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## **Oyster EIS public meetings begin Nov. 5**

**NORFOLK, Va.** -- The Norfolk District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the Virginia Marine Resources Commission begin a series of six public meetings tomorrow to collect public comments about the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Oyster Restoration in the Chesapeake Bay.

The draft PEIS, publicly released Oct. 17, addresses the direct and indirect effects of the proposed action – the introduction of a nonnative species, the Suminoe oyster, and continued efforts to restore the native Eastern oyster, and eight alternatives – on ecological, environmental and human issues. The estimated costs and potential consequences of the alternatives are also addressed.

The public meetings are 6 to 9 p.m. at the following dates and locations:

Wednesday, Nov. 5

Potomac River Fisheries Commission, 222 Taylor Street, Colonial Beach, Va. 22443

Friday, Nov. 7

VMRC main office 2600 Washington Avenue, 3rd Floor, Newport News, Va. 23607

Monday, Nov. 10

Nandua High School, 26350 Lankford Highway, Onley, Va. 23418

Wednesday, Nov. 12

Calvert Marine Museum, 14200 HG Truman Road, Solomons, Md. 20688

Thursday, Nov. 13

Miller Senate Building, 11 Bladen Street, Annapolis, Md. 21401

Friday, Nov. 14

Minnette Dick Memorial Hall (St. Mary's Catholic Church), 2000 Hambrooks Blvd., Cambridge, Md. 21613

The 60-day comment period on the Draft PEIS ends December 15. All comments received prior to that date, including those provided orally at the public meetings or in writing, will be considered in preparing the Final PEIS.

Comments may also be submitted by mail to:

Department of the Army  
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Copies of the Draft PEIS are available for public review on the Norfolk District Web site at <http://www.nao.usace.army.mil/OysterEIS/homepage.asp> and at the following libraries:

- Anne Arundel Community College - Andrew G. Truxal Library – Arnold, Md.
- Anne Arundel Co. Public Library – Annapolis, Md.
- Calvert Co. Public Library – Prince Frederick, Md.
- Central Rappahannock Regional Library – Fredericksburg, Va.
- Chesapeake College Library – Wye Mills, Md.
- Corbin Memorial Library – Crisfield, Md.
- Dorchester Co. Public Library - Cambridge and Hurlock, Md.
- Eastern Shore Public Library – Accomac, Va
- Enoch Pratt Free Library – Baltimore, Md.
- Fairfax Co. Public Library – Fairfax, Va.
- Federal Maritime Commission Library – Washington, D.C.
- Henrico Co. Public Library – Richmond, Va.
- Kent Co. Public Library – Chestertown, Md.
- Lewis Egerton Smoot Memorial Library - King George, Va.
- Loudoun Co. Public Library – Leesburg, Va.
- MD State Law Library – Annapolis, Md.
- Norfolk Public Library – Norfolk, Va.
- Northumberland Public Library – Heathsville, Va.
- Petersburg Public Library – Petersburg, Va.
- Queen Anne’s Co. Library – Stevensville and Centerville, Md.
- Richmond Public Library – Richmond, Va.
- Somerset Co. Library – Princess Anne and Ewell, Md.
- St. Mary’s Co. Memorial Library – Leonardtown, Md.
- State Dept. of Legislative Reference Library – Annapolis, Md.
- Sudlersville Memorial Library – Sudlersville, Md.
- Talbot Co. Free Library - St. Michaels, Easton and Tilghman (Elementary School), Md.
- Calvert Co. Library – Twin Beaches Branch - Chesapeake Beach, Md.
- Virginia Beach Public Library – Virginia Beach, Va.
- Wicomico Co. Free Library – Salisbury, Md.

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