# APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**

This form should be completed by following the instructions provided in Section IV of the JD Form Instructional Guidebook.

# SECTION I: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- REPORT COMPLETION DATE FOR APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (JD): May 31, 2016 A.
- DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: JD Form 1 of 3; SAC # 2006-01429-3JY Five Fools LLC Tract В.

# C. PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

State: South Carolina County/parish/borough: **Horry** City: Myrtle Beach Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 33.83741° N, Long. -78.74210° W. Universal Transverse Mercator:

Name of nearest waterbody: Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AIWW)

Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: Wetlands (2 &4-8) documented on this basis form were determined to be isolated and do not flow directly or indirectly into any TNW. Jurisdictional aquatic resources identified within the project area are documented on basis forms 2&3.

Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): 0304020803 / Pee Dee Coastal Frontage



Check if map/diagram of review area and/or potential jurisdictional areas is/are available upon request. Check if other sites (e.g., offsite mitigation sites, disposal sites, etc...) are associated with this action and are recorded on a different JD form.

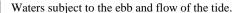
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# SECTION II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS A. RHA SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.

There Pick List "navigable waters of the U.S." within Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 329) in the review area. [Required]



Waters are presently used, or have been used in the past, or may be susceptible for use to transport interstate or foreign commerce. Explain:

# **B. CWA SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.**

There Pick List "waters of the U.S." within Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 328) in the review area. [Required]

# 1. Waters of the U.S.

- a. Indicate presence of waters of U.S. in review area (check all that apply): <sup>1</sup>
  - TNWs, including territorial seas
    - Wetlands adjacent to TNWs
      - Relatively permanent waters<sup>2</sup> (RPWs) that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs
    - Non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs
    - Wetlands directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs
    - Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs
    - Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs
    - Impoundments of jurisdictional waters
    - Isolated (interstate or intrastate) waters, including isolated wetlands
- b. Identify (estimate) size of waters of the U.S. in the review area: Non-wetland waters: linear feet: width (ft) and/or acres. Wetlands: acres.
- c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on: Pick List, Pick List, Pick List Elevation of established OHWM (if known):
- 2. Non-regulated waters/wetlands (check if applicable):<sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Boxes checked below shall be supported by completing the appropriate sections in Section III below.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For purposes of this form, an RPW is defined as a tributary that is not a TNW and that typically flows year-round or has continuous flow at least "seasonally" (e.g., typically 3 months).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Supporting documentation is presented in Section III.F.

Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands were assessed within the review area and determined to be not jurisdictional. Explain: located onsite is a 23.58 acre upland excavated non-jurisdictional pond.

#### SECTION III: CWA ANALYSIS

# A. TNWs AND WETLANDS ADJACENT TO TNWs

The agencies will assert jurisdiction over TNWs and wetlands adjacent to TNWs. If the aquatic resource is a TNW, complete Section III.A.1 and Section III.D.1. only; if the aquatic resource is a wetland adjacent to a TNW, complete Sections III.A.1 and 2 and Section III.D.1.; otherwise, see Section III.B below.

1. TNW

Identify TNW:

Summarize rationale supporting determination:

#### 2. Wetland adjacent to TNW

Summarize rationale supporting conclusion that wetland is "adjacent":

# B. CHARACTERISTICS OF TRIBUTARY (THAT IS NOT A TNW) AND ITS ADJACENT WETLANDS (IF ANY):

This section summarizes information regarding characteristics of the tributary and its adjacent wetlands, if any, and it helps determine whether or not the standards for jurisdiction established under *Rapanos* have been met.

The agencies will assert jurisdiction over non-navigable tributaries of TNWs where the tributaries are "relatively permanent waters" (RPWs), i.e. tributaries that typically flow year-round or have continuous flow at least seasonally (e.g., typically 3 months). A wetland that directly abuts an RPW is also jurisdictional. If the aquatic resource is not a TNW, but has year-round (perennial) flow, skip to Section III.D.2. If the aquatic resource is a wetland directly abutting a tributary with perennial flow, skip to Section III.D.4.

A wetland that is adjacent to but that does not directly abut an RPW requires a significant nexus evaluation. Corps districts and EPA regions will include in the record any available information that documents the existence of a significant nexus between a relatively permanent tributary that is not perennial (and its adjacent wetlands if any) and a traditional navigable water, even though a significant nexus finding is not required as a matter of law.

If the waterbody<sup>4</sup> is not an RPW, or a wetland directly abutting an RPW, a JD will require additional data to determine if the waterbody has a significant nexus with a TNW. If the tributary has adjacent wetlands, the significant nexus evaluation must consider the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands. This significant nexus evaluation that combines, for analytical purposes, the tributary and all of its adjacent wetlands is used whether the review area identified in the JD request is the tributary, or its adjacent wetlands, or both. If the JD covers a tributary with adjacent wetlands, complete Section III.B.1 for the tributary, Section III.B.2 for any onsite wetlands, and Section III.B.3 for all wetlands adjacent to that tributary, both onsite and offsite. The determination whether a significant nexus exists is determined in Section III.C below.

- 1. Characteristics of non-TNWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNW
  - (i) General Area Conditions:

Watershed size:	Pick List ;	
Drainage area:	Pick List	
Average annual rainfal	ll: inches	
Average annual snowf	all: inches	3

# (ii) Physical Characteristics:

(a) <u>Relationship with TNW:</u>
 ☐ Tributary flows directly into TNW.
 ☐ Tributary flows through **Pick List** tributaries before entering TNW.

Project waters are<br/>Project waters arePick List<br/>river miles from TNW.Project waters are<br/>Project waters arePick List<br/>Pick List<br/>aerial (straight) miles from TNW.Project waters are<br/>Project waters cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Note that the Instructional Guidebook contains additional information regarding swales, ditches, washes, and erosional features generally and in the arid West.

	Identify flow route to TNW <sup>5</sup> : . Tributary stream order, if known: .			
(b)	General Tributary Characteristics (check all that apply):         Tributary is:       Image: Characteristics (check all that apply):         Image: Characteristics (check all that apply):       Image: Characteristics (check all that apply):         Image: Characteristics (check all that apply):       Image: Characteristics (check all that apply):         Image: Characteristics (check all that apply):       Image: Characteristics (check all that apply):         Image: Characteristics (check all that apply):       Image: Characteristics (check all that apply):         Image: Characteristics (check all that apply):       Image: Characteristics (check all that apply):         Image: Characteristics (check all that apply):       Image: Characteristics (check all that apply):         Image: Characteristics (check all that apply):       Image: Characteristics (check all that apply):         Image: Characteristics (check all that apply):       Image: Characteristics (check all that apply):         Image: Characteristics (check all that apply):       Image: Characteristics (check all that apply):         Image: Characteristics (check all that apply):       Image: Characteristics (check all that apply):         Image: Characteristics (check all that apply):       Image: Check all that apply):         Image: Check all that apply (check all that apply):       Image: Check all that apply (check all that apply):         Image: Check all that apply (check all that apply):       Image: Check all that apply (check al			
	Tributary       properties with respect to top of bank (estimate):         Average width:       feet         Average depth:       feet         Average side slopes:       Pick List.			
	Primary tributary substrate composition (check all that apply):			
	Tributary condition/stability [e.g., highly eroding, sloughing banks]. Explain:       .         Presence of run/riffle/pool complexes. Explain:       .         Tributary geometry:       Pick List.         Tributary gradient (approximate average slope):       %			
(c)	<ul> <li>Flow: Tributary provides for: Pick List Estimate average number of flow events in review area/year: Pick List Describe flow regime: Other information on duration and volume:</li> </ul>			
	Surface flow is: <b>Pick List.</b> Characteristics:			
	Subsurface flow: Pick List. Explain findings:			
	Tributary has (check all that apply):       Image: Figure 1         Bed and banks       Image: Figure 1         OHWM <sup>6</sup> (check all indicators that apply):       Image: Figure 1         Image: Clear, natural line impressed on the bank       Image: Figure 1         Image: Clear, natural line impressed on the bank       Image: Figure 1         Image: Clear, natural line impressed on the bank       Image: Figure 1         Image: Clear, natural line impressed on the bank       Image: Figure 1         Image: Clear, natural line impressed on the bank       Image: Figure 1         Image: Clear, natural line impressed on the bank       Image: Figure 1         Image: Clear, natural line impressed on the bank       Image: Figure 1         Image: Clear, natural line impressed on the bank       Image: Figure 1         Image: Clear, natural line impressed on the bank       Image: Figure 1         Image: Clear, natural line impressed on the bank       Image: Figure 1         Image: Clear, natural line impressed on the bank       Image: Figure 1         Image: Shelving       Image: Figure 1         Image: Vegetation matted down, bent, or absent       Image: SedIment sorting         Image: SedIment deposition       Image: SedIment sorting         Image: SedIment deposition       Image: SedIment community         Image: SedIment deposition       Image: SedIment community<			
	If factors other than the OHWM were used to determine lateral extent of CWA jurisdiction (check all that apply): <ul> <li>High Tide Line indicated by:</li> <li>oil or scum line along shore objects</li> <li>fine shell or debris deposits (foreshore)</li> <li>physical markings/characteristics</li> <li>tidal gauges</li> <li>other (list):</li> </ul>			
Che	omical Characteristics:			

#### (iii) Chemic eristics:

Characterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolored, oily film; water quality; general watershed characteristics, etc.). Explain:

Identify specific pollutants, if known:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Flow route can be described by identifying, e.g., tributary a, which flows through the review area, to flow into tributary b, which then flows into TNW. <sup>6</sup>A natural or man-made discontinuity in the OHWM does not necessarily sever jurisdiction (e.g., where the stream temporarily flows underground, or where the OHWM has been removed by development or agricultural practices). Where there is a break in the OHWM that is unrelated to the waterbody's flow regime (e.g., flow over a rock outcrop or through a culvert), the agencies will look for indicators of flow above and below the break. <sup>7</sup>Ibid.

#### (iv) Biological Characteristics. Channel supports (check all that apply):

- Riparian corridor. Characteristics (type, average width):
- Wetland fringe. Characteristics:
- Habitat for:
  - Federally Listed species. Explain findings:
  - Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings:
  - Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings:
  - Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings:

#### Characteristics of wetlands adjacent to non-TNW that flow directly or indirectly into TNW 2.

#### (i) **Physical Characteristics:**

- (a) General Wetland Characteristics: Properties: Wetland size: acres Wetland type. Explain: Wetland quality. Explain: Project wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain:
- (b) General Flow Relationship with Non-TNW: Flow is: **Pick List**. Explain:

Surface flow is: **Pick List** Characteristics:

Subsurface flow: Pick List. Explain findings: Dye (or other) test performed:

- (c) Wetland Adjacency Determination with Non-TNW:
  - Directly abutting
  - ☐ Not directly abutting
    - Discrete wetland hydrologic connection. Explain:
    - Ecological connection. Explain:
    - Separated by berm/barrier. Explain:

# (d) Proximity (Relationship) to TNW

Project wetlands are **Pick List** river miles from TNW. Project waters are **Pick List** aerial (straight) miles from TNW. Flow is from: Pick List. Estimate approximate location of wetland as within the **Pick List** floodplain.

# (ii) Chemical Characteristics:

Characterize wetland system (e.g., water color is clear, brown, oil film on surface; water quality; general watershed characteristics; etc.). Explain:

Identify specific pollutants, if known:

# (iii) Biological Characteristics. Wetland supports (check all that apply):

- Riparian buffer. Characteristics (type, average width):
- $\square$ Vegetation type/percent cover. Explain:
- Habitat for:
  - Federally Listed species. Explain findings:
  - Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings:
  - Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings:
  - Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings:

#### Characteristics of all wetlands adjacent to the tributary (if any) 3.

All wetland(s) being considered in the cumulative analysis: Pick List ) acres in total are being considered in the cumulative analysis. Approximately (

For each wetland, specify the following:



Summarize overall biological, chemical and physical functions being performed:

# C. SIGNIFICANT NEXUS DETERMINATION

A significant nexus analysis will assess the flow characteristics and functions of the tributary itself and the functions performed by any wetlands adjacent to the tributary to determine if they significantly affect the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of a TNW. For each of the following situations, a significant nexus exists if the tributary, in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, has more than a speculative or insubstantial effect on the chemical, physical and/or biological integrity of a TNW. Considerations when evaluating significant nexus include, but are not limited to the volume, duration, and frequency of the flow of water in the tributary and its proximity to a TNW, and the functions performed by the tributary and all its adjacent wetlands. It is not appropriate to determine significant nexus based solely on any specific threshold of distance (e.g. between a tributary and its adjacent wetland or between a tributary and the TNW). Similarly, the fact an adjacent wetland lies within or outside of a floodplain is not solely determinative of significant nexus.

# Draw connections between the features documented and the effects on the TNW, as identified in the *Rapanos* Guidance and discussed in the Instructional Guidebook. Factors to consider include, for example:

- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to carry pollutants or flood waters to TNWs, or to reduce the amount of pollutants or flood waters reaching a TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), provide habitat and lifecycle support functions for fish and other species, such as feeding, nesting, spawning, or rearing young for species that are present in the TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to transfer nutrients and organic carbon that support downstream foodwebs?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have other relationships to the physical, chemical, or biological integrity of the TNW?

# Note: the above list of considerations is not inclusive and other functions observed or known to occur should be documented below:

- 1. Significant nexus findings for non-RPW that has no adjacent wetlands and flows directly or indirectly into TNWs. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary itself, then go to Section III.D:
- 2. Significant nexus findings for non-RPW and its adjacent wetlands, where the non-RPW flows directly or indirectly into TNWs. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D:
- **3.** Significant nexus findings for wetlands adjacent to an RPW but that do not directly abut the RPW. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D:

Documentation for the Record only: Significant nexus findings for seasonal RPWs and/or wetlands abutting seasonal RPWs:

# D. DETERMINATIONS OF JURISDICTIONAL FINDINGS. THE SUBJECT WATERS/WETLANDS ARE (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

- TNWs and Adjacent Wetlands. Check all that apply and provide size estimates in review area:
   TNWs: linear feet width (ft), Or, acres.
   Wetlands adjacent to TNWs: acres.
- **RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.** Tributaries of TNWs where tributaries typically flow year-round are jurisdictional. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial: .

Tributaries of TNW where tributaries have continuous flow "seasonally" (e.g., typically three months each year) are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.B. Provide rationale indicating that tributary flows seasonally:

Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply):

Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft).

Other non-wetland waters: acres.

Identify type(s) of waters: .

# 3. Non-RPWs<sup>8</sup> that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.

Waterbody that is not a TNW or an RPW, but flows directly or indirectly into a TNW, and it has a significant nexus with a TNW is jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.

Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters within the review area (check all that apply):

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- Tributary waters: linear feet
  - Other non-wetland waters: acres.

Identify type(s) of waters:

# 4. Wetlands directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.

Wetlands directly abut RPW and thus are jurisdictional as adjacent wetlands.

Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow year-round. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW:

width (ft).

Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow "seasonally." Provide data indicating that tributary is seasonal in Section III.B and rationale in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW:

Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.

#### 5. Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.

Wetlands that do not directly abut an RPW, but when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisidictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.

Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.

# 6. Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.

Wetlands adjacent to such waters, and have when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.

Provide estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.

# 7. Impoundments of jurisdictional waters.<sup>9</sup>

As a general rule, the impoundment of a jurisdictional tributary remains jurisdictional.

- Demonstrate that impoundment was created from "waters of the U.S.," or
- Demonstrate that water meets the criteria for one of the categories presented above (1-6), or
- Demonstrate that water is isolated with a nexus to commerce (see E below).

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# E. ISOLATED [INTERSTATE OR INTRA-STATE] WATERS, INCLUDING ISOLATED WETLANDS, THE USE, DEGRADATION OR DESTRUCTION OF WHICH COULD AFFECT INTERSTATE COMMERCE, INCLUDING ANY SUCH WATERS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):<sup>10</sup>

- which are or could be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreational or other purposes.
- from which fish or shellfish are or could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce.
- which are or could be used for industrial purposes by industries in interstate commerce.
- Interstate isolated waters. Explain:
- Other factors. Explain:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>See Footnote # 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> To complete the analysis refer to the key in Section III.D.6 of the Instructional Guidebook.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Prior to asserting or declining CWA jurisdiction based solely on this category, Corps Districts will elevate the action to Corps and EPA HQ for review consistent with the process described in the Corps/EPA *Memorandum Regarding CWA Act Jurisdiction Following Rapanos*.

#### Identify water body and summarize rationale supporting determination:

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Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply):

width (ft). Tributary waters: linear feet

Other non-wetland waters: acres.

Identify type(s) of waters:

Wetlands: acres.

# F. NON-JURISDICTIONAL WATERS, INCLUDING WETLANDS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

- If potential wetlands were assessed within the review area, these areas did not meet the criteria in the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual and/or appropriate Regional Supplements.
- Review area included isolated waters with no substantial nexus to interstate (or foreign) commerce.  $\bowtie$ 
  - Prior to the Jan 2001 Supreme Court decision in "SWANCC," the review area would have been regulated based solely on the "Migratory Bird Rule" (MBR).
  - Waters do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction. Explain:

Other: (explain, if not covered above): Located onsite is a 23.53 acre upland excavated non-jurisdictional pond.

Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area, where the sole potential basis of jurisdiction is the MBR factors (i.e., presence of migratory birds, presence of endangered species, use of water for irrigated agriculture), using best professional iudgment (check all that apply):

Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): linear feet width (ft).

Lakes/ponds: acres.

Other non-wetland waters: acres. List type of aquatic resource:

 $\overline{\boxtimes}$ Wetlands: Wetland 2, 4-7 (W2/0.8 + W4/0.05 + W5/0.11 + W6/1.04 + W7/0.80 + W8/0.18) = 2.2 acres.

Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area that do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction (check all that apply):

Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): linear feet, width (ft).

Lakes/ponds: acres.

Other non-wetland waters: acres. List type of aquatic resource:

Wetlands: acres.

# SECTION IV: DATA SOURCES.

A. SUPPORTING DATA. Data reviewed for JD (check all that apply - checked items shall be included in case file and, where checked and requested, appropriately reference sources below):

Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant: Maps provided by the agent / The site is depicted on the survey plat you submitted, prepared by The Brigman Company, dated November 2, 2015 and revised on February 9, 2016, and entitled "WETLANDS SURVEY / OF / TAX# 143-00-01-003 / FIVE FOOLS, LLC / LOCATED IN / LITTLE RIVER TOWNSHIP / HORRY COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA".

- Data sheets prepared/submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant.
  - Office concurs with data sheets/delineation report.
  - Office does not concur with data sheets/delineation report.
  - Data sheets prepared by the Corps:

Corps navigable waters' study:

U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas:

USGS NHD data.

USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps.

U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name: Wampee Quad: Quad depicts the project area as both forested uplands and wetlands. Quad depicts the 37 isolated wetlands as forested uplands.

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: Horry County Soil Survey sheet 64 depicts the soil types of Leon, Lynn Haven, Centenary (hydric) and Lakeland (non-hydric).

National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: HorryNWI: NWI depicts the project area as Upland planted pines (U42P), Forested Wetlands (PEM1B, PFO1/4B, PFO4B, PSS1C, PSS1B, PFO1C, PSS1/3B) and partially drained/ditch forested wetlands (PFO4Bd,PFO4Ad, PFO1Cd, & PSS3/4Bd).

State/Local wetland inventory map(s):

FEMA/FIRM maps:

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100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodectic Vertical Datum of 1929)

Photographs: Aerial (Name & Date): 2006 Aerial infrared SCDNR & 2015 Google Earth. or Other (Name & Date): Site photos provided agent with original submittal.

- Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter:
- Applicable/supporting case law:
- Applicable/supporting scientific literature:
- Other information (please specify):

B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: The project area is comprised of 165.85 acres of which 79.1 acres have been identified as freshwater wetlands. Of the 79.1 acres of freshwater wetlands, 2.2 acres (comprised of wetlands 2-5, have been determined to be isolated, non-jurisdictional. The remaining 76.9 acres are jurisdictional and documented as such on basis forms 2, of this determination. The 4 isolated, non jurisdictional forested freshwater wetlands located within the project area have been determined to be completely surrounded by non-hydric soils and no surface or shallow subsurface connection to any waters of the U.S. (WOUS) was evident during the site visit or could be found after review of aerial photography, soil survey information, NWI maps, and topographic maps. These wetlands exhibited hydric soils, hydrophitic vegetation, and sufficient indicators of hydrology to satisfy the criteria set forth in the 1987 Wetland Delineation Manual. However, all water located within these wetlands have no discernible or traceable outfall or connection to any WOUS. Chemically, the wetlands do not affect any WOUS in the absorption / treatment of nutrients, runoff, and pollutants. Physically, the topographic location of the wetland and its relation to other WOUS is such that water in these wetlands are retained and eventually percolates through the soil to groundwater only, to an unkown depth, providing little if any stromwater attenuation. Biologically, these wetlands are not essential in providing organic carbons in the form of their collective primary productivity to downstream waters, resulting in the nourishment of the downstream food web. Because of the lack of discernable outfall, topography grades, and lack of evidence of chemical, physical or biological connection, wetlands 2, 4-8 for a 2.26 acre total, have been determined to be isolated, non-jurisdictional.

In addition, the project area contains a 23.58 acre non-jurisdictional upland excavated pond The site visit was conducted under normal climatic conditions where rainfall was documented at or above normal for the previous 3months prior to the onsite visit.

Jurisdictional features are covered on basis form 2&3 of 3

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  - Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs
  - Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs
  - Impoundments of jurisdictional waters
  - Isolated (interstate or intrastate) waters, including isolated wetlands
- b. Identify (estimate) size of waters of the U.S. in the review area: Non-wetland waters: linear feet: width (ft) and/or acres. Wetlands: Wetland 1 / 69.28 acres.
- c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on: 1987 Delineation Manual, Pick List, Pick List Elevation of established OHWM (if known):
- 2. <u>Non-regulated waters/wetlands (check if applicable):</u><sup>3</sup>
  - Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands were assessed within the review area and determined to be not jurisdictional. Explain: located onsite is a 23.58 acre upland excavated non-jurisdictional pond.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Boxes checked below shall be supported by completing the appropriate sections in Section III below.

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  For purposes of this form, an RPW is defined as a tributary that is not a TNW and that typically flows year-round or has continuous flow at least "seasonally" (e.g., typically 3 months).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Supporting documentation is presented in Section III.F.

## SECTION III: CWA ANALYSIS

# A. TNWs AND WETLANDS ADJACENT TO TNWs

The agencies will assert jurisdiction over TNWs and wetlands adjacent to TNWs. If the aquatic resource is a TNW, complete Section III.A.1 and Section III.D.1. only; if the aquatic resource is a wetland adjacent to a TNW, complete Sections III.A.1 and 2 and Section III.D.1.; otherwise, see Section III.B below.

# 1. TNW

Identify TNW: Waccamaw River.

Summarize rationale supporting determination: subject to the ebb and flow of the tide.

# 2. Wetland adjacent to TNW

Summarize rationale supporting conclusion that wetland is "adjacent":

# B. CHARACTERISTICS OF TRIBUTARY (THAT IS NOT A TNW) AND ITS ADJACENT WETLANDS (IF ANY):

This section summarizes information regarding characteristics of the tributary and its adjacent wetlands, if any, and it helps determine whether or not the standards for jurisdiction established under *Rapanos* have been met.

The agencies will assert jurisdiction over non-navigable tributaries of TNWs where the tributaries are "relatively permanent waters" (RPWs), i.e. tributaries that typically flow year-round or have continuous flow at least seasonally (e.g., typically 3 months). A wetland that directly abuts an RPW is also jurisdictional. If the aquatic resource is not a TNW, but has year-round (perennial) flow, skip to Section III.D.2. If the aquatic resource is a wetland directly abutting a tributary with perennial flow, skip to Section III.D.4.

A wetland that is adjacent to but that does not directly abut an RPW requires a significant nexus evaluation. Corps districts and EPA regions will include in the record any available information that documents the existence of a significant nexus between a relatively permanent tributary that is not perennial (and its adjacent wetlands if any) and a traditional navigable water, even though a significant nexus finding is not required as a matter of law.

If the waterbody<sup>4</sup> is not an RPW, or a wetland directly abutting an RPW, a JD will require additional data to determine if the waterbody has a significant nexus with a TNW. If the tributary has adjacent wetlands, the significant nexus evaluation must consider the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands. This significant nexus evaluation that combines, for analytical purposes, the tributary and all of its adjacent wetlands is used whether the review area identified in the JD request is the tributary, or its adjacent wetlands, or both. If the JD covers a tributary with adjacent wetlands, complete Section III.B.1 for the tributary, Section III.B.2 for any onsite wetlands, and Section III.B.3 for all wetlands adjacent to that tributary, both onsite and offsite. The determination whether a significant nexus exists is determined in Section III.C below.

1. Characteristics of non-TNWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNW

(i) General Area Conditions:

Watershed size:	Pick List ;
Drainage area:	Pick List
Average annual rainf	all: inches
Average annual snow	vfall: inches

# (ii) Physical Characteristics:

(a) <u>Relationship with TNW:</u>

 □ Tributary flows directly into TNW.
 □ Tributary flows through **Pick List** tributaries before entering TNW.

Project waters are Pick List river miles from TNW.
Project waters are Pick List river miles from RPW.
Project waters are Pick List aerial (straight) miles from TNW.
Project waters are Pick List aerial (straight) miles from RPW.
Project waters cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain:

Identify flow route to TNW<sup>5</sup>: . Tributary stream order, if known:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Note that the Instructional Guidebook contains additional information regarding swales, ditches, washes, and erosional features generally and in the arid West.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Flow route can be described by identifying, e.g., tributary a, which flows through the review area, to flow into tributary b, which then flows into TNW.

(b)	(b) <u>General Tributary Characteristics (check all that apply):</u> <b>Tributary</b> is: Artificial (man-made). Explain: . Manipulated (man-altered). Explain: .			
	Tributary properties with respect to top of bank (estimate):         Average width:       feet         Average depth:       feet         Average side slopes:       Pick List.			
	Primary tributary substrate composition (check all that apply):			
	Tributary condition/stability [e.g., highly eroding, sloughing banks]. Explain:       .         Presence of run/riffle/pool complexes. Explain:       .         Tributary geometry:       Pick List.         Tributary gradient (approximate average slope):       %			
(c)	<u>Flow:</u> Tributary provides for: <b>Pick List</b> Estimate average number of flow events in review area/year: <b>Pick List</b> Describe flow regime: Other information on duration and volume:			
	Surface flow is: Pick List. Characteristics:			
	Subsurface flow: <b>Pick List</b> . Explain findings:			
	Tributary has (check all that apply):			
	If factors other than the OHWM were used to determine lateral extent of CWA jurisdiction (check all that apply):          High Tide Line indicated by:       Mean High Water Mark indicated by:         oil or scum line along shore objects       survey to available datum;         fine shell or debris deposits (foreshore)       physical markings/characteristics         tidal gauges       other (list):			
(iii) Che	iii) Chemical Characteristics:			

Characterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolored, oily film; water quality; general watershed characteristics, etc.). Explain:

Identify specific pollutants, if known:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>A natural or man-made discontinuity in the OHWM does not necessarily sever jurisdiction (e.g., where the stream temporarily flows underground, or where the OHWM has been removed by development or agricultural practices). Where there is a break in the OHWM that is unrelated to the waterbody's flow regime (e.g., flow over a rock outcrop or through a culvert), the agencies will look for indicators of flow above and below the break. <sup>7</sup>Ibid.

#### (iv) Biological Characteristics. Channel supports (check all that apply):

- Riparian corridor. Characteristics (type, average width):
- Wetland fringe. Characteristics:
- Habitat for:
  - Federally Listed species. Explain findings:
  - Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings:
  - Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings:
  - Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings:

#### Characteristics of wetlands adjacent to non-TNW that flow directly or indirectly into TNW 2.

#### (i) **Physical Characteristics:**

- (a) General Wetland Characteristics: Properties: Wetland size: acres Wetland type. Explain: Wetland quality. Explain: Project wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain:
- (b) General Flow Relationship with Non-TNW: Flow is: **Pick List**. Explain:

Surface flow is: **Pick List** Characteristics:

Subsurface flow: Pick List. Explain findings: Dye (or other) test performed:

- (c) Wetland Adjacency Determination with Non-TNW:
  - Directly abutting
  - ☐ Not directly abutting
    - Discrete wetland hydrologic connection. Explain:
    - Ecological connection. Explain:
    - Separated by berm/barrier. Explain:

# (d) Proximity (Relationship) to TNW

Project wetlands are **Pick List** river miles from TNW. Project waters are **Pick List** aerial (straight) miles from TNW. Flow is from: Pick List. Estimate approximate location of wetland as within the **Pick List** floodplain.

# (ii) Chemical Characteristics:

Characterize wetland system (e.g., water color is clear, brown, oil film on surface; water quality; general watershed characteristics; etc.). Explain:

Identify specific pollutants, if known:

# (iii) Biological Characteristics. Wetland supports (check all that apply):

- Riparian buffer. Characteristics (type, average width):
- $\square$ Vegetation type/percent cover. Explain:
- Habitat for:
  - Federally Listed species. Explain findings:
  - Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings:
  - Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings:
  - Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings:

#### Characteristics of all wetlands adjacent to the tributary (if any) 3.

All wetland(s) being considered in the cumulative analysis: Pick List ) acres in total are being considered in the cumulative analysis. Approximately (

For each wetland, specify the following:



Summarize overall biological, chemical and physical functions being performed:

# C. SIGNIFICANT NEXUS DETERMINATION

A significant nexus analysis will assess the flow characteristics and functions of the tributary itself and the functions performed by any wetlands adjacent to the tributary to determine if they significantly affect the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of a TNW. For each of the following situations, a significant nexus exists if the tributary, in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, has more than a speculative or insubstantial effect on the chemical, physical and/or biological integrity of a TNW. Considerations when evaluating significant nexus include, but are not limited to the volume, duration, and frequency of the flow of water in the tributary and its proximity to a TNW, and the functions performed by the tributary and all its adjacent wetlands. It is not appropriate to determine significant nexus based solely on any specific threshold of distance (e.g. between a tributary and its adjacent wetland or between a tributary and the TNW). Similarly, the fact an adjacent wetland lies within or outside of a floodplain is not solely determinative of significant nexus.

# Draw connections between the features documented and the effects on the TNW, as identified in the *Rapanos* Guidance and discussed in the Instructional Guidebook. Factors to consider include, for example:

- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to carry pollutants or flood waters to TNWs, or to reduce the amount of pollutants or flood waters reaching a TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), provide habitat and lifecycle support functions for fish and other species, such as feeding, nesting, spawning, or rearing young for species that are present in the TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to transfer nutrients and organic carbon that support downstream foodwebs?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have other relationships to the physical, chemical, or biological integrity of the TNW?

# Note: the above list of considerations is not inclusive and other functions observed or known to occur should be documented below:

- 1. Significant nexus findings for non-RPW that has no adjacent wetlands and flows directly or indirectly into TNWs. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary itself, then go to Section III.D:
- 2. Significant nexus findings for non-RPW and its adjacent wetlands, where the non-RPW flows directly or indirectly into TNWs. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D:
- **3.** Significant nexus findings for wetlands adjacent to an RPW but that do not directly abut the RPW. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D:

Documentation for the Record only: Significant nexus findings for seasonal RPWs and/or wetlands abutting seasonal RPWs:

# D. DETERMINATIONS OF JURISDICTIONAL FINDINGS. THE SUBJECT WATERS/WETLANDS ARE (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

- TNWs and Adjacent Wetlands. Check all that apply and provide size estimates in review area:
   TNWs: linear feet width (ft), Or, acres.
   Wetlands adjacent to TNWs: acres.
- 2. RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.
  - Tributaries of TNWs where tributaries typically flow year-round are jurisdictional. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial: **Tributary was determined to be an RPW with pernnial flow by review of aerial photos**,

Topographic maps, Horry County Soil Survey, and Horry County Drainage Canal Study. Aerial photos depict a signature of a defined channel discharging into Waccamaw River Swamp, Topographic maps depict a symbol which represents a tributary with pernnial flow, Horry County Drainage Canal Study depicts a main drainage canal (M-20) which represents a tributary with perennial flow, and Horry County Soil Survey depicts a symbol that represents a tributary with intermiddent flow.

Tributaries of TNW where tributaries have continuous flow "seasonally" (e.g., typically three months each year) are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.B. Provide rationale indicating that tributary flows seasonally:

Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply):

Tributary waters:	linear	feet	width (ft).
Other non-wetland	waters:	acres.	
Identify type(s) of	waters:		

# 3. Non-RPWs<sup>8</sup> that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.

Waterbody that is not a TNW or an RPW, but flows directly or indirectly into a TNW, and it has a significant nexus with a TNW is jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.

Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters within the review area (check all that apply):

acres.

- Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft).
- Other non-wetland waters:
  - Identify type(s) of waters:

# 4. Wetlands directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.

Wetlands directly abut RPW and thus are jurisdictional as adjacent wetlands.

- Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow year-round. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW: Wetland 1 continues offsite and is bisected by the OWHM of the unamed perennial RPW.
- Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow "seasonally." Provide data indicating that tributary is seasonal in Section III.B and rationale in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW:

Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: 69.28 acres.

- 5. Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.
  - Wetlands that do not directly abut an RPW, but when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisidictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.

Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.

# 6. Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.

Wetlands adjacent to such waters, and have when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.

Provide estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.

# 7. Impoundments of jurisdictional waters.<sup>9</sup>

- As a general rule, the impoundment of a jurisdictional tributary remains jurisdictional.
- Demonstrate that impoundment was created from "waters of the U.S.," or
  - Demonstrate that water meets the criteria for one of the categories presented above (1-6), or

Demonstrate that water is isolated with a nexus to commerce (see E below).

Explain:

# E. ISOLATED [INTERSTATE OR INTRA-STATE] WATERS, INCLUDING ISOLATED WETLANDS, THE USE, DEGRADATION OR DESTRUCTION OF WHICH COULD AFFECT INTERSTATE COMMERCE, INCLUDING ANY SUCH WATERS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):<sup>10</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>See Footnote # 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> To complete the analysis refer to the key in Section III.D.6 of the Instructional Guidebook.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Prior to asserting or declining CWA jurisdiction based solely on this category, Corps Districts will elevate the action to Corps and EPA HQ for review consistent with the process described in the Corps/EPA *Memorandum Regarding CWA Act Jurisdiction Following Rapanos*.

	<ul> <li>which are or could be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreational or other purposes.</li> <li>from which fish or shellfish are or could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce.</li> <li>which are or could be used for industrial purposes by industries in interstate commerce.</li> <li>Interstate isolated waters. Explain:</li> <li>Other factors. Explain:</li> </ul>			
	Identify water body and summarize rationale supporting determination:			
	<ul> <li>Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply):</li> <li>Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft).</li> <li>Other non-wetland waters: acres. Identify type(s) of waters: .</li> <li>Wetlands: acres.</li> </ul>			
F.	<ul> <li>NON-JURISDICTIONAL WATERS, INCLUDING WETLANDS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):</li> <li>If potential wetlands were assessed within the review area, these areas did not meet the criteria in the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual and/or appropriate Regional Supplements.</li> <li>Review area included isolated waters with no substantial nexus to interstate (or foreign) commerce.</li> <li>Prior to the Jan 2001 Supreme Court decision in "SWANCC," the review area would have been regulated based solely on the "Migratory Bird Rule" (MBR).</li> <li>Waters do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction. Explain:</li> <li>Other: (explain, if not covered above):</li> </ul>			
	Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area, where the <u>sole</u> potential basis of jurisdiction is the MBR factors (i.e., presence of migratory birds, presence of endangered species, use of water for irrigated agriculture), using best professional judgment (check all that apply):           Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams):         linear feet         width (ft).           Lakes/ponds:         acres.           Other non-wetland waters:         acres. List type of aquatic resource:         .           Wetlands:         acres.			
	Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area that do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction (check all that apply):           Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams):         linear feet,         width (ft).           Lakes/ponds:         acres.           Other non-wetland waters:         acres.           Wetlands:         acres.			
<u>SE(</u>	CTION IV: DATA SOURCES.			
Α.	SUPPORTING DATA. Data reviewed for JD (check all that apply - checked items shall be included in case file and, where checked and requested, appropriately reference sources below):            Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant: Maps provided by the agent / The site is depicted on the survey plat you submitted, prepared by The Brigman Company, dated November 2, 2015 and revised on February 9, 2016, and entitled "WETLANDS SURVEY / OF / TAX# 143-00-01-003 / FIVE FOOLS, LLC / LOCATED IN / LITTLE RIVER TOWNSHIP / HORRY COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA".             Mash bets prepared/submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant.             More cours with data sheets/delineation report.             Office concurs with data sheets/delineation report.             Data sheets prepared by the Corps:             Corps navigable waters' study:             USGS NHD data.             USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps.             USD A Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: Horry County Soil Survey sheet 64 depicts the soil types of Leon, Lynn Haven, Centenary (hydric) and Lakeland (non-hydric).             National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: HorryNWI: NWI depicts the project area as Upland planted pines (U42P), Forested Wetlands (PFO4Bd, PFO1Cd, & PSS1/4Bd).             State/Local wetland inventory map(s):			

 FEMA/FIRM maps:

100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodectic Vertical Datum of 1929)

Photographs: X Aerial (Name & Date): 2006 Aerial infrared SCDNR & 2015 Google Earth. or X Other (Name & Date): Site photos provided agent with original submittal.

Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter:

Applicable/supporting case law:

Applicable/supporting scientific literature:

Other information (please specify): Horry County Main Drainage Canal Study M-20.

B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: The project area is comprised of 165.85 acres of which 72.12 acres have been identified as jurisdictional freshwater wetlands. Wetland 1 (69.28 acres), displayed the appropriate amount of wetland hydrology, hydric soils, and hydrology to meet the wetland parameter. Addtiionally, this wetland continues offsite and is eventually bisected by the OHWM of an unammed perennial RPW that discharges directly into the Waccmaw River.

In addition, the project area contains a 22. 8 acre non-jurisdictional upland excavated pond

Isolated and non-jurisdictional features are covered on basis form 1 of 3 Jurisdictional features (Wetland 1) are covered on basis form 2 of 3.

# APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

This form should be completed by following the instructions provided in Section IV of the JD Form Instructional Guidebook.

# SECTION I: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- A. REPORT COMPLETION DATE FOR APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (JD): May 31, 2016
- B. DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: JD Form 3 of 3; SAC # 2006-01429-3JY Five Fools LLC Tract

# C. PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

State: South Carolina County/parish/borough: Horry City: Myrtle Beach Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 33.83741° N, Long. -78.74210° W. Universal Transverse Mercator:

Name of nearest waterbody: Unnamed perennial RPW

Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: **AIWW** Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): **0304020803 / Pee Dee Coastal Frontage** 

Check if map/diagram of review area and/or potential jurisdictional areas is/are available upon request. Check if other sites (e.g., offsite mitigation sites, disposal sites, etc...) are associated with this action and are recorded on a different JD form.

# D. <u>REVIEW PERFORMED FOR SITE EVALUATION (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):</u>

Office (Desk) Determination. Date:

Field Determination. Date(s): February 1, 2016

# SECTION II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS A. RHA SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.

There **Pick List** *"navigable waters of the U.S."* within Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 329) in the review area. [*Required*]

Waters subject to the ebb and flow of the tide.

Waters are presently used, or have been used in the past, or may be susceptible for use to transport interstate or foreign commerce. Explain:

# B. CWA SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.

There Are "waters of the U.S." within Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 328) in the review area. [Required]

# 1. Waters of the U.S.

- a. Indicate presence of waters of U.S. in review area (check all that apply): <sup>1</sup>
  - TNWs, including territorial seas
  - Wetlands adjacent to TNWs
  - Relatively permanent waters<sup>2</sup> (RPWs) that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs
  - Non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs
  - Wetlands directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs
  - Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs
  - Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs
  - Impoundments of jurisdictional waters
  - Isolated (interstate or intrastate) waters, including isolated wetlands
- b. Identify (estimate) size of waters of the U.S. in the review area: Non-wetland waters: linear feet: width (ft) and/or acres. Wetlands: W3/0.11 +W9/2.73= 2.84 acres.
- c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on: 1987 Delineation Manual, Pick List, Pick List Elevation of established OHWM (if known):
- 2. <u>Non-regulated waters/wetlands (check if applicable):</u><sup>3</sup>
  - Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands were assessed within the review area and determined to be not jurisdictional. Explain: located onsite is a 22.8 acre upland excavated non-jurisdictional pond.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Boxes checked below shall be supported by completing the appropriate sections in Section III below.

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# A. TNWs AND WETLANDS ADJACENT TO TNWs

The agencies will assert jurisdiction over TNWs and wetlands adjacent to TNWs. If the aquatic resource is a TNW, complete Section III.A.1 and Section III.D.1. only; if the aquatic resource is a wetland adjacent to a TNW, complete Sections III.A.1 and 2 and Section III.D.1.; otherwise, see Section III.B below.

# 1. TNW

Identify TNW: AIWW.

Summarize rationale supporting determination: subject to the ebb and flow of the tide.

# 2. Wetland adjacent to TNW

Summarize rationale supporting conclusion that wetland is "adjacent":

# B. CHARACTERISTICS OF TRIBUTARY (THAT IS NOT A TNW) AND ITS ADJACENT WETLANDS (IF ANY):

This section summarizes information regarding characteristics of the tributary and its adjacent wetlands, if any, and it helps determine whether or not the standards for jurisdiction established under *Rapanos* have been met.

The agencies will assert jurisdiction over non-navigable tributaries of TNWs where the tributaries are "relatively permanent waters" (RPWs), i.e. tributaries that typically flow year-round or have continuous flow at least seasonally (e.g., typically 3 months). A wetland that directly abuts an RPW is also jurisdictional. If the aquatic resource is not a TNW, but has year-round (perennial) flow, skip to Section III.D.2. If the aquatic resource is a wetland directly abutting a tributary with perennial flow, skip to Section III.D.4.

A wetland that is adjacent to but that does not directly abut an RPW requires a significant nexus evaluation. Corps districts and EPA regions will include in the record any available information that documents the existence of a significant nexus between a relatively permanent tributary that is not perennial (and its adjacent wetlands if any) and a traditional navigable water, even though a significant nexus finding is not required as a matter of law.

If the waterbody<sup>4</sup> is not an RPW, or a wetland directly abutting an RPW, a JD will require additional data to determine if the waterbody has a significant nexus with a TNW. If the tributary has adjacent wetlands, the significant nexus evaluation must consider the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands. This significant nexus evaluation that combines, for analytical purposes, the tributary and all of its adjacent wetlands is used whether the review area identified in the JD request is the tributary, or its adjacent wetlands, or both. If the JD covers a tributary with adjacent wetlands, complete Section III.B.1 for the tributary, Section III.B.2 for any onsite wetlands, and Section III.B.3 for all wetlands adjacent to that tributary, both onsite and offsite. The determination whether a significant nexus exists is determined in Section III.C below.

1. Characteristics of non-TNWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNW

 (i) General Area Conditions: Watershed size: 175,584 acres; Drainage area: 600 Pick List Average annual rainfall: 48 inches Average annual snowfall: 0 inches

# (ii) Physical Characteristics:

(a) <u>Relationship with TNW:</u>

 ☐ Tributary flows directly into TNW.
 ☑ Tributary flows through 1 tributaries before entering TNW.

Project waters are 1-2 river miles from TNW.
Project waters are 1 (or less) river miles from RPW.
Project waters are 1 (straight) miles from TNW.
Project waters cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain:

Identify flow route to  $TNW^5$ : Flows through an un-named tributary before discharging into the AIWW (TNW). Tributary stream order, if known: 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Note that the Instructional Guidebook contains additional information regarding swales, ditches, washes, and erosional features generally and in the arid West.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Flow route can be described by identifying, e.g., tributary a, which flows through the review area, to flow into tributary b, which then flows into TNW.

	(b)	General Tributary Characteristics (check all that apply):         Tributary is: <ul> <li>Natural</li> <li>Artificial (man-made). Explain:</li> <li>Manipulated (man-altered). Explain: Tributary has been straightened and deepened.</li> </ul>		
		Tributary properties with respect to top of bank (estimate): Average width: 5.5 feet Average depth: 4 feet Average side slopes: Vertical (1:1 or less).		
		Primary tributary substrate composition (check all that apply): Silts Sands Concrete Cobbles Gravel Muck Bedrock Vegetation. Type/% cover: Other. Explain: .		
		Tributary condition/stability [e.g., highly eroding, sloughing banks]. Explain: Banks of tributary stabilized by vegetation. Presence of run/riffle/pool complexes. Explain: Tributary geometry: <b>Relatively straight.</b> Tributary gradient (approximate average slope): < <b>1</b> %		
( <b>M-18</b> ).	(c)	<ul> <li><u>Flow:</u></li> <li>Tributary provides for: Perennial flow</li> <li>Estimate average number of flow events in review area/year: 20 (or greater)</li> <li>Describe flow regime: Flow is 90% of the year under normal climatic conditions.</li> <li>Other information on duration and volume: Horry County Drainage Study of 1975 indicates a Main Drainage Canal</li> </ul>		
		Surface flow is: <b>Confined</b> . Characteristics: <b>Confined within bed and banks of tributary</b> .		
		Subsurface flow: Unknown. Explain findings: Dye (or other) test performed: .		
		Tributary has (check all that apply):       Image: Section of the presence of litter and debris         Image: Shelving       Image: Shelving         Image: Shelv		
		If factors other than the OHWM were used to determine lateral extent of CWA jurisdiction (check all that apply):          High Tide Line indicated by:       Mean High Water Mark indicated by:         oil or scum line along shore objects       survey to available datum;         fine shell or debris deposits (foreshore)       physical markings/characteristics         physical markings/characteristics       vegetation lines/changes in vegetation types.         tidal gauges       other (list):		
(iii)		emical Characteristics: racterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolored, oily film; water quality; general watershed characteristics, etc.). Explain: Water is discolored, tributary headwaters located within project area boundary. Run-off associated with		

Identify specific pollutants, if known: Sediments, stormwater runoff and litter and debris.

ongoing silviculture practices and polluntants associated with a county dirt road (sediments, litter and debris).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>A natural or man-made discontinuity in the OHWM does not necessarily sever jurisdiction (e.g., where the stream temporarily flows underground, or where the OHWM has been removed by development or agricultural practices). Where there is a break in the OHWM that is unrelated to the waterbody's flow regime (e.g., flow over a rock outcrop or through a culvert), the agencies will look for indicators of flow above and below the break. <sup>7</sup>Ibid.

# (iv) Biological Characteristics. Channel supports (check all that apply):

# Riparian corridor. Characteristics (type, average width): Periodically flooded area outside of channel; important for

# shading and buffering; supports clean water.

- Wetland fringe. Characteristics:
- Habitat for:
  - Federally Listed species. Explain findings:
  - Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings:
  - Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings:

Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings: Evidence of foraging, nesting, and travel corridors as well as minnows, tadpoles and small macrofauna.

#### minnows, taupoies and sman macrorauna.

# 2. Characteristics of wetlands adjacent to non-TNW that flow directly or indirectly into TNW

# (i) Physical Characteristics:

- (a) <u>General Wetland Characteristics:</u>
  - Properties: Wetland size: **3.59** acres Wetland type. Explain: **Palustrine**. Wetland quality. Explain: **Fully functional**. Project wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain:
- (b) General Flow Relationship with Non-TNW:

Flow is: **Perennial flow**. Explain: **flows through a non-jurisdictional upland excavated pond that discharges into Wetland 9 before discharging into the unnamed perennial RPW**.

# Surface flow is: Discrete and confined

Characteristics: Flow is within a non-juridictional conveynace that discharges into the the Offsite tributary.

Subsurface flow: Yes. Explain findings: lows through a non-jurisdictional upland excavated pond that discharges into Wetland 9 before discharging into the unnamed perennial RPW.

Dye (or other) test performed:

- (c) <u>Wetland Adjacency Determination with Non-TNW:</u>
  - Directly abutting
  - Not directly abutting

Discrete wetland hydrologic connection. Explain: lows through a non-jurisdictional upland excavated pond that discharges into Wetland 9 before discharging into the unnamed perennial RPW.

- Ecological connection. Explain:
- Separated by berm/barrier. Explain:
- (d) Proximity (Relationship) to TNW

Project wetlands are 1-2 river miles from TNW. Project waters are 1-2 aerial (straight) miles from TNW. Flow is from: Wetland to navigable waters. Estimate approximate location of wetland as within the 100 - 500-year floodplain.

#### (ii) Chemical Characteristics:

Characterize wetland system (e.g., water color is clear, brown, oil film on surface; water quality; general watershed characteristics; etc.). Explain: Water was not observed above the surface at time of site visit, soils were saturated to the surface. General watershed is undeveloped areas Timber management lands mixed with residential developments.

Identify specific pollutants, if known: Sediments and herbicides associated with forest management practices.

## (iii) Biological Characteristics. Wetland supports (check all that apply):

- Riparian buffer. Characteristics (type, average width): Fetterbush, Pond Pine, Lobolly pine.
- Vegetation type/percent cover. Explain: FAC or wetter species.
- Habitat for:
  - Federally Listed species. Explain findings:
  - Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings:
  - Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings:
- Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings: This wetland system enhances a variety of wildlife species by

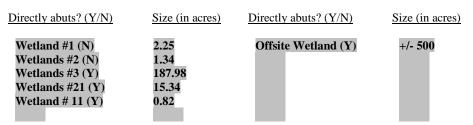
# providing diversity through timber type changes and where an aquatic system adjoins an upland system.

# 3. Characteristics of all wetlands adjacent to the tributary (if any)

All wetland(s) being considered in the cumulative analysis: 5

Approximately (800) acres in total are being considered in the cumulative analysis.

For each wetland, specify the following:



Summarize overall biological, chemical and physical functions being performed: The similarly situated wetlands contribute vital biological, chemical, and physical functions to the adjacent RPW. This wetland system enhances a variety of wildlife species by providing diversity through timber type changes and where an aquatic system adjoins an upland. Due to surrounding land uses, these wetlands act as a catch basin for adjacent uplands filtering sediment and other pollutants and/or reducing the amount of flood waters reaching the TNW.

#### C. SIGNIFICANT NEXUS DETERMINATION

A significant nexus analysis will assess the flow characteristics and functions of the tributary itself and the functions performed by any wetlands adjacent to the tributary to determine if they significantly affect the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of a TNW. For each of the following situations, a significant nexus exists if the tributary, in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, has more than a speculative or insubstantial effect on the chemical, physical and/or biological integrity of a TNW. Considerations when evaluating significant nexus include, but are not limited to the volume, duration, and frequency of the flow of water in the tributary and its proximity to a TNW, and the functions performed by the tributary and all its adjacent wetlands. It is not appropriate to determine significant nexus based solely on any specific threshold of distance (e.g. between a tributary and its adjacent wetland or between a tributary and the TNW). Similarly, the fact an adjacent wetland lies within or outside of a floodplain is not solely determinative of significant nexus.

# Draw connections between the features documented and the effects on the TNW, as identified in the *Rapanos* Guidance and discussed in the Instructional Guidebook. Factors to consider include, for example:

- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to carry pollutants or flood waters to TNWs, or to reduce the amount of pollutants or flood waters reaching a TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), provide habitat and lifecycle support functions for fish and other species, such as feeding, nesting, spawning, or rearing young for species that are present in the TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to transfer nutrients and organic carbon that support downstream foodwebs?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have other relationships to the physical, chemical, or biological integrity of the TNW?

# Note: the above list of considerations is not inclusive and other functions observed or known to occur should be documented below:

- 1. Significant nexus findings for non-RPW that has no adjacent wetlands and flows directly or indirectly into TNWs. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary itself, then go to Section III.D:
- 2. Significant nexus findings for non-RPW and its adjacent wetlands, where the non-RPW flows directly or indirectly into TNWs. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D:
- Significant nexus findings for wetlands adjacent to an RPW but that do not directly abut the RPW. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D: The forested wetlands which are similarly situated and adjacent to the RPW with perennial flow are collectively performing functions consistent with following: Biological- wetlands adjacent to this RPW include depressional wetlands. As such, a variety of biological functions are being performed which include providing breeding grounds and shelter for aquatic species, foraging areas for wetland dependent species. These wetlands are essential in providing organic carbons in the form of their collective primary productivity to downstream waters, resulting in the nourishment of the downstream food web. Chemical- wetlands and tributary within the review area are providing the important collective functions of removal of excess nutrients which are contributed by runoff from surounded uplands, reducing nitrogen and phosphorus loading downstream, and effectively preventing oxygen depletion that can result from eutrophication. Physical- Wetlands and tributary in the review area are collectively performing flow maintenance functions, including retaining runoff inflow and storing rain water temporarily. Flow maintenance results in the reduction of downstream peak flows (discharge and volumes), helping to maintain seasonal flow volumes. Based on the collective functions described above and their

importance to the biological, chemical, and physical integrity of the traditional navigable waters of the AIWW, it has been determined that there is a significant nexus between the relevant reach of the tributary and adjacent wetlands to the downstream TNW.

- D. DETERMINATIONS OF JURISDICTIONAL FINDINGS. THE SUBJECT WATERS/WETLANDS ARE (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):
  - TNWs and Adjacent Wetlands. Check all that apply and provide size estimates in review area: 1. TNWs: linear feet width (ft), Or, acres. Wetlands adjacent to TNWs: acres.
  - RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. 2.

Tributaries of TNWs where tributaries typically flow year-round are jurisdictional. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial: Tributary was determined to be an RPW with pernnial flow by review of aerial photos, Topographic maps, Horry County Soil Survey, and Horry County Drainage Canal Study. Aerial photos depict a signature of a defined channel discharging into AIWW, Topographic maps depict a symbol which represents a tributary with pernnial flow, Horry County Drainage Canal Study depicts a main drainage canal (M-18) which represents a tributary with perennial flow, and Horry County Soil Survey depicts a symbol that represents a tributary with intermiddent flow.

Tributaries of TNW where tributaries have continuous flow "seasonally" (e.g., typically three months each year) are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.B. Provide rationale indicating that tributary flows seasonally:

Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply):

Tributary waters:	linear		width (ft).
Other non-wetland	waters:	acres.	
Identify type(s) of	waters:		

- Non-RPWs<sup>8</sup> that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. 3.
  - Waterbody that is not a TNW or an RPW, but flows directly or indirectly into a TNW, and it has a significant nexus with a TNW is jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.

Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters within the review area (check all that apply):

acres.

- Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft).
  - Other non-wetland waters:

Identify type(s) of waters:

4. Wetlands directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.

Wetlands directly abut RPW and thus are jurisdictional as adjacent wetlands.

Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow year-round. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW: Wetland 9 continues offsite and is bisected by the OWHM of the offsite unnamed perennial RPW.

Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow "seasonally." Provide data indicating that tributary is seasonal in Section III.B and rationale in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW:

Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: 2.73 acres.

Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. 5.

Wetlands that do not directly abut an RPW, but when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisidictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.

Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.

- Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. 6.
  - Wetlands adjacent to such waters, and have when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and  $\bowtie$ with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.

Provide estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: 0.11 acres.

# 7. Impoundments of jurisdictional waters.<sup>9</sup>

- As a general rule, the impoundment of a jurisdictional tributary remains jurisdictional.
- Demonstrate that impoundment was created from "waters of the U.S.," or
- Demonstrate that water meets the criteria for one of the categories presented above (1-6), or
- Demonstrate that water is isolated with a nexus to commerce (see E below).
- Explain:

# E. ISOLATED [INTERSTATE OR INTRA-STATE] WATERS, INCLUDING ISOLATED WETLANDS, THE USE, DEGRADATION OR DESTRUCTION OF WHICH COULD AFFECT INTERSTATE COMMERCE, INCLUDING ANY SUCH WATERS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):<sup>10</sup>

- which are or could be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreational or other purposes.
- from which fish or shellfish are or could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce.
- which are or could be used for industrial purposes by industries in interstate commerce.
- Interstate isolated waters. Explain:
- Other factors. Explain:

### Identify water body and summarize rationale supporting determination:

Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply):

- Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft).
- Other non-wetland waters: acres.
- Identify type(s) of waters:
- Wetlands: acres.

# F. NON-JURISDICTIONAL WATERS, INCLUDING WETLANDS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

- If potential wetlands were assessed within the review area, these areas did not meet the criteria in the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual and/or appropriate Regional Supplements.
- Review area included isolated waters with no substantial nexus to interstate (or foreign) commerce.
  - Prior to the Jan 2001 Supreme Court decision in "SWANCC," the review area would have been regulated based <u>solely</u> on the "Migratory Bird Rule" (MBR).
  - Waters do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction. Explain:
  - Other: (explain, if not covered above):

Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area, where the <u>sole</u> potential basis of jurisdiction is the MBR factors (i.e., presence of migratory birds, presence of endangered species, use of water for irrigated agriculture), using best professional judgment (check all that apply):

Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): linear feet width (ft).

Lakes/ponds: acres.

- Other non-wetland waters: acres. List type of aquatic resource:
- Wetlands: acres.

Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area that do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction (check all that apply):

- Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams):linear feet,width (ft).Lakes/ponds:acres.Other non-wetland waters:acres. List type of aquatic resource:.
- Wetlands: acres.

### SECTION IV: DATA SOURCES.

A. SUPPORTING DATA. Data reviewed for JD (check all that apply - checked items shall be included in case file and, where checked and requested, appropriately reference sources below):

Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant: Maps provided by the agent / The site is depicted on the survey plat you submitted, prepared by The Brigman Company, dated November 2, 2015 and revised on February 9, 2016, and entitled "WETLANDS SURVEY / OF / TAX# 143-00-01-003 / FIVE FOOLS, LLC / LOCATED IN / LITTLE RIVER TOWNSHIP / HORRY COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA".

- Data sheets prepared/submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant.
  - $\boxtimes$  Office concurs with data sheets/delineation report.
  - Office does not concur with data sheets/delineation report.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> To complete the analysis refer to the key in Section III.D.6 of the Instructional Guidebook.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Prior to asserting or declining CWA jurisdiction based solely on this category, Corps Districts will elevate the action to Corps and EPA HQ for review consistent with the process described in the Corps/EPA *Memorandum Regarding CWA Act Jurisdiction Following Rapanos*.

Data sheets prepared by the Corps: Corps navigable waters' study: U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas: USGS NHD data. USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps. U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name: Wampee Quad: Quad depicts the project area as both forested uplands and wetlands. Quad depicts the 37 isolated wetlands as forested uplands. . USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: Horry County Soil Survey sheet 64 depicts the soil types of Leon, Lynn Haven, Centenary (hydric) and Lakeland (non-hydric). National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: HorryNWI: NWI depicts the project area as Upland planted pines (U42P), Forested Wetlands (PEM1B, PFO1/4B, PFO4B, PSS1C, PSS1B, PFO1C, PSS1/3B) and partially drained/ditch forested wetlands (PFO4Bd, PFO4Ad, PFO1Cd, & PSS3/4Bd). State/Local wetland inventory map(s): FEMA/FIRM maps: Ē 100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodectic Vertical Datum of 1929)  $\boxtimes$ Photographs: Aerial (Name & Date): 2006 Aerial infrared SCDNR & 2015 Google Earth. or  $\overline{\boxtimes}$  Other (Name & Date): Site photos provided agent with original submittal. Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter: Applicable/supporting case law: Applicable/supporting scientific literature:  $\square$ Other information (please specify): Horry County Main Drainage Canal Study M-18.

**B.** ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: The project area is comprised of 165.85 acres of which 72.12 acres have been identified as jurisdictional freshwater wetlands. Wetland 9 (2.73 acres) & Wetland 3 (0.11 acres), displayed the appropriate amount of wetland hydrology, hydric soils, and hydrology to meet the wetland parameters. Additionally, wetland 9 continues offsite and is eventually bisected by the OHWM of an unammed perennial RPW that discharges directly into the AIWW. Wetland 3 borders the water level of the onsite non-jurisdictional upland excavated pond which discharges directly into wetland 9 at the southern end of the project area. Wetland 3's is jurisdictional

In addition, the project area contains a 22. 8 acre non-jurisdictional upland excavated pond

Isolated and non-jurisdictional features are covered on basis form 1 of 3 Jurisdictional features (Wetland 1) are covered on basis form 2 of 3