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## **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers welcomes public comments on Draft Environmental Assessment on proposed method of controlling invasive aquatic plant at Walter F. George Lake**

**Mobile, Ala.** – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, is seeking comments through May 15 on the Draft Environmental Assessment that proposes the release of triploid (sterile) grass carp to control the spread of hydrilla, an invasive aquatic plant in Walter F. George Lake.

Despite the increasing use of herbicides since hydrilla was first detected in the lake in 1993, the invasive plant continues to spread in the lake and could eventually cover significant portions of the lake. If the hydrilla continues to spread across the lake, it could have an adverse impact on hydropower generation, industrial water intakes, water quality, fisheries, recreation, water sports, navigation and fish and wildlife conservation.

The copies of the draft EA, “Environmental Assessment for the Release of Triploid Grass Carp for Hydrilla Management” are available at the Walter F. George Lake Project Office near Fort Gaines, Ga., and available on the Internet at <http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/pd/pd1.htm>.

Once the comment period closes May 15, the Corps will evaluate the comments to determine the impact the recommended plan will have on the lake. Based on this evaluation, the Corps will determine whether to proceed with the proposal to finalize the EA and release the grass carp. If the determination is to finalize the EA, Mobile District will prepare a Finding of No Significant Impact.

The public is invited to mail their comments to Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: CESAM-PD-EI, P.O. Box 2288, Mobile AL 36628-0001. Or they can email comments to [CESAM-PD-EA@SAM.USACE.ARMY.MIL](mailto:CESAM-PD-EA@SAM.USACE.ARMY.MIL).