

## 15. RECOMMENDATIONS

I have weighed the outputs to be obtained from the full implementation of this habitat rehabilitation and enhancement project against its estimated cost and have considered the various alternatives proposed, impacts identified, and overall scope. In my judgment, this project, as proposed, justifies expenditure of Federal funds. I recommend that the Chief of Engineers approve the proposed project to include constructing a 1500-m sediment deflection embankment and mechanically/hydraulically dredging an 11.5-ha system of channels at Sunfish Lake; no action at Sinnippee Creek; constructing a 3038-m sediment deflection embankment and mechanically dredging 8.8 ha of channels adjacent to the embankment at Mud Lake/Zollicoffer Slough; and no action for the island construction enhancement area.

The current estimated Federal construction cost of this project is \$6,328,409. Total Federal estimated project cost, including general design and construction management, is \$8,558,617.

At this time, I further recommend that funds in the amount of \$150,000 be allocated for the preparation of the project plans and specifications.



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