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Atchafalaya meetings: water quality, recreation

Meetings begin Monday on Henderson Unit's water quality and basin recreation

NEW ORLEANS – Citizens are invited to a series of public meetings beginning Monday on improving water quality in the sprawling Henderson Lake area of Louisiana's famed Atchafalaya Basin and on reassessing recreation through the 595,000-acre basin.

The first of five meetings will be held Monday, July 24 in Morgan City, at the Morgan City Auditorium, Highway 182 and Myrtle Street. The full list of meetings, dates and locations is attached.

The meetings concern the construction and operation of the Henderson Water Management Unit, the second water quality project of the Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System Project. The meetings will also focus on reassessing the recreational features of the ABFS project.

“These will be scoping meetings, in which the public is asked to present concerns and facts to help the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers determine the full scope of considerations necessary to achieve these goals and to frame a supplemental environmental impact statement,” said Project Manager Mark Wingate.

At 80,000 acres, the Henderson Water Management Unit is five times the size of Henderson Lake that it embraces. The unit is bounded on the north by U.S. 190 at Krotz Springs, on the east by the Atchafalaya River, on the south by the Butte La Rose Canal and on the west by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee.

Written and oral comments concerning issues to be addressed in the SEIS will be taken at the scoping meetings. A court reporter will record oral comments. In addition, you may submit written questions or comments using the following methods. The deadline for submitting written comments is Aug. 24, 2006.

Send comments to: HMU/ABFS Recreation Feature SEIS Project Office, P.O. Box 2188, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, tel. 225-383-1780, fax 225-387-0203, e-mail HendersonRecSEIS@tetrattech-ffx.com Or click here www.tetrattech-ffx.com/henderson_seis/ and use the electronic survey form.

Public meetings for

Atchafalya Basin Floodway Project's

--Henderson Water Management Unit

--Recreation Feature

Morgan City—Monday, July 24, at 5:30 p.m. Morgan City Auditorium, Highway 182 and Myrtle St.

Henderson—Tuesday, July 25, at 5:30 p.m. Henderson Recreational Facility, 1007 Amy St.

Baton Rouge—Wednesday, July 26, at 5:30 p.m. Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Building, 2000 Quail Dr.

Jeanerette—Thursday, July 27, at 10 a.m. Veterans Memorial Building Post 26, Tarleton Street.

Bayou Sorrel —Friday, July 28, at 5:30 p.m. Faith Tabernacle Church, Bayou Sorrel Road.