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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:

- The literature review associated with vegetation salt tolerances is ongoing.
- Analysis of the fall benthic and fish-sampling data continues. The spring fish-sampling is scheduled to begin on April 17, 2017. The spring benthic-sampling is expected to begin in late-April or early-May.
- Economic benefits continue to be developed.
- Cost estimating support continues for deepening alternatives.
- Continuing to work on the validation of the existing conditions hydrodynamic model. Initial validation testing is expected to be completed at the end of March.
- An open house public meeting was held March 16, 2017 at the Bayfront Pavilion, 6200 Bayfront Park Drive, Daphne, Ala., from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Members of the project team were 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. Over 80 people attended and our team is compiling the comments received.

Public Involvement: As the study progresses, interested parties have several avenues in which they can receive updates on the project. Throughout the process, Mobile District will host a series of public meetings/engagements. Mobile District will announce the dates and locations of future public engagements in news releases, on the project website, by listserve, social media, biweekly updates and quarterly bulletins.

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Public Comment: 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/