

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED
TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD
FOR WATERS AND POLLUTANTS OF CONCERN
IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA

April 8, 2020

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that the State of Georgia has proposed Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for enterococci for a river segment in the Ogeechee River Basin.

Section 303(d)(1)(C) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. 1313(d)(1)(C), and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency implementing regulation, 40 C.F.R. 130.7(c)(1), require the establishment of TMDLs for waters identified in accordance with Section 303(d)(2)(A) of the CWA. Each TMDL is to be established at a level necessary to implement applicable water quality standards with seasonal variations and a margin of safety. TMDLs are proposed for the following waters:

Ogeechee River Basin

Pollutant: Enterococci

- Little Ogeechee River (aka Green Island Sound) - Vernon River to Ossabaw Sound
 - Assessment Unit ID: GAR030602040317

A copy of the TMDL is available online on the EPD TMDL webpage, under the Proposed TMDL section: <https://epd.georgia.gov/watershed-protection-branch/total-maximum-daily-loadings>

In addition, the TMDL may be reviewed by appointment only during normal business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except official State holidays or EPD office closures) at the following location: Environmental Protection Division, Watershed Protection Branch, 200 Piedmont Ave. S.W., Suite 418, Atlanta, Georgia 30334, (404) 463-1511. However, during the Governor's Shelter in Place Executive Order dated April 2, 2020, the documents will not be available for in person review.

A single copy of each TMDL is available by written or phone request to the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD). Please direct requests to Ms. Arnetta Murphy at the address or phone number given above. If additional copies are requested, a copying charge of 10 cents per page will be assessed.

Written comments are welcomed. To ensure their consideration, written comments should be received on or before 4:30 p.m., June 11, 2020. Written comments should be addressed to: Mr. Jac Capp, Branch Chief, Watershed Protection Branch, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Suite 1152, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. Comments may be emailed to EPD.Comments@dnr.ga.gov. If you choose to e-mail your comments, please be sure to include the words "TMDL Comments" in the subject line to help ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff.

For technical information contact Tyler Parsons, TMDL Modeling and Development Unit Manager, tyler.parsons@dnr.ga.gov or (404) 463-1511.

After a review of comments, a final revision to the proposed TMDLs will be made, and the proposed TMDL will be submitted to the USEPA for approval.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons whom you believe will be interested in this matter.