

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

EARLY NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A FLOODPLAIN

Pursuant to Executive Order 11988, *Floodplain Management*, the United States Department of the Navy (Navy) gives notice that the Navy is conducting an evaluation of a proposed action, which may involve activity in a floodplain to determine the potential effects that its activity in the floodplain would have on the human environment. The Navy will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988 and EO 11990.

The proposed action is to maintenance dredge Sherman Cove Marina located on Naval Air Station Pensacola in Escambia County, Florida. As required by EO 11988 and EO 11990, a more detailed description of the proposed action is available below.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplain and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative methods to serve the same project purpose and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplain can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplain and wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Interested parties may submit written comments no later than 5:00 PM Central Time on January 27, 2025 by email to joelle.a.odaniel-lopez.civ@us.navy.mil or by mail postmarked no later than January 27, 2025 to:

Naval Air Station Pensacola
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed action is to maintenance dredge Sherman Cove Marina located on Naval Air Station Pensacola in Escambia County, Florida. The purpose of the proposed action is to provide necessary maintenance dredging to restore navigable access to the marina.

Sherman Cove marina is currently silted in making it difficult or non-navigable for larger vessels to use the marina. The proposed action will return the marina to mean low tide maintenance depth removing approximately 6,200 cubic yards. Areas to be commercially dredged will be the channel and the area within the docks identified during the bathymetric measurement. Dredged material to be removed is approximately 6,200 cubic yards, to be deposited at an existing pre-approved spoils site.

The Navy is proposing the action in the boundaries of the floodplain because the facilities, Sherman Cove Marina and spoil site are located within the boundaries of floodplains associated with Pensacola Bay and are in need of maintenance dredging. If no action is provided, the channel and marina areas will continue to silt in and become unnavigable. Implementation of the proposed action would not affect flood frequency or severity.

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Location Map



Site Map



Existing Spoil Area

Maintenance Dredge Area