

5.0 CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

5.1 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

This chapter describes the public involvement activities that have occurred during the development of this document.

5.2 PUBLIC SCOPING

On Wednesday, July 25, 2012, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) published a Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Westbrook project. The NOI provided information on the proposed Westbrook project and EIS preparation, and provided information about submitting scoping comments. One comment letter from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) was received on the NOI. The comment letter is presented in **Appendix 1.0** of this Draft EIS.

5.3 AGENCY COORDINATION

On March 21, 2012, the USACE requested the USEPA and US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) cooperate in the preparation of the EIS because of their expertise with regard to aquatic resources and Endangered species, respectively. The USEPA accepted the role of cooperating agency on March 29, 2012. Although the USFWS did not accept the role of cooperating agency, the agency provided input during preparation of this Draft EIS.

5.4 DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

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