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THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC NOTICE IS TO INFORM THE PUBLIC THAT THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, BALTIMORE DISTRICT HAS ISSUED THE MARYLAND STATE PROGRAMMATIC GENERAL PERMIT-7 (MDSPGP-7) FOR A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026.

SUBJECT: The United States Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, has issued the Maryland State Programmatic General Permit-7 (MDSPGP-7) for a five-year period. The MDSPGP-7 will be implemented and in full effect in the applicable portions of the State of Maryland on October 1, 2026. The MDSPGP-7 will expire on September 30, 2031, unless a decision is made to suspend or revoke it by or before that date. A copy of the MDSPGP-7 is attached and can be viewed on our web page at:

<http://www.nab.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Permit-Types-and-Process/>

On December 16, 2024, the Corps issued Special Public Notice #24-38 requesting comments on whether to issue the MDSPGP-7 for a five-year period. Following a thorough review of all comments received in response to the Special Public Notice, the Corps has decided to issue the MDSPGP-7.

In accordance with 33 CFR 325.5(c), MDSPGP-7 authorizes various proposed activities described herein, pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403) and/or Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) (33 U.S.C. 1344).

LOCATION OF AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES: This MDSPGP-7 applies to activities in waters of the United States, including wetlands and navigable waters, within the State of Maryland.

EXCLUDED WATERS: Back Creek (of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal), east of a line extending from Welch Point to Courthouse Point to the Delaware line and to the Second Street Bridge to the south; Herring Creek east of the line extending from Welch Point to Courthouse Point to the dam that crosses Herring Creek; and Long Branch to the Boat Yard Bridge to the north, including adjacent and contiguous jurisdictional wetlands to these tidal tributaries are excluded from the authority of this MDSPGP-7. These listed areas fall within the United States Army Corps of Engineers Philadelphia District's Regulatory geographic boundaries.

PURPOSE: The MDSPGP-7 provides a streamlined form of Department of the Army authorization for certain recurring activities that are similar in nature, have minimal individual and cumulative adverse effects on the aquatic environment, and satisfy other public interest review factors. The MDSPGP-7 has been developed in cooperation with the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), which has regulatory authority over waters of the State of Maryland. Programmatic general permits are authorized for a five-year period at which time they must be re-evaluated for their impacts on the aquatic environment.

All activities that have received written project-specific verification under the MDSPGP-6, that have commenced or are under contract to commence the authorized work by September 30, 2026, have until September 30, 2027 (12 months from the expiration date of the MDSPGP-6) to complete the work under the terms and conditions of the MDSPGP-6. For expired permits, please see "Reauthorization Procedures" under "Notable Modifications" below.

IMPORTANT NOTE: To expedite application review under the MDSPGP-7, permittees are strongly encouraged to complete the United States Fish and Wildlife Service's Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) screening before submitting the Joint Permit Application (JPA) to the Corps. The applicant should include all documentation and coordination related to the Endangered Species Act (ESA) review with the JPA submission.

NOTABLE MODIFICATIONS: Below is a list of some of the notable changes from the Maryland State Programmatic General Permit-6 (MDSPGP-6) to the MDSPGP-7:

General Revision and Procedural Changes:

I. *Category B Eligibility Thresholds:* The linear foot limit for losses of stream channel from certain Category B activities has been removed and replaced with acres or square feet (i.e., an area-based metric) to quantify losses of streams, wetlands, and other aquatic resources (i.e. b(2), c(2), c(3), d, e(1), e(2), e(3), e(4), e(5), e(8), e(9), and e(10)). These activities have a 0.5-acre limit for losses of waters of the United States, including wetlands and streams. These Category B activities will require review on a case-by-case basis to determine whether the proposed activities will result in no more than minimal adverse environmental effect. This change is to aligned with the current United States Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permits (NWP's).

II. *Category B Waiver Criteria and Coordination Procedures:* An activity-specific Category B waiver process has been added for certain thresholds for a(5), b(1), b(3), b(4), f(1), f(2), f(3), f(4) and i. For these Category B activities, an applicant may request a waiver for a particular limit specified in the activity's terms and conditions. If the applicant requests a waiver of a Category B limit, and the district engineer determines, after coordinating with the resource agencies, that the proposed Category

B activity will result in no more than minimal adverse environmental effects, the district engineer may grant such a waiver upon a written determination that the Category B activity will result in only minimal individual and cumulative adverse environmental effects.

III. *Stream loss threshold for compensatory mitigation:* The mitigation limit for stream losses has been changed from 200 linear feet to 3/100 acre for applications that require Category B review. This change is better aligned with the current United States Army Corps of Engineers NWP.

IV. *Authorities:* Added list of related laws as provided for under 33 CFR 320.3 for clarification.

V. *Scope of Activities:* Provides language to clarify after-the-fact authorization for unauthorized activities under the MDSPGP-7. Language was also added to clarify that MDSPGP-7 will not apply when any portion of a project is subject to enforcement action by the United States Army Corps of Engineers or the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). An after-the-fact MDSPGP authorization may be used for resolution of a violation following certain considerations by the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

VI. *Criteria Requiring Category B Review:* Provides clarification for applications that require United States Army Corps of Engineers notification and review as a reporting Category B activity, i.e. regulated activities that are not wholly located within the State of Maryland, regulated activities associated with the construction of mitigation banks, reasonably related applications, and applications containing a request for a United States Army Corps of Engineers jurisdictional determination.

VII. *Application Procedures:* Clarifies that delays may occur if the United States Army Corps of Engineers is requested to conduct a delineation of special aquatic sites, wetlands, and other waters. Language was added for Endangered Species, Historic Properties, United States Army Corps of Engineers Federally Authorized Civil Works Projects, Existing Site Protection Instruments and Proposed Encroachments, and Linear Projects; all of which should be identified in the application, if applicable. Clarifies Activity Specific Category B Waiver Process for certain activities under the MDSPGP-7.

VIII. *Category B General Agency Coordination Procedures:* Changes the agency coordination process to better align with the agency coordination process of the current United States Army Corps of Engineers NWPs, i.e. the United States Army Corps of Engineers will not coordinate with all federal and state agencies for every Category B activity. Federal and state agency coordination will be conducted for all MDSPGP-7 activities that require a Category B review and result in the loss of greater than 0.25 acres of waters of the United States. Federal and state agency coordination will also be conducted for Category B activities where an applicant requests a specific waiver of an applicable limit (a(5) b(1), b(3), b(4), f(1), f(2), f(3), f(4), i). The United States Army Corps of Engineers can only grant these waivers after conducting agency coordination and an activity-specific evaluation and making a written determination that the proposed activity

will result in no more than minimal individual and cumulative adverse environmental effects. The United States Army Corps of Engineers will continue to coordinate all Category B activities with appropriate federal and/or state agencies that require Endangered Species Act section 7 consultation, National Historic Preservation Act section 106 consultation, Magnuson Stevens Act Essential Fish Habitat consultation, and other federal laws.

IX. MDSPGP-7 Verification Procedures: Clarifies that written general permit verifications may include a requirement for a mitigation plan to be submitted prior to initiation of the authorized work.

Revisions to Existing Activities and Conditions:

I. Activity a(5) Boat Ramp Repair, Expansion, etc.: Two criteria added under Category B that are eligible for written waivers: boat ramps exceeding 24 feet in width and/or those that exceed 50 cubic yards of fill.

II. Activity a(9) Maintenance Dredging of Previously Authorized Dredging in Tidal Waters: Clarifies terms and conditions of beneficial re-use under Category A.

III. Activity b(1) General Maintenance: Provides clarification on activities that are authorized under general maintenance and clarifies that maintenance activities for the discharge of grout paving material associated with repairs to degraded pipe and box culverts that were previously authorized under a separate maintenance activity, Activity b(5) Culvert Pipe Grouting/Sealing and Joint Repairs, are authorized under Activity b(1) General Maintenance. This activity authorizes general maintenance activities that do not qualify for the Clean Water Act Section 404(f) exemption. Additional terms and conditions for both Category A and Category B activities were added, notably related to tide gate replacements and removal of accumulated sediments and debris. Two criteria under Category B that are eligible for written waivers: blasting and/or the removal of sediments extending further than 500 linear feet from a structure.

IV. Activity b(2) Armoring Bridges, Causeways, and Culverts: Changes to remove the linear foot stream channel loss limits for eligibility under Category B. Further, to use acres or square feet (i.e., an area-based metric) instead of linear feet to quantify losses of stream channel for Category B. Impacts for Category B are not to exceed a total 0.5 acre loss of tidal and nontidal waters of the United States.

V. Activity b(3) Bulkhead Repair or Replacement, Including Stone Toe Protection: Added two criteria under Category B that are eligible for written waivers: bulkhead repair or replacement that extends further than three (3) feet channelward and/or the amount of special aquatic sites which may be filled or excavated.

VI. Activity b(4) Maintenance of Existing Drainage Ditches: Combined a(4) Tidal Roadside Ditch Maintenance and a(5) Maintenance of Mosquito Control Ditches into a single activity. Provides clarification on activities that are authorized under this activity.

Additional terms and conditions added for Category A activities, i.e. no impacts to submerged aquatic vegetation are authorized and no excavated material may be placed into waters of the United States. Further, additional terms and conditions for Category B activities added, notably, the single and complete project will result in no more than a total of 0.5-acre loss of waters, requirements for placement of excavated/dredged material into adjacent wetlands, and waiver criteria for placement of excavated material into waters of the United States.

VII. Activity b(5) Maintenance of Mosquito Control Ditches: Activity has been removed and combined with a(4).

VIII. Activity b(6) Culvert Pipe Grouting/Sealing and Joint Repairs: Activity has been removed. These activities are covered under b(1) and/or 404(f) exemption.

IX. Underground and Overhead Utility Line Activities: For Utility Line Activities c(2) and c(3), removed the linear foot stream channel loss limits for eligibility under Category B. Changed to use acres or square feet (i.e., an area-based metric) instead of linear feet to quantify losses of stream channel for Category B. Impacts for Category B are not to exceed a total 0.5-acre loss of tidal and nontidal waters of the United States.

X. Linear Transportation Activities: Removed the linear foot stream channel loss limits for eligibility under Category B. Changed to use acres or square feet (i.e., an area-based metric) instead of linear feet to quantify losses of stream channel for Category B.

XI. Fill Activities: For Fill Activities, e(1), e(2), e(3), e(4), e(5), e(6), e(8), and e(9), removed the linear foot stream channel loss limits for eligibility under Category B. Changed to use acres or square feet (i.e., an area-based metric) instead of linear feet to quantify losses of stream channel for Category B. Impacts for Category B are not to exceed a total 0.5 acre loss of tidal and nontidal waters of the United States.

XII. Activity e(1) Minor Nontidal Fills: Clarifies that Category A does not authorize work in nontidal navigable waters under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899.

XIII. Activity (3) Agricultural Activities: Clarifies that work in navigable waters under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 is not authorized by this activity (Section 404 only).

XIV. Activity e(7) Temporary Construction, Access, Stream Diversions, and Dewatering for Construction: Removed acreage loss limits for eligibility under Category B because this activity does not authorize losses to water of the United States. Language was added to clarify that temporary impacts must be restored to original contours and replanted.

XV. Activity e(9) Residential, Commercial, and Institutional Development and Recreational Facilities: Recreational Facilities was added to the activity title to clarify that this activity provides for authorization of these types of projects.

XVI. Activity e(10) Stormwater Management Facilities: Removed “New” from the activity title to allow for authorization of solid waste management facilities not limited to only new, i.e. maintenance, low impact development and green infrastructure. Clarifies that the activity does not authorize discharges into tidal wetlands, tidal waters, nontidal wetlands adjacent to tidal waters, and perennial streams by moving language into Category A and B limits and requirements. Further, added terms and conditions for Category A and B activities.

XVII. Activity e(11) Aquatic Habitat Restoration Enhancement, and Establishment Activities Associated with Compensatory Mitigation Requirements for Aquatic Resource Impacts Authorized under the MDSPGP-7: Clarifies conversion activities. Added language and requirements for tidal control structures, e.g. tide gates.

XVIII. Shoreline and Stream Bank Stabilization Activities: Removed order of preference for tidal shoreline stabilization activities in the interest of providing flexibility to address variations in site-specific settings in which the MDSPGP-7 shoreline and stream bank stabilization activities are conducted. Shoreline and stream bank stabilization activities will be evaluated on a site-specific basis and determination made whether they qualify for MDSPGP-7 authorization. Removed language stating that nonstructural shoreline and bank stabilization are preferred over structural.

XIX. Activity f(1) New Tidal Revetments and Tidal Shoreline Erosion Control Structures other than Revetments: Removed acreage threshold for eligibility under Category B because the MDSPGP-6 acreage threshold of 0.5 acre (21,780 square feet) was not consistent with the maximum square foot area provided by the 2,000 linear foot length along the shoreline and the maximum 25 foot channelward extent from the mean high water shoreline (50,000 square feet = 2,000 feet x 25 feet). Two criteria added under Category B that are eligible for written waivers: the activity shall not be more than 2,000 linear feet in length along the shoreline and/or must not extend more than 25 feet channelward of the mean high-water shoreline.

XX. Activity f(2) Living Shorelines: Language was added to clarify design criteria and standard requirements for the construction and maintenance of living shorelines. Additional terms and conditions were added for Category A and Category B activities. Notably, updated design parameters, language related to beneficial re-use and updated monitoring requirements. Waiver process was added for channelward extent under Category B. Additional terms and conditions were added applicable to both Category A and B activities. Notably, measures to avoid and minimize impacts to the constructed tidal marsh and addressing upland sources of erosion.

XXI. Activity f(3) New Bulkheads, including Stone Toe Protection: Three additional criteria added under Category B that are eligible for written waivers, channelward extent of new bulkheads and replacement of serviceable bulkheads; loss and linear length; and channelward extent of stone toe protection.

XXII. Activity f(4) Nontidal Bank Stabilization Activities: Waiver process was added for projects that would exceed the eligibility thresholds for Category B.

XXIII. Activity h. Private Landowner Oyster Gardening: Change to update Department of Natural Resources contact for report submittal.

New Activities added to the MDSPGP-7:

Activity c(4) Utility Substations: This activity authorizes the construction, maintenance, or expansion of substation facilities associated with a utility line in nontidal waters of the United States. This activity was formally verified using the e(1) minor nontidal fill action, the new activity provides more specific guidelines that only apply to utility substations.

Activity i. Emergency Situations: This activity authorizes permanent and temporary structures or work in or affecting navigable waters of the United States and the permanent and temporary discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States, including wetlands, necessary for emergency response and post-storm recovery activities where an imminent threat to life or property exists due to unforeseen events during an emergency situation, State of Maryland Emergency Declaration, or Federal Emergency Management Agency Declared Disaster.

Activity j(1) Retrofits of Existing Stormwater Management Facilities: This activity authorizes the discharges of dredged or fill material into nontidal water of the United States for the retrofit of existing stormwater management facilities. Stormwater management retrofit refers to those activities that modify an existing stormwater management facility for the purpose of improving nutrient and sediment removal by the existing structural stormwater management facility that currently has little or no treatment. This new activity is to replace the stormwater retrofit actions that were previously authorized under the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Regional General Permit which expired on August 31, 2025.

Activity j(2) Nontidal Stream and Wetland Restoration and Enhancement Activities associated within an acceptable TMDL/MS4 Watershed Strategy: This activity authorizes stream and wetland restoration and enhancement activities in nontidal waters of the United States, which includes nontidal wetlands, streams, rivers, and other nontidal open waters. The activity must be part of an acceptable TMDL/MS4 watershed strategy to reduce nutrients and sediment pollution and produces functional lift within the project site. This new activity is to replace the nontidal stream and wetland restoration activities that were previously authorized under the Chesapeake Bay TMDL Regional General Permit which expired on August 31, 2025.

Revisions to General Conditions (GC):

- I. **GC 3. *Single and Complete Projects*:** Added clarification for phased projects.
- II. **GC 4. *Use of Multiple MDSPGP-7 Activities*:** Lists restrictions for better clarification.
- III. **GC 8. *Historic Properties*:** Added clarification to the Section 106 review process, added requirement for applicant to identify any historic properties that might be affected or include a vicinity map, and added condition for Section 110K of National Historic Preservation Act.
- IV. **GC 14. *BMPs for Pile Driving Activities*:** Revised title to clarify that BMPs are for both Category A and B activities within the MDSPGP-7, added requirement for ramp-up with vibratory pile installations, and added requirement for soft start at the beginning of the workday and at any time following cessation of pile driving for 30 minutes or longer.
- V. **GC 18. *Section 408*:** Clarifies that written verification under MDSPGP-7 will not be issued prior to the decision on the Section 408 permission request.
- VI. **GC 29. *Mitigation Standards*:** Revised language to include “individual and cumulative” effects to align with NWP standards; mitigation limits for stream losses were changed from 200 linear feet to 3/100 acre (1,307 square feet); added that minimum stream mitigation requirements shall be determined using the current United States Army Corps of Engineers endorsed methodology (Maryland Stream Mitigation Framework); added condition for use of watershed basis in determining the appropriate compensatory mitigation (stream, riparian areas, wetland compensation); clarified that mitigation bank or in-leu-fee credits are preferred mechanism for providing compensatory mitigation, added condition that when the activity will result in the loss of greater than 5,000 sq ft of wetland or 3/100 acre of stream bed, and a Category B review is required, the prospective permittee is required to submit a mitigation statement or mitigation plan or an explanation why mitigation should not be required; and added clarification for prior approval of final mitigation plan and examples of mitigation requirements that can be addressed through permit conditions rather than through components of a mitigation plan.
- VII. **GC 30. *Work in Wetlands*:** Removed duplicative language which is included in GC 32.
- VIII. **GC 31. *Work in Special Aquatic Sites & Shallow Water*:** Added new condition that all construction vessels/barges should float at all tide stages and should avoid operation in special aquatic sites to minimize adverse impacts.

IX. GC 32. Removal of Temporary Fill, Structures, and Mats: Added “and structures” for clarification.

Definitions: The following terms were defined and/or re-defined for clarity:

Navigable waters of the United States and Single and Complete Project (Non-Linear Projects).

Reauthorization Procedures: The reauthorization procedure was modified as described below.

For Category A Activities: No written re-authorization is required for previously verified Category A MDSPGP activities, as long as the proposed project meets the MDSPGP-7 terms and conditions and impacts to jurisdictional aquatic resources have not changed. If the project no longer meets the Category A terms and conditions of MDSPGP-7, the project must be reviewed by the Corps under the Category B review process.

For Category B Activities: Written re-authorization is required for previously verified Category B MDSPGP activities if the project is not under contract or under construction prior to the MDSPGP-6’s expiration (September 30, 2026). If the project no longer meets the Category B terms and conditions of MDSPGP-7 or exceeds established MDSPGP-7 eligibility thresholds, alternate Corps permit review procedures will be required.

Please note that the MDSPGP-7 will not authorize any activity that may directly or indirectly affect a threatened or endangered species, or a species proposed for such designation, as identified under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA).

In accordance with General Condition 11 of the proposed MDSPGP-7, applicants may conduct a review for ESA resources, including federally listed species and designated critical habitat under the jurisdiction of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and/or the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), using the appropriate resources provided below.

Information regarding threatened and endangered species and their critical habitat is available through the FWS and NMFS offices and websites:

FWS: <https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/>

NMFS:
<https://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/protected/section7/guidance/maps/index.html>

EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS:

Maryland's Tidal Wetlands Protection Act, Nontidal Wetlands Protection Act, Nontidal Wetlands Protection Act, and Waterway Construction Act establish a statewide permit program for protecting Maryland's aquatic resources. Maryland's procedures for the granting of permits and licenses require Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to apply evaluation criteria consisting of alternatives analyses (for non-water dependent activities), avoidance techniques, the minimization of impacts, and if a permit is to be granted, compensatory mitigation. The evaluative criteria within Maryland's programs are similar to federal criteria under Section 404(b)(1) of the Federal Clean Water Act. The Baltimore District Engineer will continue to evaluate the MDSPGP-7 process, to determine if activities have been authorized in accordance with the requirements of the MDSPGP-7 and in compliance with Federal Regulations.

The MDSPGP-7 will protect the aquatic resources of the State of Maryland within the Baltimore District of the United States Army Corps of Engineers' regulatory geographic boundaries and jurisdictional authorities; will reduce the administrative burden of the program for both the Corps of Engineers and the State of Maryland through interagency cooperation; will improve the regulatory response time; and will add predictability within specified limits to the permit program for the potential applicant and general public.

The decision to reissue the MDSPGP-6 as the MDSPGP-7 with the above modifications, was made after a thorough evaluation of the probable impacts including cumulative impacts of the proposed MDSPGP-7 on the public interest. This decision reflects the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal was balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal were considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those were conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural resources, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

Since the MDSPGP-7 is duplicative of some Nationwide Permits (NWP) and offers a more simplified and streamlined regulatory process, those NWP that are duplicated in the MDSPGP-7 are suspended in Baltimore District. Please see the following link:

<http://www.nab.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Permit-Types-and-Process/>

Water Quality Certification (WQC) is required in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) for any activity that would be authorized by MDSPGP-7 and involves the discharge of dredged and/or fill material into waters of the United States, including wetlands. The state's

Clean Water Act, Section 401 Water Quality Certification decision on the proposed Maryland State Programmatic General Permit-7 (MDSPGP-7) was issued by MDE on December 3, 2025. The WQC is added as a condition to the MDSPGP-7, therefore, permittees must adhere to the terms and conditions of the WQC concurrence.

The state's Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA), Section 307 Federal Consistency on the proposed Maryland State Programmatic General Permit-7 (MDSPGP-7) was issued by MDE on December 3, 2025. The CZMA is added as a condition to the MDSPGP-7, therefore, permittees must adhere to the terms and conditions of the CZMA concurrence.

State and local authorizations may be required for the MDSPGP-7 to be valid.

The MDSPGP-7 processing procedures and conditions ensure compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The MDSPGP-7 is conditioned to ensure that on a case-by-case basis, cultural resources listed in the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places or properties listed as eligible or potentially eligible for inclusion therein, will be given the consideration required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The applicant will notify the Corps if the activity may affect any historic properties listed or eligible for listing, or that the applicant has reason to believe may be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The MDSPGP-7 processing procedures and conditions ensure compliance with Executive Order 13175, through coordination with Tribal Nations. Such coordination shall be performed in accordance with the applicable District's tribal coordination procedures.

The Baltimore District has determined, in consultation with National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), that activities authorized under the MDSPGP-7 may affect but are not likely to adversely affect federally-listed Threatened and Endangered Species. The MDSPGP-7 processing procedures and conditions ensure compliance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, as amended.

The Baltimore District has determined in consultation with NMFS that the adverse effects of this MDSPGP-7 on Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) for Federally managed species are no more than minimal and an expanded consultation has been conducted with NMFS. The MDSPGP-7 processing procedures and conditions ensure that authorized work will comply with the provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended.

Please share this information regarding the proposed revisions to the MDSPGP-7 with any interested parties known to you who may not have received a copy of this notice and are not otherwise known to this office.

General information regarding the Corps' permitting process can be found on our website at <https://www.nab.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>. This public notice has been prepared in accordance with Corps implementing regulations at 33 CFR 325.3. If you have any questions concerning the MDSPGP-7, or if you would like to request a paper copy of this public notice, please contact Ms. April Sparkman at: 410-962-0148 or by email at april.e.sparkman@usace.army.mil. This public notice is issued by the Chief, Regulatory Division.