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Interest in seaplane use of Corps of Engineers managed lakes dates to 1974 when general aviation magazines publicized the feasibility of such use. The Secretary of the Army responded to the interest generated by the magazine articles by requesting the Chief of Engineers to reconsider the then existing policy which prohibited seaplane use of these lakes. Division Engineers throughout the nation responded to the Chief's subsequent directive and reevaluated prohibitive policies regarding seaplane use. Following their reevaluation, the Chief of Engineers Office drafted regulations outlining policies and procedures for regulating seaplane use and provided them to the Secretary of the Army for eventual publication in the Federal Register. After publication in the Federal Register, including public comment and review, final regulations were published on 15 November 1977. These regulations, based on Title 36 CFR, "Rules and Regulations Governing Public Use of Water Resource Development Projects Administered by the Corps of Engineers" (38 F.R. 7552, 23 March 1973), permitted the use of Corps lakes with certain exclusions as determined by the respective District Engineers.

This report contains the Seaplane Landing Plan for Lakes in the Omaha District and is based on the revised regulations subsequently published as ER 1130-2-411.