APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

This form should be completed by following the instructions provided in Section IV of the JD Form Instructional Guidebook.

SECTION I: BACKGROUND INFORMATION REPORT COMPLETION DATE FOR APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (JD): October 17, 2012 DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: SAC-2012-0763-6JH, Rodney Martin Private Pond C. PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION: State: SC County/parish/borough: Abbeville City: Calhoun Falls Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 34.1459° N, Long.-82.6068 ° W. Universal Transverse Mercator: Name of nearest waterbody: Lake Russell Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: Lake Russell Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): 03060103 Check if map/diagram of review area and/or potential jurisdictional areas is/are available upon request. Check if other sites (e.g., offsite mitigation sites, disposal sites, etc...) are associated with this action and are recorded on a different JD form. REVIEW PERFORMED FOR SITE EVALUATION (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY): Office (Desk) Determination. Date: October 17, 2012 Field Determination. Date(s): August 15, 2012 and September 20, 2012 **SECTION II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS** A. RHA SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION. There Are no "navigable waters of the U.S." within Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 329) in the review area. [Required] Waters subject to the ebb and flow of the tide. Waters are presently used, or have been used in the past, or may be susceptible for use to transport interstate or foreign commerce. Explain: B. CWA SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION. There Are "waters of the U.S." within Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 328) in the review area. [Required] 1. Waters of the U.S. a. Indicate presence of waters of U.S. in review area (check all that apply): 1 TNWs, including territorial seas Wetlands adjacent to TNWs Relatively permanent waters² (RPWs) that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs Non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs Wetlands directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs Impoundments of iurisdictional waters Isolated (interstate or intrastate) waters, including isolated wetlands b. Identify (estimate) size of waters of the U.S. in the review area: Non-wetland waters: linear feet: width (ft) and/or acres. Wetlands: approximately 0.84 acres. c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on: 1987 Delineation Manual Elevation of established OHWM (if known): Non-regulated waters/wetlands (check if applicable):³ Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands were assessed within the review area and determined to be not jurisdictional.

Explain: .

¹ Boxes checked below shall be supported by completing the appropriate sections in Section III below.

² For purposes of this form, an RPW is defined as a tributary that is not a TNW and that typically flows year-round or has continuous flow at least "seasonally" (e.g., typically 3 months).

Supporting documentation is presented in Section III.F.

SECTION III: CWA ANALYSIS

A. TNWs AND WETLANDS ADJACENT TO TNWs

The agencies will assert jurisdiction over TNWs and wetlands adjacent to TNWs. If the aquatic resource is a TNW, complete Section III.A.1 and Section III.D.1. only; if the aquatic resource is a wetland adjacent to a TNW, complete Sections III.A.1 and 2 and Section III.D.1.; otherwise, see Section III.B below.

1.	TNW Identify TNW:				
	Summarize rationale supporting determination: .				
2.	Wetland adjacent to TNW				

Summarize rationale supporting conclusion that wetland is "adjacent":

B. CHARACTERISTICS OF TRIBUTARY (THAT IS NOT A TNW) AND ITS ADJACENT WETLANDS (IF ANY):

This section summarizes information regarding characteristics of the tributary and its adjacent wetlands, if any, and it helps determine whether or not the standards for jurisdiction established under *Rapanos* have been met.

The agencies will assert jurisdiction over non-navigable tributaries of TNWs where the tributaries are "relatively permanent waters" (RPWs), i.e. tributaries that typically flow year-round or have continuous flow at least seasonally (e.g., typically 3 months). A wetland that directly abuts an RPW is also jurisdictional. If the aquatic resource is not a TNW, but has year-round (perennial) flow, skip to Section III.D.2. If the aquatic resource is a wetland directly abutting a tributary with perennial flow, skip to Section III.D.4.

A wetland that is adjacent to but that does not directly abut an RPW requires a significant nexus evaluation. Corps districts and EPA regions will include in the record any available information that documents the existence of a significant nexus between a relatively permanent tributary that is not perennial (and its adjacent wetlands if any) and a traditional navigable water, even though a significant nexus finding is not required as a matter of law.

If the waterbody is not an RPW, or a wetland directly abutting an RPW, a JD will require additional data to determine if the waterbody has a significant nexus with a TNW. If the tributary has adjacent wetlands, the significant nexus evaluation must consider the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands. This significant nexus evaluation that combines, for analytical purposes, the tributary and all of its adjacent wetlands is used whether the review area identified in the JD request is the tributary, or its adjacent wetlands, or both. If the JD covers a tributary with adjacent wetlands, complete Section III.B.1 for the tributary, Section III.B.2 for any onsite wetlands, and Section III.B.3 for all wetlands adjacent to that tributary, both onsite and offsite. The determination whether a significant nexus exists is determined in Section III.C below.

1. Characteristics of non-TNWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNW

(i) General Area Conditions: Watershed size: 178, 235acres (03030103-02 Rocky River/Lake Russell) Drainage area: 90 acres Average annual rainfall: 47.76 inches Average annual snowfall: 1.3 inches (ii) Physical Characteristics: (a) Relationship with TNW: Tributary flows directly into TNW. Tributary flows through **Pick List** tributaries before entering TNW. Project waters are 1 (or less) river miles from TNW. Project waters are 1 (or less) river miles from RPW. Project waters are 1 (or less) aerial (straight) miles from TNW. Project waters are 1 (or less) aerial (straight) miles from RPW. Project waters cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain: Identify flow route to TNW⁵: The unnamed tributary flows directly into Lake Russell. Lake Russell is a Section 10 waterbody and when the Corps built the lake, it flooded the majority of the tributary's reach.

⁴ Note that the Instructional Guidebook contains additional information regarding swales, ditches, washes, and erosional features generally and in the arid West.

⁵ Flow route can be described by identifying, e.g., tributary a, which flows through the review area, to flow into tributary b, which then flows into TNW.

	Tributary stream order, if known: 1st.	
(b)	General Tributary Characteristics (check all that appl Tributary is:	in:
However, available	e data (topo map, aerial photo, soil survey) indicates the	imate): The tributary characteristics were not confirmed in the field to access adjacent properties to investigate tributary characteristics. at the tributary is a seasonal RPW. Experience in reviewing ate the stream characteristics that this seasonal RPW is likely to
	Average side slopes: 3:1.	
	Primary tributary substrate composition (check all the Silts Sands Gravel Bedrock Uvegetation. Type/9	☐ Concrete ☐ Muck
undisturbed fo		oughing banks]. Explain: Aerial photos depict the tributary having . %
USGS topo m	ap and as intermittent on the USDA soil survey. The seeping into the on-site wetlands, therefore groundwa	ea/year: 20 (or greater) onal. The tributary is depicted as an intermittent blue line on the cributary has an approximate 90 acre drainage area. Ground water ter and the contributary drainage area provide base flow in the
	Surface flow is: Discrete and confined. Characterist	ics: Flow is likely contained within the channel.
	Subsurface flow: Unknown . Explain findings: Dye (or other) test performed: .	
and an OHW	Tributary has (check all that apply): Seasonal tributary M with the notated indicators. Bed and banks OHWM ⁶ (check all indicators that apply): clear, natural line impressed on the bank changes in the character of soil shelving vegetation matted down, bent, or absent leaf litter disturbed or washed away sediment deposition water staining other (list): Discontinuous OHWM. ⁷ Explain:	the presence of litter and debris destruction of terrestrial vegetation the presence of wrack line sediment sorting scour multiple observed or predicted flow events abrupt change in plant community
	If factors other than the OHWM were used to determ High Tide Line indicated by: oil or scum line along shore objects fine shell or debris deposits (foreshore) physical markings/characteristics	ine lateral extent of CWA jurisdiction (check all that apply): Mean High Water Mark indicated by: survey to available datum; physical markings; vegetation lines/changes in vegetation types.

⁶A natural or man-made discontinuity in the OHWM does not necessarily sever jurisdiction (e.g., where the stream temporarily flows underground, or where the OHWM has been removed by development or agricultural practices). Where there is a break in the OHWM that is unrelated to the waterbody's flow regime (e.g., flow over a rock outcrop or through a culvert), the agencies will look for indicators of flow above and below the break.

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				☐ tidal gauges ☐ other (list):
		(iii)	Cha	emical Characteristics: racterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolored, oily film; water quality; general watershed characteristics, etc.). Explain: Tributary is a head water feature and is located in a relatively undisturbed area. It appears that agriculture fields are located in the drainage area, so pollutants associated with agriculture practices may have impacted the tributary. tify specific pollutants, if known:
(iv)	Bio			Riparian corridor. Characteristics (type, average width): Tributary has forested buffer. Wetland fringe. Characteristics: Habitat for: Federally Listed species. Explain findings: Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings: Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings: Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings:
	2.			eristics of wetlands adjacent to non-TNW that flow directly or indirectly into TNW sical Characteristics:
		(1)		General Wetland Characteristics: Properties: Wetland size:0.84 acres Wetland type. Explain: previously a forested wetland but wetland has been cleared of vegetation. Wetland quality. Explain: wetland is of a high quality since it is a headwater seep. Project wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain: .
			(b)	General Flow Relationship with Non-TNW: Flow is: Intermittent flow. Explain:
				Surface flow is: Discrete and confined Characteristics: Subsurface flow: Unknown. Explain findings:
			(a)	☐ Dye (or other) test performed: Wetland Adjacency Determination with Non-TNW:
			(0)	☐ Not directly abutting
				☐ Discrete wetland hydrologic connection. Explain: The wetland is directly abutting an impoundment (located on m neighbor's lot) of the seasonal RPW, thus the wetland has a continuous hydrologic surface connection with the RPW. and is abutting the OHWM of the tributary, thus the wetland is abutting the
		utary.		☐ Ecological connection. Explain: ☐ Separated by berm/barrier. Explain:
			(d)	Proximity (Relationship) to TNW Project wetlands are 1 (or less) river miles from TNW. Project waters are 1 (or less) aerial (straight) miles from TNW. Flow is from: Wetland to navigable waters. Estimate approximate location of wetland as within the Pick List floodplain.
		(ii)	Cha	emical Characteristics: racterize wetland system (e.g., water color is clear, brown, oil film on surface; water quality; general watershed characteristics; etc.). Explain: Wetland is a headwater seep and is located in a relatively undisturbed area (owner has clear cut the wetlands). The wetlands are surrounded by undisturbed mature forested uplands. attify specific pollutants, if known:
		(iii)		logical Characteristics. Wetland supports (check all that apply): Riparian buffer. Characteristics (type, average width): The wetlands have a riparian buffer consisting of a mix of
	hard	dwood		d bamboo. Vegetation type/percent cover. Explain: .
			Ш	Habitat for: Federally Listed species. Explain findings: Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings:

	☐ Other environmentally-ss☐ Aquatic/wildlife diversit	ensitive species. Explain find y. Explain findings:	ings: .	
3.	All wetland(s) being considered in the cumulative analysis: 2 Approximately (1.0) acres in total are being considered in the cumulative analysis. For each wetland, specify the following:			
	Directly abuts? (Y/N) on-site wetland Y	Size (in acres) approximately 0.84 acres	Directly abuts? (Y/N)	Size (in acres)
	off-site wetland Y	approximately 0.16 acres		

Summarize overall biological, chemical and physical functions being performed: The wetlands are performing numerous functions in regards to protecting the integrity of the downstream TNW. The wetlands are providing vital biological functions such as providing shelter, habitat, and breeding grounds for aquatic life and local terrestrial fauna. The wetlands are providing important chemical functions by filtering sediment runoff (pollutant) thereby maintaining downstream water quality and reducing downstream turbidity and sediment transport into the Lake Russell. The wetlands are thereby assisting in mainting water quality in the TNW. The wetland is contributing to the transfer of essential nutrients and supporting downstream foodwebs. The wetlands are providing physical functions by providing water storage benefits and groundwater recharge.

C. SIGNIFICANT NEXUS DETERMINATION

A significant nexus analysis will assess the flow characteristics and functions of the tributary itself and the functions performed by any wetlands adjacent to the tributary to determine if they significantly affect the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of a TNW. For each of the following situations, a significant nexus exists if the tributary, in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, has more than a speculative or insubstantial effect on the chemical, physical and/or biological integrity of a TNW. Considerations when evaluating significant nexus include, but are not limited to the volume, duration, and frequency of the flow of water in the tributary and its proximity to a TNW, and the functions performed by the tributary and all its adjacent wetlands. It is not appropriate to determine significant nexus based solely on any specific threshold of distance (e.g. between a tributary and its adjacent wetland or between a tributary and the TNW). Similarly, the fact an adjacent wetland lies within or outside of a floodplain is not solely determinative of significant nexus.

Draw connections between the features documented and the effects on the TNW, as identified in the *Rapanos* Guidance and discussed in the Instructional Guidebook. Factors to consider include, for example:

- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to carry pollutants or flood waters to TNWs, or to reduce the amount of pollutants or flood waters reaching a TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), provide habitat and lifecycle support functions for fish and other species, such as feeding, nesting, spawning, or rearing young for species that are present in the TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to transfer nutrients and organic carbon that support downstream foodwebs?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have other relationships to the physical, chemical, or biological integrity of the TNW?

Note: the above list of considerations is not inclusive and other functions observed or known to occur should be documented below:

- 1. Significant nexus findings for non-RPW that has no adjacent wetlands and flows directly or indirectly into TNWs. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary itself, then go to Section III.D:
- 2. Significant nexus findings for non-RPW and its adjacent wetlands, where the non-RPW flows directly or indirectly into TNWs. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D:
- 3. Significant nexus findings for wetlands adjacent to an RPW but that do not directly abut the RPW. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D:
- 4. Documentation for the Record only: Significant nexus findings for seasonal RPW's and/or wetlands abutting seasonal RPW's: The wetlands in combination with the seasonal RPW (located off-site) support the biological, chemical, and physical integrity of Lake Russell (TNW). The wetlands and tributary are located in a relatively undeveloped area and are surrounded by

mature forested buffer. The wetland is a headwater system that is located in a relatively undisturbed area (wetland has been cleared of vegetation). The wetland is abutting an impoundment of the tributary which flows directly into Lake Russell (less than 1 mile away). The wetlands are providing vital biological functions such as providing shelter, habitat, and breeding grounds for aquatic life and local terrestrial fauna. The wetland is contributing to the tranfer of essential nutrients and supporting downstream foodwebs. The wetland is providing important chemical functions by enabling sediments (pollutant) to settle out thereby assisting to maintain downstream water quality by reducing turbidity and sediment transport. According to SC DHEC watershed data, Lake Russell supports recreational uses and aquatic life uses. The biological, chemical, and physical functions that the headwater wetland is providing is critical in maintaining the integrity of Lake Russell. The wetland therefore has a significant nexus with Lake Russell (TNW and Section 10 waterbody).

D. DETERMINATIONS OF JURISDICTIONAL FINDINGS. THE SUBJECT WATERS/WETLANDS ARE (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

1.	TNWs and Adjacent Wetlands. Check all that apply and provide size estimates in review area: TNWs: linear feet width (ft), Or, acres. Wetlands adjacent to TNWs: acres.
2.	RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. Tributaries of TNWs where tributaries typically flow year-round are jurisdictional. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial: Tributaries of TNW where tributaries have continuous flow "seasonally" (e.g., typically three months each year) are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.B. Provide rationale indicating that tributary flows seasonally: The tributary is located off-site and was not field confirmed. However, after a review of available maps, the Corps has concluded that the tributary has seasonal flow regime. The tributary is depicted as a dashed blue line on the USGS topo map and is depicted as intermittent on the USDA soil survey. The tributary has an approximate 90 acre drainage area.
	Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply): Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft). Other non-wetland waters: acres. Identify type(s) of waters: .
3.	Non-RPWs ⁸ that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. Waterbody that is not a TNW or an RPW, but flows directly or indirectly into a TNW, and it has a significant nexus with a TNW is jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.
	Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters within the review area (check all that apply): Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft). Other non-wetland waters: acres. Identify type(s) of waters: .
4.	Wetlands directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. Wetlands directly abut RPW and thus are jurisdictional as adjacent wetlands. Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow year-round. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW:
	Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow "seasonally." Provide data indicating that tributary is seasonal in Section III.B and rationale in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW: The wetlands are abutting an impoundment of the seasonal RPW and thus have a continuous hydrologic surface connection with the seasonal RPW.
	Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: approximately 0.84 acres.
5.	Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. Wetlands that do not directly abut an RPW, but when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisidictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.
	Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.

⁸See Footnote # 3.

	6.	 Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. Wetlands adjacent to such waters, and have when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C. Provide estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.
	7.	Impoundments of jurisdictional waters. As a general rule, the impoundment of a jurisdictional tributary remains jurisdictional. Demonstrate that impoundment was created from "waters of the U.S.," or Demonstrate that water meets the criteria for one of the categories presented above (1-6), or Demonstrate that water is isolated with a nexus to commerce (see E below).
E.	SUC	CLATED [INTERSTATE OR INTRA-STATE] WATERS, INCLUDING ISOLATED WETLANDS, THE USE, GRADATION OR DESTRUCTION OF WHICH COULD AFFECT INTERSTATE COMMERCE, INCLUDING ANY CH WATERS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY): 10 which are or could be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreational or other purposes. from which fish or shellfish are or could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce. which are or could be used for industrial purposes by industries in interstate commerce. Interstate isolated waters. Explain: Other factors. Explain:
	Ide	ntify water body and summarize rationale supporting determination:
		vide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply): Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft). Other non-wetland waters: acres. Identify type(s) of waters: Wetlands: acres.
F.	NO	N-JURISDICTIONAL WATERS, INCLUDING WETLANDS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY): If potential wetlands were assessed within the review area, these areas did not meet the criteria in the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual and/or appropriate Regional Supplements. Review area included isolated waters with no substantial nexus to interstate (or foreign) commerce. Prior to the Jan 2001 Supreme Court decision in "SWANCC," the review area would have been regulated based solely on the "Migratory Bird Rule" (MBR). Waters do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction. Explain: Other: (explain, if not covered above):
	fact	vide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area, where the <u>sole</u> potential basis of jurisdiction is the MBR ors (i.e., presence of migratory birds, presence of endangered species, use of water for irrigated agriculture), using best professional gment (check all that apply): Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): linear feet width (ft). Lakes/ponds: acres. Other non-wetland waters: acres. List type of aquatic resource: Wetlands: acres.
		vide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area that do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such adding is required for jurisdiction (check all that apply): Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): linear feet, width (ft). Lakes/ponds: acres. Other non-wetland waters: acres. List type of aquatic resource: . Wetlands: acres.

SECTION IV: DATA SOURCES.

⁹ To complete the analysis refer to the key in Section III.D.6 of the Instructional Guidebook.
¹⁰ Prior to asserting or declining CWA jurisdiction based solely on this category, Corps Districts will elevate the action to Corps and EPA HQ for review consistent with the process described in the Corps/EPA Memorandum Regarding CWA Act Jurisdiction Following Rapanos.

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	and	requested, appropriately reference sources below):
	\boxtimes	Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant: Rodney Martin.
		Data sheets prepared/submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant.
	_	Office concurs with data sheets/delineation report.
		Office does not concur with data sheets/delineation report.
	\boxtimes	Data sheets prepared by the Corps: prepared by Jessica Hooten on 9-20-12.
	\Box	Corps navigable waters' study:
		U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas: .
	_	USGS NHD data.
		USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps.
	\boxtimes	U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name: Abbeville County, Latimer quad.
	$\overline{\boxtimes}$	USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: Abbeville County, sheet #28
		National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name:
		State/Local wetland inventory map(s):
		FEMA/FIRM maps:
		100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodectic Vertical Datum of 1929)
	\boxtimes	Photographs: Aerial (Name & Date): 2007 and 2012 aerials obtained by the applicant from Abbeville County GIS.
		or Other (Name & Date): Site photos taken by the Corps on 8-15-12 and 9-20-12.
		Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter: .
		Applicable/supporting case law: .
		Applicable/supporting scientific literature: .
		Other information (please specify):

B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: Aquatic resources on the site consist of wetlands directly abutting an off-site seasonal RPW. Seasonal RPW's and their abutting wetlands are jurisdictional, however Rapanos Guidance requires that a significant nexus findings be included in the record. A summary of the findings is included in Section IIIC of this form. The wetland documented on this form is within the jurisdiction of the Clean Water Act.