



1           WHEREAS, the Louisiana Oyster Task Force and the Mississippi Governor's Oyster  
2 Council have identified insufficient freshwater quantity flowing down the Pearl River to  
3 coastal waters as a threat to oyster production in both states; and

4           WHEREAS, stable water flows on the Pearl River and its tributaries are necessary  
5 for adequate dilution of effluents discharged from dozens of National Pollutant Discharge  
6 Elimination System (NPDES) permit holders in the counties and parishes south of the  
7 proposed project site; and

8           WHEREAS, the Pearl River is on the Mississippi Department of Environmental  
9 Quality's Impaired Waters List due to wastewater runoff originating from parking lots,  
10 farms, and septic tanks, which results in unacceptable levels of nitrogen and phosphorus  
11 reaching the river, increasing health hazards to humans and the ecosystem, and necessitating  
12 limitation of these pollutants in existing permits held by business, industry, and  
13 municipalities; and

14           WHEREAS, the proposed One Lake project requires close scrutiny from all interests  
15 that rely on the Pearl River to safely and legally discharge regulated wastewater; and

16           WHEREAS, pursuant to 15 CFR 930.33, federal agencies shall submit consistency  
17 determinations to relevant state agencies for activities having coastal effects, regardless of  
18 location; and

19           WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1176 of the Water Resources Development Act of  
20 2018, the secretary of the Army shall review and determine whether the project is technically  
21 feasible, economically justified, environmentally acceptable, and will be consistent with  
22 applicable policies, regulations, and federal laws, and such determination shall assess  
23 potential downstream impacts to the Pearl River Basin resulting from the project; and

24           WHEREAS, the project shall be designed in a manner that addresses any potential  
25 adverse impacts or that provides mitigation in accordance with Section 906 of the Water  
26 Resources Development Act of 1986.

27           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
28 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
29 to provide a consistency determination to all relevant state agencies, including the  
30 Department of Natural Resources, office of coastal management, which will evaluate the

1 foreseeable direct and indirect effects of the One Lake project on Louisiana coastal  
2 resources.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature  
4 of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to review all  
5 available data, assess all potential downstream impacts to the Pearl River Basin that could  
6 result from the project, and consider all available alternatives, A, A1, C, and a combination  
7 of these, as well as new alternatives as described in the Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft  
8 Environmental Impact Statement for the Pearl River Federal Flood Risk Management  
9 Project, Pearl River Watershed, published May 18, 2023, in the Federal Register; to further  
10 demonstrate that it has conducted economic and environmental impact analyses that include  
11 every river-dependent industry and municipality on the Pearl River and every Clean Water  
12 Act NPDES permit holder and water withdrawal permit holder in the Pearl River Basin, in  
13 all counties and parishes on the Pearl River downstream of Rankin and Hinds Counties; and  
14 to provide a mass-balance water budget for all uses on the Pearl River in determining  
15 whether the One Lake project is technically feasible, economically justified, and  
16 environmentally acceptable.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
18 United States Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to each  
20 member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

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#### DIGEST

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Requests the Corps of Engineers to consider alternatives and determine the technical feasibility, economic justification, environmental acceptability, and potential adverse downstream effects on the Pearl River Basin of the proposed One Lake project.