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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Planning, Environmental and Cultural Resources Branch 4735 E. Marginal Way S. Bldg. 1202 Seattle, WA 98134-2388 Public Notice Date: February 20, 2025 Expiration Date: April 21, 2025 Reference: PMP-25-01 Name: Lake Washington Ship Canal Project Master Plan

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District (USACE) has prepared, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Lake Washington Ship Canal Project Master Plan, King County, Washington. The purpose of the LWSC Master Plan is to guide USACE to preserve, conserve, restore, maintain, manage, and develop USACE project lands and associated resources in accordance with USACE guidance. The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from interested persons, Tribes, groups, and agencies on USACE's proposed action under NEPA.

COMMENT AND REVIEW PERIOD

USACE invites submission of comments on the environmental impact of the proposed action. Comments will be considered in determining whether it would be in the best public interest to proceed with the proposed project. USACE will consider all submissions received before the expiration date of this notice. The nature or scope of the proposal may be changed upon consideration of the comments received. If significant effects on the quality of the human environment are identified and cannot be mitigated for, USACE would initiate preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and afford all the appropriate public participation opportunities attendant to an EIS.

PUBLIC HEARING

Any person may request within the comment period specified in this Notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this proposal. Requests for a public hearing must clearly set forth the following: the interest that may be affected, the way the interest may be affected by this activity, and the reason for holding a public hearing regarding this activity.

COMMENT SUBMISSION

Submit comments to this office, Attn: Planning, Environmental, and Cultural Resources Branch, 4735 E. Marginal Way S. Bldg. 1202, Seattle, WA, 98134-2388, no later than 60 days after the posting of this notice to ensure consideration. Comments not received within the comment period are deemed unexhausted and therefore forfeited.

In addition to sending comments via mail to the above address, comments may be e-mailed to <u>Kaitlin.E.Whitlock@usace.army.mil</u>. This Notice and the Draft EA/FONSI can be found online at: <u>http://www.nws.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental/Environmental-Documents/</u>