

Missouri Clean Water Commission
Truman Hotel and Conference Center
1510 Jefferson Street
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**Request of Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification Extension
for Jameson Island Shallow Water Habitat Project**

Issue: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Big Muddy National Wildlife Refuge, are proposing to create shallow water habitat by constructing a chute from the current outlet to a new location approximately one mile downstream. Mitigation for the Missouri River Bank Stabilization and Navigation Project is required per the 2003 Biological Opinion for habitat creation. Department and USACE staffs continue to discuss the proposed project. A request for additional time to process the Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification is the sole issue being brought forth at this time.

Background: The USACE issued a 30-day public notice of the Missouri River Recovery Program Project Implementation Report for Jameson Island Unit on March 30, 2012. The public notice later was extended by 60 days, expiring on June 30, 2012. The USACE presented the proposed plan at the Clean Water Commission meeting on May 9, 2012. The USACE requested water quality certification on May 29, 2012. A joint public hearing was held on June 11, 2012. On July 11, 2012, the Clean Water Commission directed staff to discuss project options with the USACE in order to address comments received and with agreement of the applicant, extended the certification review by 60 days to September 25, 2012.

Recommended Action: Staff recommends the Commission grant an additional 60 day extension to November 7, 2012 for additional review.

Suggested Motion Language: I move to grant an additional 60 day extension to November 7, 2012 for additional review.

Attachments: None.