## JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

# CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS 1949 Industrial Park Road, Room 140 Conway, South Carolina 29526

THE S.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL
Office of Environmental Quality Control
Water Quality Certification and Wetlands Programs Section
2600 Bull Street
Columbia. South Carolina 29201

REGULATORY DIVISION Refer to: P/N # 2005-18208-3IY

DATE August 13, 2015

Pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403), Sections 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Act (48-39-10 et.seq.), and the S.C. Construction in Navigable Waters Permit Program (R. 19-450, et. seq., 1976 S.C. Code of Laws, as amended), an application has been submitted to the Department of the Army and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control by

South Carolina Department of Natural Resources c/o Tim Vinson 1000 Assembly Street PO Box 167 Columbia, SC 29202

for a permit to construct a floating courtesy dock with dock pad in the

## WACCAMAW RIVER

adjacent to the intersection of Lees Landing and River Road, Conway Township, Horry County, South Carolina (Latitude: 33.533439°N; Longitude: -79.028847°W / USGS-Nixonville Quad).

In order to give all interested parties an opportunity to express their views

## NOTICE

is hereby given that written statements regarding the proposed work will be received by the **Corps** until

15 Days from the Date of this Notice,

and SCDHEC will receive written statements regarding the proposed work until

# 30 Days from the Date of this Notice

from those interested in the activity and whose interests may be affected by the proposed work.

The proposed work consists of improvements to an existing public use boat landing for

compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). In detail, the applicant proposes to mechanically excavate approximately 39 cubic yards of upland bank and existing rip rap adjacent to the existing boat ramp. The excavated material will be loaded directly onto truck beds designed to hold slurry material and transported to the Horry County Solid Waste Authority landfill. No onsite dewatering will occur. Once excavation is complete, a 100' x 8' aluminum ground-out floating courtesy dock system with piles and a associated 60' x 8' x 4' concrete pad will be installed adjacent to the existing ramp. Finally, the applicant will place approximately 39 cubic yards of rip rap on the adjacent shoreline for bank stabilization. The courtesy dock will be connected to a 30' x 8.5' concrete abutment located above the high tide line (HTL). Measures to avoid and minimize impacts to Waters of the United States include, timing all construction during low tide cycles. The applicant offered no mitigation for the project. The project purpose as stated by the applicant is to provide a soft landing area at all tidal ranges that is ADA accessible.

NOTE: This public notice and associated plans are available on the Corps' website at: <a href="http://www.sac.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/PublicNotices">http://www.sac.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/PublicNotices</a>. For those unable to access the website, a copy of this notice and the associated plans will be provided, upon receipt of a written request. The request must identify the project of interest by public notice number and a self-addressed stamped envelope must also be provided. Your request should be addressed to the

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ATTN: REGULATORY DIVISION 1949 Industrial Park Road, Room 140 Conway, South Carolina 29526

The District Engineer has concluded that the discharges associated with this project, both direct and indirect, should be reviewed by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control in accordance with provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. As such, this notice constitutes a request, on behalf of the applicant, for certification that this project will comply with applicable effluent limitations and water quality standards. The work shown on this application must also be certified as consistent with applicable provisions of the Coastal Zone Management Program (15 CFR 930). This activity may also require evaluation for compliance with the S. C. Construction in Navigable Waters Permit Program. State review, permitting and certification is conducted by the S. C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. The District Engineer will not process this application to a conclusion until such certifications are received. The applicant is hereby advised that supplemental information may be required by the State to facilitate the review.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Implementation of the proposed project would impact 0.003 acres of riverine systems that continue to the coast and discharge into estuarine substrates and emergent wetlands utilized by various life stages of species comprising the shrimp, and snapper-grouper management complexes. The District Engineer's initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial individual or cumulative adverse impact on EFH or fisheries managed by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). The District Engineer's final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the NMFS.

Pursuant to the Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (as amended), the Corps has reviewed the project area, examined all information provided by the applicant, and

the District Engineer has determined that the project <u>is not likely to adversely affect</u> any Federally endangered, threatened, or proposed species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated or proposed critical habitat. This public notice serves as a request for written concurrence from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or the National Marine Fisheries Service on this determination.

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), this public notice also constitutes a request to Indian Tribes to notify the District Engineer of any historic properties of religious and cultural significance to them that may be affected by the proposed undertaking.

In accordance with Section 106 of the NHPA, the District Engineer has consulted South Carolina ArchSite (GIS), for the presence or absence of historic properties (as defined in 36 C.F.R. 800.16)(/)(1)), and has initially determined that there are historic properties present, but they will not be affected; therefore, there will be no effect on historic properties. To ensure that other historic properties that the District Engineer is not aware of are not overlooked, this public notice also serves as a request to the State Historic Preservation Office and other interested parties to provide any information they may have with regard to historic properties. This public notice serves as a request for concurrence within 30 days from the SHPO (and/or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer).

The District Engineer's final eligibility and effect determination will be based upon coordination with the SHPO and/or THPO, as appropriate and required and with full consideration given to the proposed undertaking's potential direct and indirect effects on historic properties within the Corps-identified permit area.

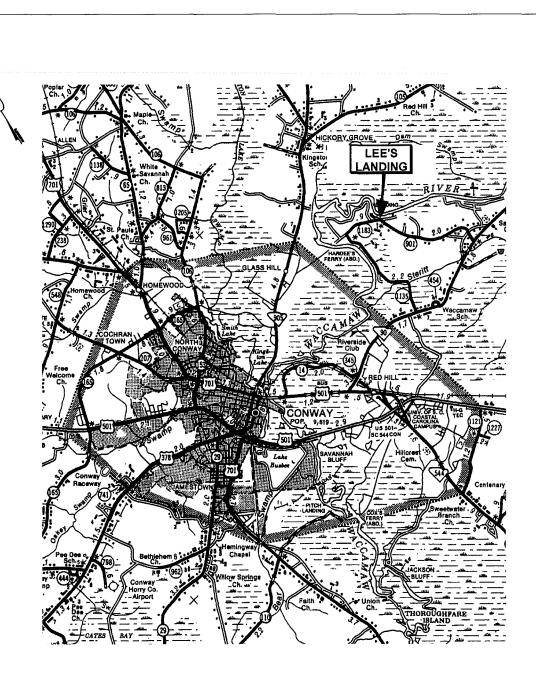
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest and will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act and, as appropriate, the criteria established under authority of Section 102 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, as amended. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the project must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the project will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. A permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest. In cases of conflicting property rights, the Corps cannot undertake to adjudicate rival claims.

The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this project. To make this decision, comments are

used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the activity.

If there are any questions concerning this public notice, please contact **T. Brian Hardee** at 843-329-8044 or toll free at 1-866-329-8187.



PROJECT TITLE
HORRY — LEE'S LANDING BOATING
COURTESY DOCK ADDITION

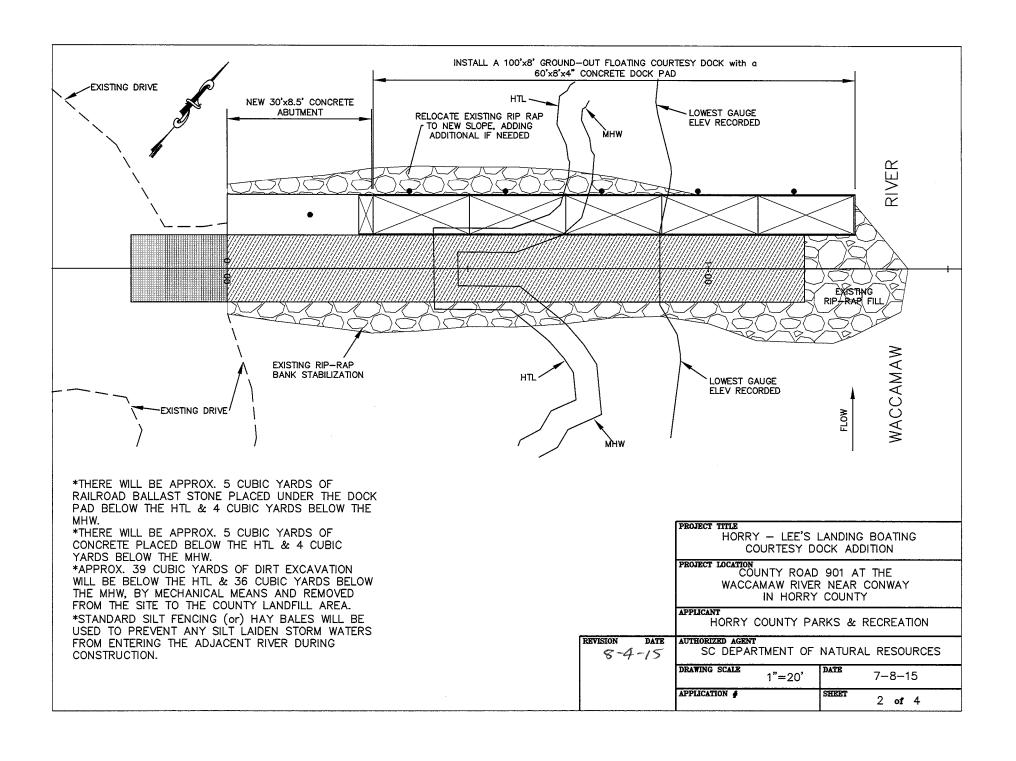
PROJECT LOCATION
COUNTY ROAD 901 AT THE
WACCAMAW RIVER NEAR CONWAY
IN HORRY COUNTY

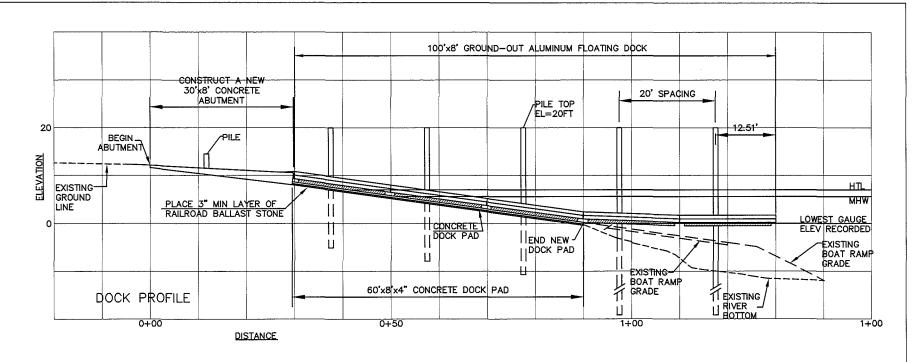
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HORRY COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION

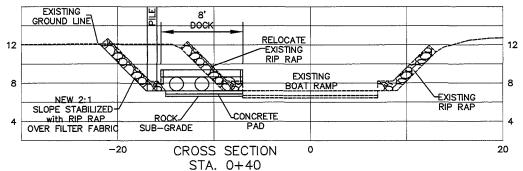
REVISION
DATE
AUTHORIZED AGENT
SC DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

DRAWING SCALE
NTS
DATE
7-8-15

APPLICATION # SHEET 1 of 4







\*THERE WILL BE APPROX. 5 CUBIC YARDS OF RAILROAD BALLAST STONE PLACED UNDER THE DOCK PAD BELOW THE HTL & 4 CUBIC YARDS BELOW THE MHW.

- \*THERE WILL BE APPROX. 5 CUBIC YARDS OF CONCRETE PLACED BELOW THE HTL &
- 4 CUBIC YARDS BLOW THE MHW FOR THE DOCK PAD.
- \*APPROX. 39 CUBIC YARDS OF DIRT EXCAVATION WILL BE BELOW BOTH THE HTL & 36 CUBIC YARDS BELOW THE MHW, BY MECHANICAL MEANS AND REMOVED FROM THE SITE TO THE COUNTY LANDFILL AREA.
- \*STANDARD SILT FENCING (or) HAY BALES WILL BE USED TO PREVENT ANY SILT LAIDEN STORM WATERS FROM ENTERING THE ADJACENT RIVER DURING CONSTRUCTION.

### NOTE:

THE EXISTING RIP RAP SLOPE STABILIZATION MATERIAL WILL BE REMOVED AND PLACED ONTO THE PARKING AREA PRIOR TO GRADING AND PLACED BACK ONTO THE NEW SLOPE FOR THE DOCK. NEW RIP RAP MATERIAL WILL BE ADDED WHERE NEEDED.

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IN HORRY COUNTY

#### APPLICANT

HORRY COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION

REVISION DATE

8-4-15

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