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Regulatory Division

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Manatee Key

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), is circulating this notice to advise the public of the time remaining to comment on the proposed Manatee Key.

BACKGROUND:

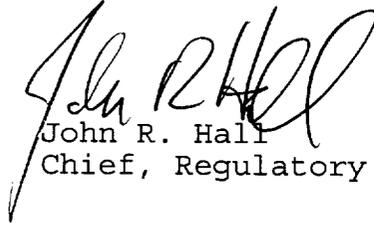
Pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, a Department of the Army (DA) permit is required for all work proposed in navigable waters of the United States. Before Federal authorization can be given for any activity proposed in a water of the United States, the proposal must be reviewed in light of several Federal laws, including the Endangered Species Act (ESA), and in most coastal locales, the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA.)

In order to make the initial determination of the potential effect of each DA permit application to the manatee, the Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has utilized the Manatee Key developed in conjunction with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). The Manatee Key was last revised in February 1997.

During the past year, we have again revised the Manatee Key and on January 18, 2001 we issued a public notice to solicit comments for the purpose of making improvements to this revision. The public notice comment period was set at 90 days.

Today's Public Notice is to remind all interested parties that approximately 30 days remain to submit comments. Again, we also remind everyone that because of the large number and complexity of the maps included in the Manatee Key, it will not be possible for us to provide hard copies of the Manatee Key. The original notice as published on our District Regulatory web page will have copies of all pertinent materials and the materials can be downloaded from that site. The URL address for the Jacksonville District Regulatory home page is:  
"http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/permit "

If you have comments on the Manatee Key, please transmit them by April 18, 2001. Send your comments to Stuart L. Santos at the letterhead address or by e-mail to stuart.l.santos@usace.army.mil. Please restrict your comments to the proposed Manatee Key.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Hall". The signature is stylized and cursive, with the first name "John" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Hall".

John R. Hall  
Chief, Regulatory Division