

NHPA Consultation on Disposal of ex-VOSELLER (MSB 5)



9/17/2010 - The U.S. Department of Navy, Inactive Ships Program, proposes to consent to dispose ex-VOSELLER by dismantling by the Pate Museum of Transportation. Ex-VOSELLER is a wood hull minesweeping boat that was donated and title transferred to the Pate Museum of Transportation of Fort Worth, TX on April 20, 1973. Thus, the ex-VOSELLER is privately owned by the Museum. The Museum closed its doors to the public on December 30, 2009. In accordance with the terms of the 1973 donation contract, the Museum has requested the Navy's consent to dispose ex-VOSELLER by dismantling. According to 36 C.F.R. § 800.16(y), the Navy's consent would constitute a Federal action.

The ex-VOSELLER has been on static display at the Pate Museum of Transportation in Fort Worth, TX, outdoors in a terrestrial setting supported by four concrete cradles. The vessel is 57 feet, 3 inches long with a beam of 15 feet, 10 inches, and is constructed primarily of wood with steel fittings and framing support.

The vessel and cradles will be dismantled and removed. Material valuable as scrap will be sold or recycled; other debris will be disposed of in accordance with applicable federal and state laws.

A qualified Navy historian at the Naval History and Heritage Command conducted a review of the historical significance of ex-VOSELLER and determined that the vessel is eligible for listing in the National register of Historic Places. In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Navy is requesting consultation with the Texas Historical Commission for this action.

If you have questions, comments or concerns that you would like to be considered during Section 106 consultation for this proposed action, please contact the Inactive Ships office as the address on the right side of this web page.