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In Lieu Fee program annual report published on Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program

CONCORD, Mass. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recently has been provided the annual report on the Maine In Lieu Fee program titled “Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program, January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011.”

The Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program annual report was submitted by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection through its administrator, The Nature Conservancy-Maine, to the Corps of Engineers on June 6, 2012.

The In-Lieu Fee (ILF) program serves as an alternative form of compensation for impacts to aquatic resources resulting from work authorized by the New England District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and/or the state of Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Compensatory mitigation occurs in circumstances where a permittee is required to compensate for the functions and values of aquatic resources lost as a result of the authorization after all efforts are made to avoid and minimize impacts.

In-Lieu Fee is an option available to the applicant instead of completing permittee responsible mitigation. Use of the In-Lieu Fee program is contingent upon Corps of Engineers and/or state of Maine approval. All In-Lieu Fee agreements in New England are available on the Corps’ website: <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil> under Regulatory, then General Information, then Mitigation and then In Lieu Fee Programs.

The state of Maine developed an In-Lieu Fee Compensation Program in 2007 to augment its regulatory program. It also developed the Maine Natural Resource Conservation Program (MNRCP) to allocate funds collected for compensatory mitigation projects. An initial agreement for services between the Maine DEP and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) was signed on Oct. 3, 2007 outlining The Nature Conservancy’s responsibility to administer the MNRCP. An agreement between DEP, the Corps and The Nature Conservancy was signed on Jan. 31, 2008 to launch the program. This annual report outlines the MNRCP activities from Jan. 1, 2011 to Dec. 31, 2011.

The public notice with the annual report can be viewed on the Corps website at <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil>. Select Regulatory and then public notices or go directly to <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Regulatory/Public%20Notices/>.

For additional information on this program (File # NAE-2005-1143) contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, Regulatory Division (ATTN: Ruth Ladd), 696 Virginia Road, Concord, MA 01742-2751 or by email to: ruth.m.ladd@usace.army.mil.

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