HOW TO SUBMIT COMMENTS TO THE CORPS ON EAST GRAND LAKE

If you're concerned for the future health of the Atchafalaya Basin, for the Basin's flood capacity, for the longevity of our wetland forests, this is **YOUR OPPORTUNITY to let the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers** (*the federal agency that would issue a permit for this project*) **and the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority** (*the state agency that has applied for a permit to the Corps for this project*) **why you're concerned, why you care, and what you want them to do to protect and preserve the Basin!**

You don't have to be a scientist, lawyer, landowner or nonprofit leader – this is an opportunity for **any member of the public** to share their thoughts, concerns, and requests to the agency about the East Grand Lake project in the Atchafalaya Basin.

Atchafalaya Basinkeeper is working with partners to prepare detailed, legal and scientific comments to submit to the Corps, but it's important that the agencies hear from any and all individuals, Louisianans, taxpayers and interested fisherfolk, outdoor enthusiasts, bird watches, paddlers, etc. to hear that you care for the future welfare of the Atchafalaya Basin and its residents.

Share your concerns and interests, voice your opinion, ask questions, demand study and evaluation, or put the facts about the damage you think it will cause. This is YOUR chance to speak directly to the agencies that are making decisions that impact the present and future welfare of our Basin, our state and our nation.

DEADLINE TO SEND COMMENTS: May 14, 2022

HOW TO SEND:

- 1) Make sure your comment includes the following information:
 - o Intended Recipient: "To the Regulatory Division, RG-C, Neil Gauthier"
 - The name of the project applicant, the proposed project and project number: Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority's Proposed East Grand Lake Project (MVN-2016-01163-CM)
 - Your concerns/comments regarding the proposed East Grand Lake Project in the Atchafalaya Basin (see above notes share your opinion)
 - o Your name and contact information (address, email and/or telephone number)
- 2) Send by EMAIL <u>or</u> REGULAR MAIL
 - a. Send by email (PDF, word or text document) to <u>Neil.T.Gauthier@usace.army.mil</u> with the subject: "ATTENTION: REGULATORY DIVISION, RG-C, Neil Gauthier, Comment on MVN-2016-01163-CM"
 - b. Send by regular mail to: New Orleans District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Attention: Regulatory Division, RG-C, Neil Gauthier 7400 Leake Ave, New Orleans, LA 70118-3651

Want to learn more? <u>Here's a link</u> to the Corps' Public Notice page describing the proposed East Grand Lake project and <u>here's a link</u> to Basinkeeper's website providing information about this project.