JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS 1949 Industrial Park Road, Room 140 Conway, South Carolina 26526 and 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 # 2015-00706-3B

February 17, 2016

Pursuant to Sections 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), and the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Act (48-39-10 <u>et.seq.</u>), an application has been submitted to the Department of the Army and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control by

CHAD CARLSON BAREFOOT LANDING COMMERCIAL, LLC. C/O ROBERT RIGGS NEWKIRK ENVIRONMENTAL, INC. P.O. BOX 746 MT. PLEASANT, SOUTH CAROLINA 29465

for a permit to place fill material in a jurisdictional impoundment of waters of the U.S. for the relocation and improvements of existing roads and to provide additional buildable uplands for future commercial facilities and parking at a location described as the Barefoot Landing site in the City of North Myrtle Beach, Horry County, South Carolina. (Latitude: 33.799202°N; Longitude: -78.745267°W) (Quad Sheet: Wampee)

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 the placement of 2.57 acres of fill material in a 19.89 acre jurisdictional impoundment of waters of the U.S. for the relocation and improvements of existing

roads and to provide additional buildable uplands for future commercial facilities and parking. In detail, the proposed project involves upgrading and relocating the existing road at the north end of the project site and adjacent to the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AIWW) and replacing the existing pedestrian bridges crossing the lake (NOTE: the pedestrian bridges depicted on the plans do not require Department of the Army authorization). According to the applicant, the road relocation is necessary to eliminate blind 90 degree turns at each end of the roadway crossing the north end of the project site at the AIWW and to separate pedestrian and vehicle contact all in an effort to improve public safety and improve traffic flow throughout the site. According to the applicant, replacing the existing pedestrian bridges crossing the lake is necessary to insure public safety, bring them to current construction standards, and to improve pedestrian movement throughout the site. In addition, the applicant proposes to widen the existing embankment separating the waters of the U.S. from the AIWW. The existing facilities including the roadway and other facilities in this area will be removed and, after completing the fill activities, the roadway will be reconstructed and parking areas and additional commercial facilities will be constructed as depicted on the attached drawings. The existing double 18" CPP emergency overflow pipes and structures will be extended to the proposed bulkhead. According to the applicant, efforts to avoid and minimize impacts to waters of the U.S. include selecting the proposed alternative which indicates that there are no practicable or feasible alternatives to the proposed modifications which will reduce overall adverse impacts and achieve the project purpose. The applicant has proposed to mitigate for impacts to wetlands and/or waters of the United States by purchasing 21 credits from an approved mitigation bank. The project purpose is commercial development.

NOTE: This public notice and associated plans are available on the Corps' website at: <u>http://www.sac.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/PublicNotices</u>. 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 (2.57) acres of waters upstream of 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 is not likely to adversely affect 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 no historic properties are present; 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 any 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.

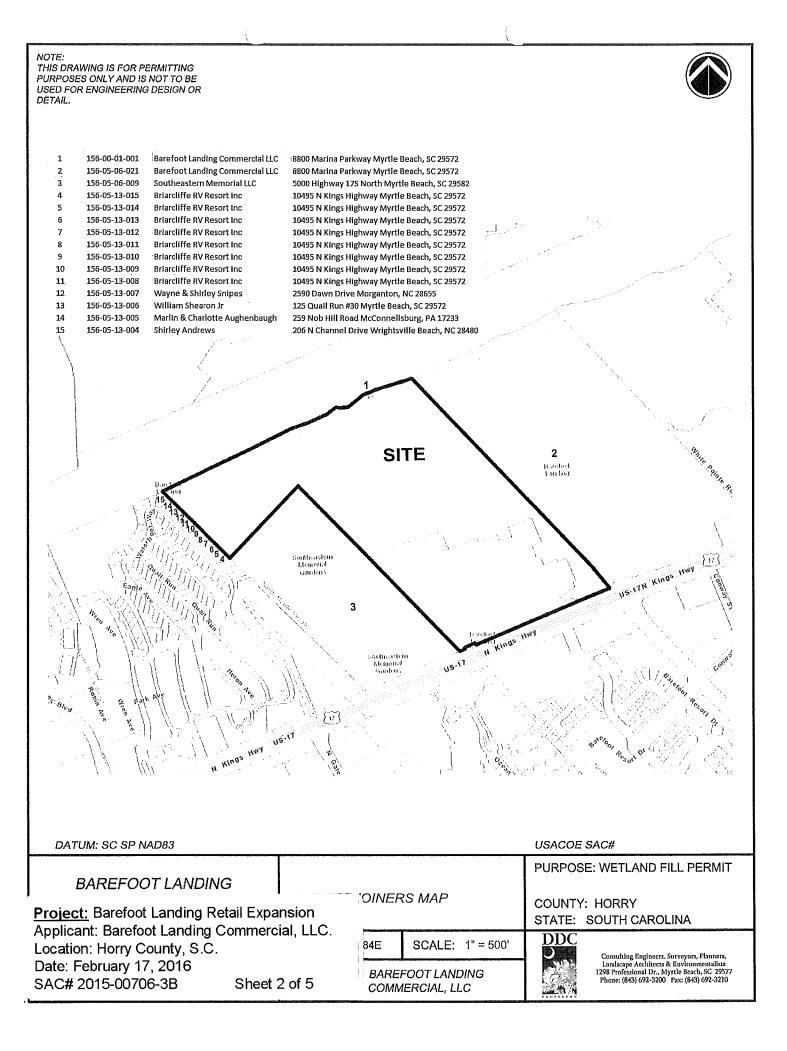
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

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. 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 Wiley Bracey at 843-365-1707.

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| BAREFOOT LANDING Project: Barefoot Landing Retail Expansion Applicant: Barefoot Landing Commercial, LLC. | PURPOSE: WETLAND FILL PERMIT COUNTY: HORRY STATE: SOUTH CAROLINA |
| Applicant: bareloot Landing Commercial, ELC.Location: Horry County, S.C.Date: February 17, 2016SAC# 2015-00706-3BSheet 1 of 5 | Consulting Engineers, Surveyors, Planners, Landscape Architecrs & Environmentalists 1298 Professional Dr., Myrtle Beach, SC 29577 Phone: (843) 692-3200 Fax: (843) 692-3210 |



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