

# FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

North Carolina Resources Comm. – Enforcement Division has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program funding through the North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM) as a sub- recipient.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990, FEMA is required to consider alternatives, and to provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority and low-income populations. This notice may also fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state, and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions.

**Sub-Applicant:** North Carolina Resources Comm. – Enforcement Division

**Project Title:** 437032 – Replacement of Biomass; PA-04-NC-4617-PW-00108

## **Location of Proposed Work:**

| Facility                    | Address                               | Latitude | Longitude | Date of Construction |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------|-----------|----------------------|
| Pisgah Forest Fish Hatchery | 1401 Fish Hatchery Road Pisgah Forest | 35.28415 | -82.79219 | 1955                 |

## **Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:**

Applicant made repairs to the Fish Hatchery Pisgah Forest, which is located in an A Zone. Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the Transylvania County Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Numbers: 3700856800J, dated 10/2/2009. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of North Carolina and local floodplain regulations. There is a potential for the fish hatchery at Pisgah Forest to be impacted by future flooding events due to its location within the A Zone. The proposed work will not take place in or near wetlands per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory and will have little potential to impact or affect wetland values.

## **Proposed Work and Purpose:**

The North Carolina Resources Comm. – Enforcement Division made repairs to their Pisgah Forest Fish Hatchery to restore this facility back to its pre-disaster in-kind design, function, and capacity within the existing footprint. The work consisted of replenishing the biomass. These repairs were needed to help restore and continue the useful life of the facility and promote the natural value of the floodplain by replenishing cultivated aquaculture resources.

**Project Alternatives:**

**Alternative #1** (No action): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact on Pisgah National Forest Hatchery. The hatchery promotes the natural value of the floodplain by replenishing cultivated aquaculture resources.

**Alternative #2** (Relocation): No alternative site location is not practicable for this project. Relocation is not economically feasible.

**Comment Period:**

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state or federal agencies, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to:

FEMA Internal 11988 Reviewer  
FEMA Region 4  
3005 Chamblee-Tucker Road  
Atlanta, Georgia, 30341

Alternatively, comments may be emailed to: [FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov). Please send comments with the subject line [DR-4617-NC-00108 11988 COMMENT].

All comments are due by no later than 30 days of the posted date of this notice.

**POSTED ON: X/XX/XXXX**

**End of Notice**