seneca, SC 29678-5520
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7 Belvedere Ln
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6 Bayley Point Ln
Hilton Head Island, SC 29926-1309
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450 Liberty St
Rock Hill, SC 29730-4652
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7 Gadsden St
Charleston, SC 29401-1202
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111 Birdsong Way Apt E109
Hilton Head Island, SC 29926-1344
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Erlene Nolley
408 Halifax Dr
Greenville, SC 29615-3966
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1009 Castle Rock Ct
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576-7588
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93 Toura Ln
Charleston, SC 29414-6833
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100 Point Comfort Rd
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21 Basil Ct
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39 Sundance Ln
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Aiken, SC 29801-2924
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Sally Stansill
4421 Wedgewood Dr
Columbia, SC 29206-4553
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105 Westdale Ave
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700 Greenlawn Dr
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216 Redbud St
Seneca, SC 29672-9165
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110 Otter Rd
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928-3104
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2 Pelot Ct
Bluffton, SC 29909-4541
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1082 Eastwood Ct
Aiken, SC 29801-8106
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123 Fort Walker Dr
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739 Tysons Forest Dr
Rock Hill, SC 29732-2851
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1 BISHOP Gadsden Way Apt 221
Johns Island, SC 29455
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4527 Old South Dr
Timmonsville, SC 29161-7718
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Doris Wilson
75 Ridge Rd
Lyman, SC 29365-1735
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9 Crest Hill Dr
Fountain Inn, SC 29644-8502
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Tamara Garrett
193 Oakesdale Dr
Okatie, SC 29909-7820
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2325 Island Trl
Chapin, SC 29036-8630
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754 Beauregard St
Charleston, SC 29412-4503
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23 Hardy Ridge Way
Travelers Rest, SC 29690-3916
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49 Dove St
Williamston, SC 29697-1739
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Marilyn Marsh
1920 Barnwell Dr.
Florence, SC
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Marilyn Marsh
1920 Barnwell Dr
Florence, SC 29501-1464
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9 Ocean Marsh Ct
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255 19th Ave S
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577-4600
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2 Rainbow Ct
Hilton Head Island, SC 29926-2664
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495 Mount Lebanon Church Rd
Greer, SC 29651-5119
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Lee Mozuch
140 Summerlight Dr
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576-7232
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400 N Main St Apt 405
Greenville, SC 29601-2072
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118 Honey Hill Dr
Bluffton, SC 29909-4410
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Irmo, SC 29063-2621
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6 Sandy Hollow Rd
Windsor, SC 29856-2331
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4640 Mill Pond Rd
Myrtle Beach, SC 29588-8602
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Kurt Krucke
PO Box 331
Liberty Hill, SC 29074-0331
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Fran Baer
2 Low Water
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928-5219
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507 E ASHLEY Ave
Folly Beach, SC 29439
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Undefined
Edisto Island, SC 29438
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95 Coburn Dr W
Bluffton, SC 29909-4553
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22135 90th Ave
Queens Village, NY 11428-1324
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406 Pinewood Cottage Ln
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1316 Lafayette Ave
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1 Havenoak Ct
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182 Stratford Village Way
Bluffton, SC 29909-5066
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2701 Pinelog Ln
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1817 Belmont Dr
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Andrea Strickland
220 Old Bridge Ln
Summerville, SC 29485-8495
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Patrick Doyle

Mountain Rest, SC 29664
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William Post, Ph.D
Sullivan's Island

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Kathleen Post
PO Box 118
Sullivans Island, SC 29482-0118
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202 Long St
Prosperity, SC 29127-9479
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642 Estates Dr
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Charleston, SC 29407-5270
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108 Four Iron Dr
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35 Crosscreek Dr Apt P7
Charleston, SC 29412-2595
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Lorraine Brown
118 Wilderness Ln
Greenville, SC 29607-1747
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191 Warbranch Rd
Central, SC 29630-8715
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1611 Porchers Bluff Rd
Mount Pleasant, SC 29466-8380
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445 Chippewa Cir
Sumter, SC 29150-3131
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1043 Windward Rd
Charleston, SC 29412-8964
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110 Paradise Pond Ln
Harleyville, SC 29448-4027
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308 Crockett Rd
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Rock Hill, SC 29730-8177
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201 Kenilworth Rd
Summerville, SC 29485-3494
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2522 W Georgia Rd
Piedmont, SC 29673-9301
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542 Bulls Horne Rd
Abbeville, SC 29620-3716
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1061 Gingerbread Ln
Edisto Island, SC 29438-7100
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319 Megans Bay Ln
Charleston, SC 29492-8512
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Hope Friar
110 Pelican Ln
Summerville, SC 29485-6314
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157 Silvery Ln
Liberty, SC 29657-8802
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1537 Rivertowne Country Club Dr
Mount Pleasant, SC 29466-8723
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Michael Mithoefer
407 Oneil St
Sullivans Island, SC 29482-8785
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PO Box 1207
Mullins, SC 29574-1207
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982 Whitehall Dr
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19 Landmark Dr
Columbia, SC 29210-4561
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125 Colonel Thomas Heyward Rd
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121 Ole Maple St
Loris, SC 29569-7214
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881 Evans Rd
Charleston, SC 29412-9108
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1484 Hyacinthia Ln
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49 Oyster Point Row
Charleston, SC 29412-3615
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1651 Roslyn Dr
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443 Collingswood Dr
Winston Salem, NC 27127-3149
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