

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS REGULATORY PROGRAM APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM (INTERIM) NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION RULE

I. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Completion Date of Approved Jurisdictional Determination (AJD): 11/24/2020

ORM Number: SAS-2016-00871

Associated JDs: N/A

Review Area Location¹: State/Territory: Georgia City: St. Simons Island County/Parish/Borough: Glynn

Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 31.1686 Longitude -81.4066

II. FINDINGS

A. Summary: Check all that apply. At least one box from the following list MUST be selected. Complete the corresponding sections/tables and summarize data sources.
The review area is comprised entirely of dry land (i.e., there are no waters or water features, including wetlands, of any kind in the entire review area). Rationale: N/A or describe rationale.
There are "navigable waters of the United States" within Rivers and Harbors Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete table in Section II.B).
There are "waters of the United States" within Clean Water Act jurisdiction within the review area

There are waters or water features excluded from Clean Water Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete table in Section II.D).

B. Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 Section 10 (§ 10)²

(complete appropriate tables in Section II.C).

§ 10 Name	§ 10 Size		§ 10 Criteria	Rationale for § 10 Determination
N/A.	N/A.	N/A	N/A.	N/A.

C. Clean Water Act Section 404

Territorial Seas and Traditional Navigable Waters ((a)(1) waters): ³				
(a)(1) Name	(a)(1) Size		(a)(1) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(1) Determination
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

Tributaries ((a)(2) waters):				
(a)(2) Name	(a)(2) Size		(a)(2) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(2) Determination
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

Lakes and ponds, and impoundments of jurisdictional waters ((a)(3) waters):				
(a)(3) Name	(a)(3) Size		(a)(3) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(3) Determination
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

Adjacent wetlands ((a)(4) waters):					
(a)(4) Name	(a)(4) Size		(a)(4) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(4) Determination	
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	

¹ Map(s)/figure(s) are attached to the AJD provided to the requestor.

² If the navigable water is not subject to the ebb and flow of the tide or included on the District's list of Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 navigable waters list, do NOT use this document to make the determination. The District must continue to follow the procedure outlined in 33 CFR part 329.14 to make a Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 navigability determination.

³ A stand-alone TNW determination is completed independently of a request for an AJD. A stand-alone TNW determination is conducted for a specific segment of river or stream or other type of waterbody, such as a lake, where upstream or downstream limits or lake borders are established. A stand-alone TNW determination should be completed following applicable guidance and should NOT be documented on the AJD Form.



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D. Excluded Waters or Features

Excluded waters $((b)(1) - (b)(12))$:				
Exclusion Name	Exclusion Size		Exclusion ⁵	Rationale for Exclusion Determination
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Wetland	0.596	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland.	The Wetland is not adjacent to any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters. Area A does not abut any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters, is not inundated by any (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters in a typical year and is physically separated from all (a)(1)-(a)(3) waters.

III. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- **A. Select/enter all resources** that were used to aid in this determination and attach data/maps to this document and/or references/citations in the administrative record, as appropriate.
 - ☐ Information submitted by, or on behalf of, the applicant/consultant: Approved Jurisdictional Determination request submitted to the Corps on 9/14/2020

This information is sufficient for purposes of this AJD.

Rationale: N/A

- ☐ Data sheets prepared by the Corps: Title(s) and/or date(s).
- □ Photographs: Other: Figure 8 dated 09/14/2020
- ☑ Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): ARDR SAS-2016-00871 dated 05/02/2018
- Antecedent Precipitation Tool: <u>provide detailed discussion in Section III.B.</u>
- USFWS NWI maps: Figure 4 dated 09/14/2020

Other data sources used to aid in this determination:

Data Source (select)	Name and/or date and other relevant information
USGS Sources	N/A.
USDA Sources	N/A.
NOAA Sources	Figure 7 dated 09/14/2020
USACE Sources	N/A.
State/Local/Tribal Sources	N/A.
Other Sources	N/A.

B. Typical year assessment(s): The data forms provided by Resource Land Consultants indicate that a they performed a wetland delineation of the project area on 7/29/2015. Using the Antecedent Precipitation Tool Version 1.0, which used rainfall data from the Brunswick Malcolm McKinnon Airport weather station, we have determined the delineation was conducted during a mild drought (Drought Index (PDSI)) and that "Wetter than Normal" rainfall conditions were present for the nearest weather station on the date of the wetland delineation. With regards to the site visit on 10/01/2020, the Antecedent Precipitation Tool results, which used rainfall data from the Brunswick Malcolm McKinnon Airport weather station, indicated that the

⁴ Some excluded waters, such as (b)(2) and (b)(4), may not be specifically identified on the AJD form unless a requestor specifically asks a Corps district to do so. Corps districts may, in case-by-case instances, choose to identify some or all of these waters within the review area.

⁵ Because of the broad nature of the (b)(1) exclusion and in an effort to collect data on specific types of waters that would be covered by the (b)(1) exclusion, four sub-categories of (b)(1) exclusions were administratively created for the purposes of the AJD Form. These four sub-categories are not new exclusions, but are simply administrative distinctions and remain (b)(1) exclusions as defined by the NWPR.



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site visit was conducted during an incipient drought (Drought Index (PDSI)) and that "Wetter than Normal" rainfall conditions were present for the nearest weather station on the date of the wetland delineation.

C. Additional comments to support AJD: "U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Wetland" is a depressional feature surrounded by undeveloped upland and roads. bordered to the north by an existing road and to the south by forested uplands. The wetland is located in proximity to a upland excavated roadside ditch along Hamilton Road that flows ephemerally to the east, then south along Sea Island Road. However, there is no direct hydrologic surface connection between the wetland and the ditch or any other jurisdictional wetlands.