

**United States Coast Guard Notice of Availability:
FONSI for Agreement with US Department of Agriculture for
Assistance with Resolving or Preventing Threats to Human Health
and Damage to Aircraft and Property at
US Coast Guard Base Elizabeth City**

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The United States Coast Guard proposes to enter into an interagency agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Wildlife Services (WS), for assistance with resolving and/or preventing damage from certain species to aircraft and property, reducing bird/wildlife aircraft strike hazards, and otherwise ensuring human health and safety at Coast Guard Base Elizabeth City. Management of the species of concern in North Carolina by USDA has been fully evaluated in several Environmental Assessments (EAs) prepared by USDA. The Coast Guard has determined that the USDA-prepared EAs meet Coast Guard requirements for EAs and adequate public involvement was conducted. Therefore, in accordance with 40 C.F.R. sec. 1506.3(a), the Coast Guard has adopted the following USDA EAs for the Coast Guard's Proposed Action and issued this Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI):

- Environmental Assessment Aquatic Rodent Damage Management in North Carolina. United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Wildlife Services (WS), March 2015.
- Environmental Assessment Reducing Mammal Damage in the State of North Carolina. United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services. October 2015.
- Environmental Assessment Reducing Bird Damage through an Integrated Wildlife Damage Management Program in the State of North Carolina. United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services. September 2010.
- Supplement to the Environmental Assessment: Reducing Bird Damage through an Integrated Wildlife Damage Management Program in the State of North Carolina. United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services. October 2013.
- Environmental Assessment: Reducing Pigeon, Starling, and Sparrow Damage through an Integrated Wildlife Damage Management Program in the State of North Carolina. United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services. October 2003.
- Environmental Assessment: Canada Goose Damage Management in the State of North Carolina. United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services. June 2003.

USDA EA's can be found in their entirety at:

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/wildlifedamage/programs/nepa/SA_Environmental_Assessments_SA_WS_Environmental_Assessments_State/CT_North_Carolina.

Management actions pursuant to the agreement(s) between USCG and USDA may begin immediately upon publication of this FONSI to address imminent threats to human health and safety. USDA wildlife agents, when implementing this program on behalf of the USCG, must integrate the use of the most practical and effective methods to resolve the damage, must implement all appropriate non-lethal management techniques prior to undertaking any lethal take of species, and must adhere to extensive Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to improve the safety, selectivity, and efficacy of activities intended to resolve animal damage. USDA wildlife agents administering the program on USCG property will be responsible to ensure that all actions are performed in accordance with the interagency agreement(s), USDA permits, environmental assessments federal depredation orders, work plans.

Please contact the USCG Base Elizabeth City, Environmental Compliance Office @ Chris.A.Dunn@uscg.mil, with any questions or concerns.