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Sent: Thursday, February 05, 2015 3:21 PM
To: Doss, Gary
Cc: Daniel Marrone - NOAA Federal; Edith Carson - NOAA Affiliate
Subject: Re: NCR39812 "Fishermen's Landing" Public Comment

Hi Gary,

Comments from NOAA Fisheries are as follows:

The Manasquan River is a migratory pathway, nursery and forage area for anadromous fish including alewife and blueback herring. Because landing statistics and the number of fish observed on annual spawning runs indicate a drastic decline in alewife and blueback herring populations throughout much of their range since the mid-1960's, they have been designated as Species of Concern by NMFS in a Federal Register Notice dated October 17, 2006 (71 FRN 61022). To minimize impacts to migrating anadromous fish, in-water work should be avoided from March 1 to June 30 of any year. Winter flounder spawn in the estuarine portions of the waterway. In order to minimize impacts to early life stages of winter flounder, dredging and other sediment generating activities should be avoided from January 1 to May 31 of each year. In addition, the project area has been mapped as blue mussel habitat by the NJDEP. The proposed bulkhead and any other structures in and over the water should be built with non-polluting materials. Pressure treated lumber should not be used.

The project area has also been designated as essential fish habitat under the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. In general, if a project affects EFH adversely, the lead federal agency or its designee must consult with NMFS. In this instance, if this project qualifies for Department of the Army Nationwide permit, consultation may have already been done on a programmatic level. The Nationwide Permits and the regional conditions for NJ should be reviewed to determine if this project qualifies. These can be found on the Philadelphia District Army Corps of Engineers' website. Additional information on EFH and EFH consultations can be found on the NOAA Fisheries Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office website at

www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/habitat . If you wish to discuss this further, please call 732-872- , If you have any questions, please contact Karen Greene at 732 872-3023 or karen.greene@noaa.gov.

As listed species of sturgeon may occur in the Manasquan River, and thus, within the vicinity of your proposed project, any proposed in-water work has the potential to impact these species. As project details become finalized, a consultation, pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended, may be necessary. To request consultation, please submit your determination and a request for concurrence to the attention of the ESA Section 7 Coordinator, NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office, Protected Resources Division, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Should you have any questions about these comments or about the section 7 consultation process in general, please contact Daniel Marrone at [978-282-8465](tel:978-282-8465) or by email Daniel.Marrone@noaa.gov.

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On Wed, Feb 4, 2015 at 11:35 AM, Doss, Gary <gdoss@dewberry.com> wrote:

Karen –

Thanks for the heads up.

Also, see attached for a site location map. The site is located along the Wills Hole Thoroughfare (Manasquan River). The only in-water work proposed is replacement of portions of the storm-damaged bulkhead along the eastern portion of the property.

Let me know if you need anything further.

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Hello Gary,

Please remove the GARFO tasker and John Bullard of NOAA from the e-mail notifications for these actions. They will be handled at the local level. For NOAA, the contacts should be me and Daniel Marrone (daniel.marrone@noaa.gov) and Jennifer Goebel (jennifer.goebel@noaa.gov) for our Protected Resources Division.

Thanks.

Also, a location map would be helpful as well as some indication of any in-water work proposed.

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On Wed, Feb 4, 2015 at 9:58 AM, Doss, Gary <gdoss@dewberry.com> wrote:

All,

We are currently preparing an Environmental Assessment on behalf of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) for the above-referenced HUD CDBG-DR funded project. This property received damage as a result of Superstorm Sandy. We are conducting an 8-Step Floodplain Review pursuant to HUD regulations to satisfy Executive Order 11988. Please refer to the attached public notice, which was published in local English and Spanish newspapers on January 30, 2015. Please let me know if you have any comments on this project.

Thank you,

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