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## **Corps seeks comments on draft paddlefish plan**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. –The Army Corps of Engineers is seeking public comment on its plan that brings together the Corps and the Missouri Department of Conservation to maintain paddlefish in the Osage River.

Annual paddlefish migration and spawning areas on the Osage River were flooded blocked when the Corps constructed the Harry S. Truman Dam and Reservoir near Warsaw, Mo., in the late 70s.

The Corps released the Draft Finding of No Significant Impact released today after completing an intensive Environmental Assessment of a plan to mitigate for the losses of the paddlefish spawning areas.

Those interested can request a copy of the environmental assessment and the draft plan by contacting Dr. Galen Rasmussen at (816) 983-3135 or e-mailing [galen.g.rasmussen@usace.army.mil](mailto:galen.g.rasmussen@usace.army.mil).

The plan will be available for public review and comment for the next 30 days.

The plan recommends a lump sum payment to the Missouri Department of Conservation for the annual stocking of immature paddlefish at a cost of approximately \$75,000 per year. The cost reflects the state's current production cost of paddlefish at \$2.49 each, based on an average annual stocking of 30,000 12-inch long paddlefish fingerlings that are required to maintain the population over a 35-year period.

Written comments on the draft plan can be submitted in writing to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Kansas City District, CE-NWK-PM-PR, Room 700 Federal Building, 601 East 12th Street, Kansas City, MO 64106-2896.