

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MOHEGAN AQUACULTURE LLC EVALUATION PROCESS

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| October 26, 2000 | The application for the Mohegan Aquaculture project was originally submitted on Oct. 26, 2000. |
| November 20, 2000 December 14, 2000 | The Corps issued requests to the applicant for additional information. The application was deemed incomplete due in part to the failure to clearly identify and depict navigable fairways, anchorages, fishing grounds, ferry routes, structures and adjacent lease holders. |
| February 13, 2001 | The Corps initiated Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Consistency coordination with the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (CT DEP) and Department of Agriculture (DOA). |
| March 20, 2001 | A Public Notice was issued. The public comment period closed on April 19, 2001. |
| April 19, 2001 | Both the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) requested a 30-day extension of time pursuant to a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to provide comments and recommendations on the subject application. |
| April 20, 2001 June 11, 2001 | The Corps acknowledged all comments received in response to the Public Notice either individually, or in mass mailings. |
| April 24, 2001 May 11, 2001 | The Corps received a letter from Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (CT DEP) indicating that the application for Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Consistency was incomplete and requesting additional information. In a letter dated May 11, 2001, the Corps forwarded the CT DEP's request for additional information to the applicant and indicated that CZM consistency review would not commence until the application was complete. |
| May 25, 2001 June 25, 2001 | The Corps published a notice of Public Hearing with revised site plans. A Public Hearing was held on June 25, 2001 in Groton, Conn., to gather additional comments and address issues. The Corps staff reviewed the transcripts from the Public Hearing and all written correspondence (letters and email) in response to the Public Notice and Public Hearing. |
| May 18, 2001 | The Corps received comments on the proposed project from the EPA. |
| June 9, 2001 | The application was determined to be complete for CZM consistency review. |
| July 6, 2001 | The Corps received comments on the proposed project from the NMFS. |

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| July 6, 2001 | The Connecticut Historical Commission (CHC) informed the Corps that the applicant had initiated coordination with the Office of the State Archeologist (OSA) at the University of Connecticut with respect to the potential existence of historic shipwrecks within the proposed lease areas. |
| August 10, 2001 August 16, 2001 | The Corps met with CT DEP staff to identify areas of insufficient information and to discuss potential impact of the proposed project configuration on public trust resources (in particular navigation, safety, commercial and recreational fishing, and fisheries habitat). |
| August 24, 2001 | The CT DEP submitted a letter, to both the Corps and the applicant, requesting an extension of time for the CZM consistency review period. An extension of time to the review period was granted through February 20, 2002. |
| Sept. 10, 2001 | The CT DEP and the Corps met with the applicant to discuss determined deficiencies in the application, and the substance of the forthcoming (CT DEP and Corps) additional information request letters. |
| January 23, 2002 | The CT DEP and the Corps met to discuss outstanding issues with the proposed project configuration on a site-by-site basis and identified insurmountable conflicts of use. Recommendations for potential CZM consistent configurations were developed. |
| February 25, 2002 | The Corps received a copy of the CT DEP OLISP Coastal Zone Management Consistency Concurrence |
| March 13, 2002 | The Corps met with representatives of Mohegan Aquaculture LLC to discuss the Coastal Zone Management Consistency determination and to outline what additional information and modified plans will be necessary in order to continue processing the application. The requested information was received on May 21, 2002 and June 19, 2002. |
| May 23, 2002 August 9, 2002 | The Corps provided the NMFS with an assessment of proposed project impact to Essential Fish Habitat. In a letter dated August 9, 2002, the NMFS EFH conservation recommendations, which the Corps intends to include as special conditions to this permit. These conditions will prevent potential negative impacts to the species listed in the attached Essential Fish Habitat Assessment. In the same letter, the NMFS provided a determination that the project is “not likely to jeopardize the continued existence” of federally listed, threatened or endangered species under their purview. |
| August 9, 2002 | A draft of the Corps Environmental Assessment and Statement of Findings was forwarded to the EPA for review and comment. The Corps received a letter with comments and recommendations from the EPA on August 16, 2002. The letter requested clarification and recommended additional special conditions be incorporated into the permit. Clarification and modifications were made on August 20 and 21, 2002. Modifications to the permit conditions were made in coordination with the EPA and the agency has no unresolved concerns. |