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Mobile Harbor General Reevaluation Report

MOBILE, Ala. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mobile District (USACE) releases a biweekly update every other Wednesday on the current status of the Mobile Harbor General Reevaluation Report (GRR). Each update provides an overview of recent activities under the study, highlights upcoming milestones, and provides links to important changes on the project website.

Current Updates:

- Wetland maps of the study area have been generated based on study results.
- A literature review associated with vegetation salt tolerances has been initiated.
- The team is continuing to work on the analysis of the fall benthic and fish-sampling data. The spring benthic and fish-sampling schedule is currently being developed.
- Graphics for the ship-simulation tabletop exercise have been developed for an upcoming meeting with the Bar Pilots to discuss potential channel configurations and designs.
- Preliminary cost estimates for a range of possible deepening scenarios are expected to be finalized in March.
- Data collection for the hydrodynamic study is expected to be completed in March.
- An open house is scheduled for March 16at the Bayfront Pavilion, 6200 Bayfront Park Drive, Daphne, Ala., from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. This event is an opportunity to give members of the public an update on the proposed project's status and upcoming milestones, and to receive the public's comments and concerns related to potential impacts associated with the project. Members of the project team will be on hand with graphical displays to explain the various ongoing studies the Mobile District is conducting and to answer questions related to the proposed project.
- Public notice for the meeting was published Feb. 26 and March 1, in the Mobile Press Register. An additional notice will be published March 12. Public notice was published in the Lagniappe on March 2 and will also be published in the March 9 edition.

Public Involvement: As the study progresses, interested parties have several avenues in which they can receive updates on the project. Throughout the process, the Mobile District will host a series of public meetings/engagements. The next public meeting is an open house slated for March 16 at the Bayfront Pavilion, 6200 Bayfront Park Drive, Daphne, Ala., from 5:30 to 7:30pm. The Mobile District will announce the dates and locations of future public engagements n news media releases, on the project website, by listserve, social media, biweekly updates and quarterly bulletins.

Listserve: If you wish to receive a copy of the quarterly bulletin, please sign up for the project Listserve at http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Program-and-Project-Management/Civil-Projects/Mobile-Harbor-GRR/

Public Comment: The Mobile District will continue to accept public comments on the study that will be added to the official record for the project. To comment on the project, send your comment to MobileHarborGRR@usace.army.mil. To comment by mail, write to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, 109 Saint Joseph Street, Mobile AL 36602. **Note:** All comments will be addressed at the appropriate time during the study.

To download the latest Public Involvement Strategy (PIMS) or other documents associated with the project visit the GRR Document library:

http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Program-and-Project-Management/Civil-Projects/Mobile-Harbor-GRR/Mobile-Harbor-GRR-Downloads/

For more information on the study visit the project website:

http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Program-and-Project-Management/Civil-Projects/Mobile-Harbor-GRR/Mobile-Harbor-GRR-Downloads/

Frequently Asked Questions:

http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Program-and-Project-Management/Civil-Projects/Mobile-Harbor-GRR/Frequently-Asked-Questions/