

JOINT
PUBLIC NOTICE

CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
69A Hagood Avenue
Charleston, South Carolina 29403-5107
and
THE S.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL
Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management
1362 McMillan Avenue, Suite 400
Charleston, South Carolina 29405

REGULATORY DIVISION

Refer to: P/N #SAC-2009-1376-1C

October 7, 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), and the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Act (48-39-10 et.seq.), an application has been submitted to the Department of the Army and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control by

TOWN OF BLUFFTON
C/O: CRAIG PAWLYK
JON GUERRY TAYLOR & ASSOCIATES, INC.
PO BOX 1082
MOUNT PLEASANT, SOUTH CAROLINA 29465

for a permit to expand and upgrade an existing boat ramp on the

MAY RIVER

at a location at the terminus of Wharf Street in the Town of Bluffton, Beaufort County, South Carolina. Latitude: 32.23175, Longitude: -80.86751, Bluffton 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 constructing a new two-lane boat ramp. In detail, the applicant proposes to construct a new 28' x 135' two lane concrete boat ramp on top of an existing single lane articulated concrete boat ramp. The existing boat ramp was permitted and constructed under SAC-2009-1376-1Q for 'Wharf Street Boat Ramp', on June 28, 2010. The new boat ramp is

located adjacent to a currently permitted, but not yet constructed, ground out floating dock and timber pier walkway that was permitted under SAC-2009-1376-1W on April 28, 2014. The applicant also proposes to shift this previously permitted ground out floating dock and timber pier walkway approximately 8 feet to the north to allow for the proposed boat ramp expansion. The proposed boat ramp will involve excavation of 28 cubic yards of existing material and the placement of 74 cubic yards of concrete and 102 cubic yards of bedding stone. The project purpose is to provide the public with recreational access to waters of the U.S.

NOTE: This public notice and associated plans are available on the Corps' website at: <http://www.sac.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/PublicNotices> . 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
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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 3,780 square feet of estuarine substrates 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, based on the most recently available information that the project will have no effect on any Federally endangered, threatened, or proposed species and will not result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated or proposed critical habitat. This public notice serves as a request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service for any additional information they may have on whether any listed or proposed endangered or threatened species or designated or proposed critical habitat may be present in the

area which would be affected by the activity.

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)(f)(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).

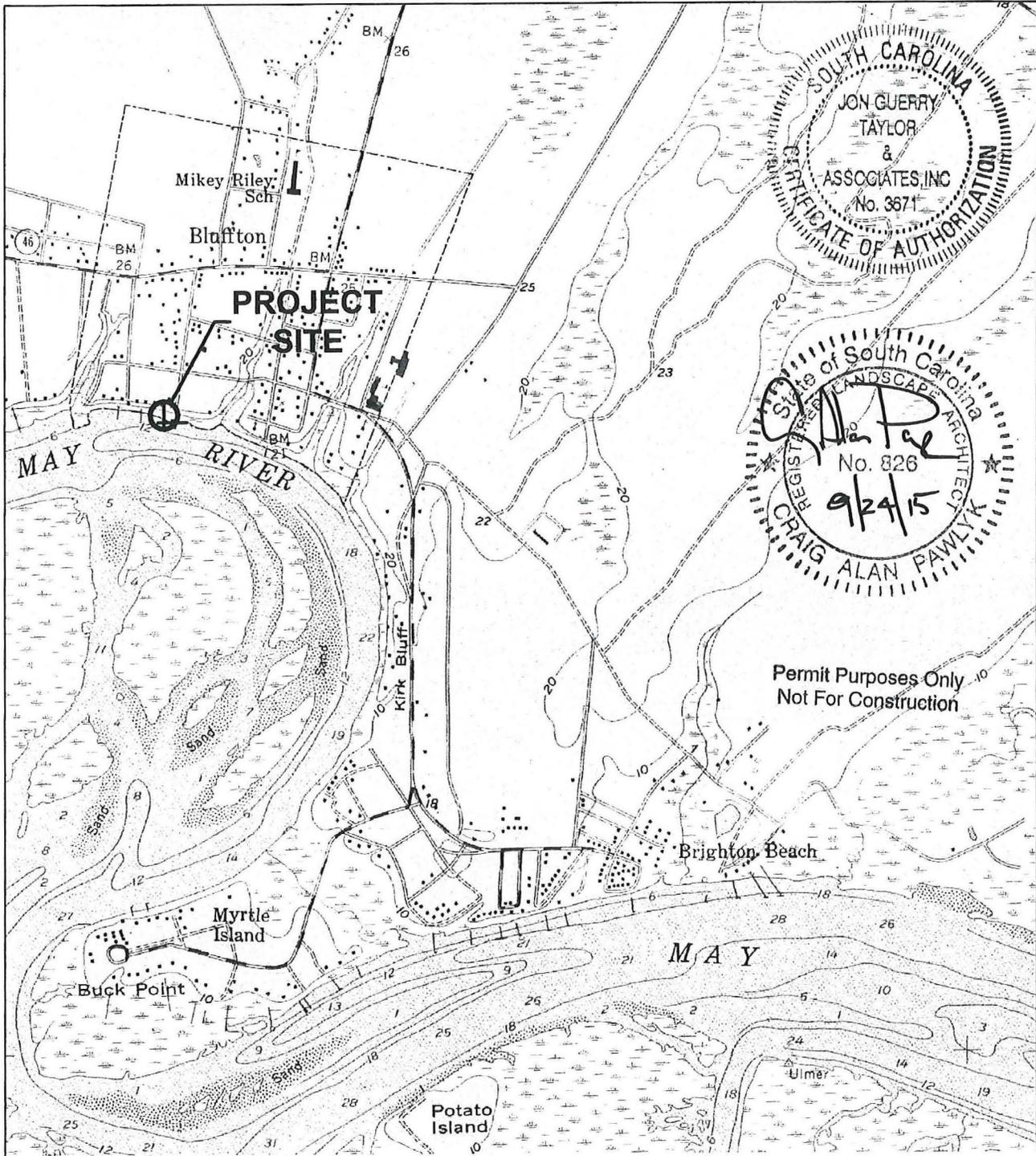
The District Engineer's final eligibility and effect determination will be based upon coordination with the SHPO and/or THPO, as appropriate and required and with full consideration given to the proposed undertaking's potential direct and indirect effects on historic properties within the Corps-identified 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 **Chelsea Bowman** at 843-329-8044 or toll free at 1-866-329-8187.

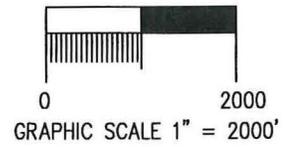


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QUAD MAP BLUFFTON QUAD

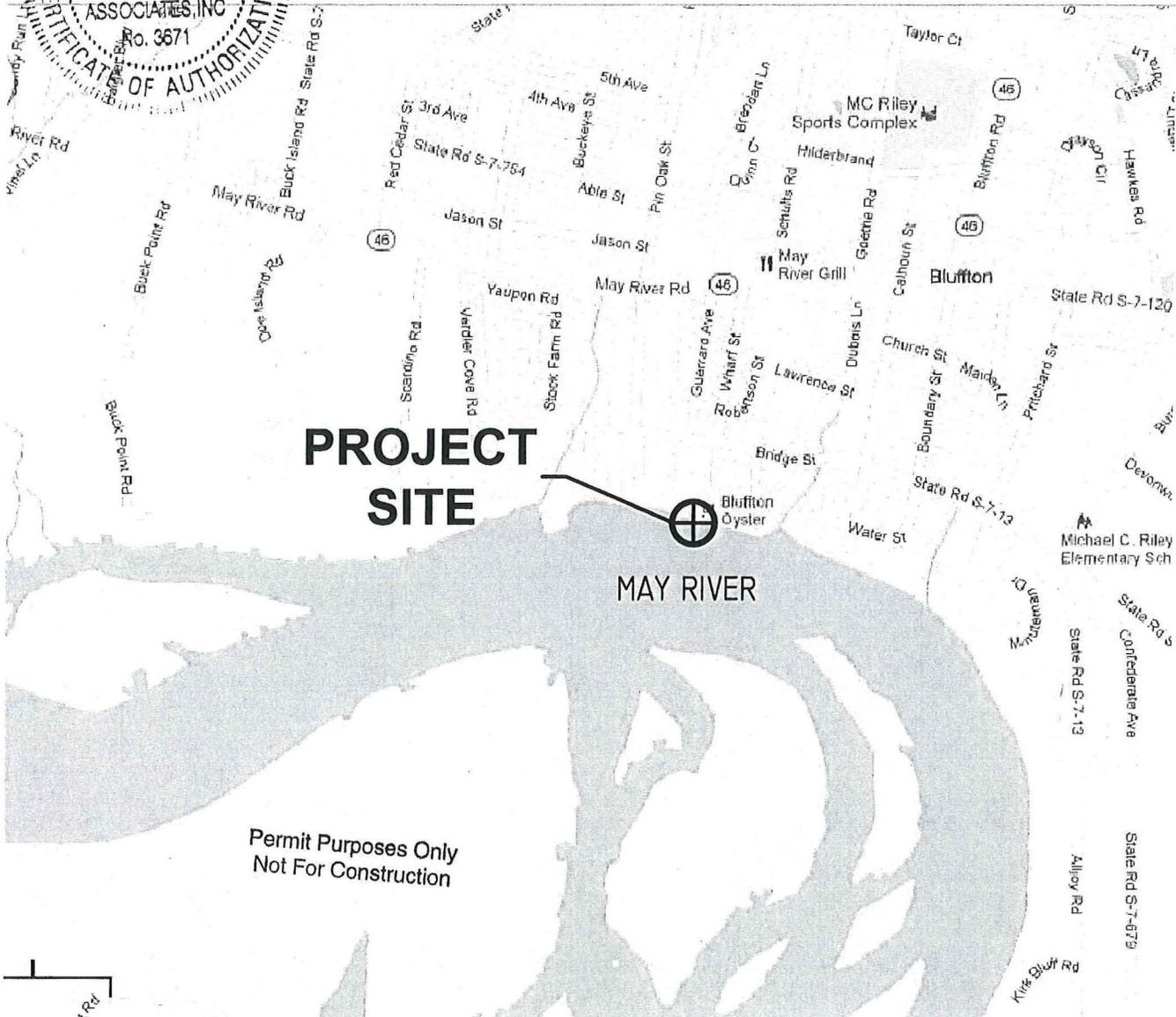
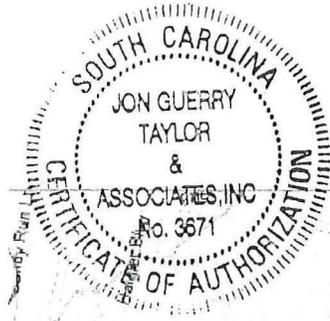


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BOAT RAMP EXPANSION**

**TOWN OF BLUFFTON
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PROPOSED:
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PROJECT SITE

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LOCATION MAP

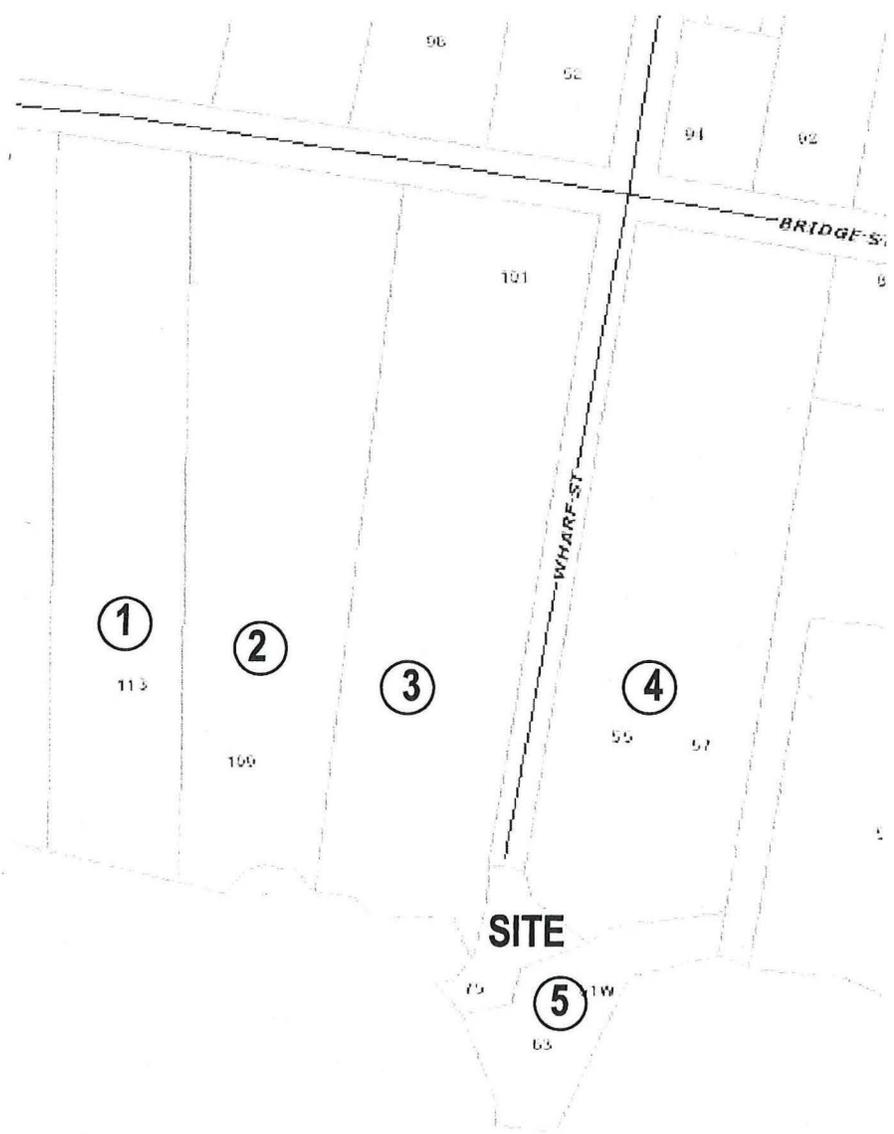


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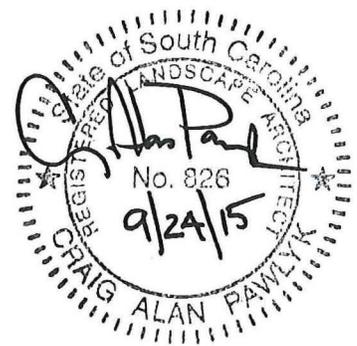
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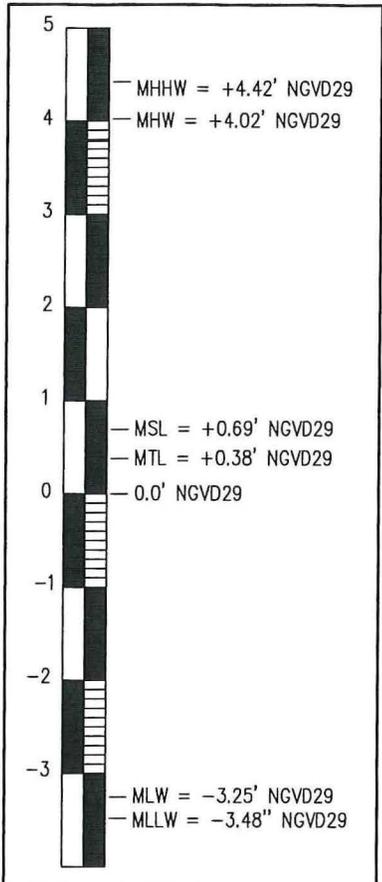
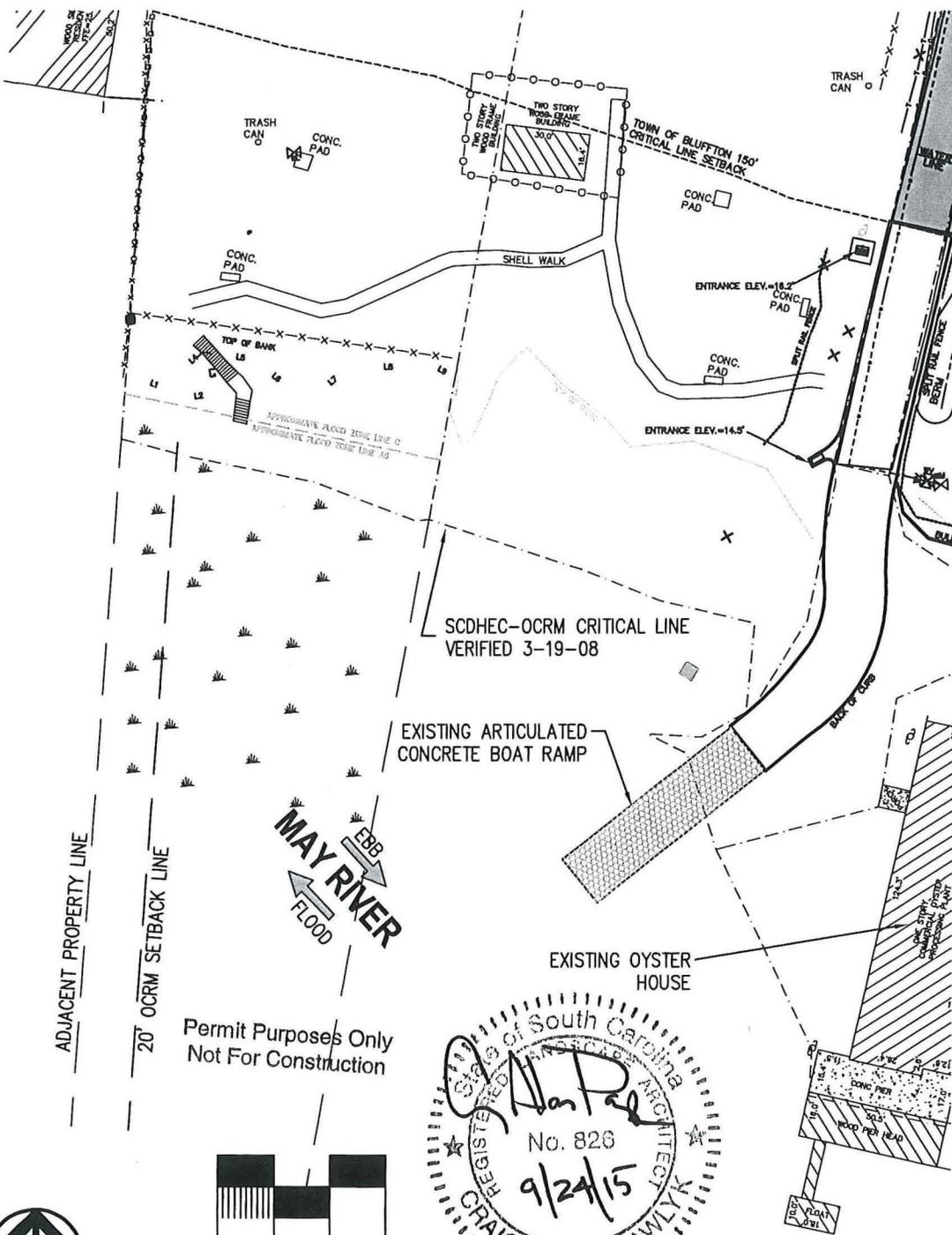
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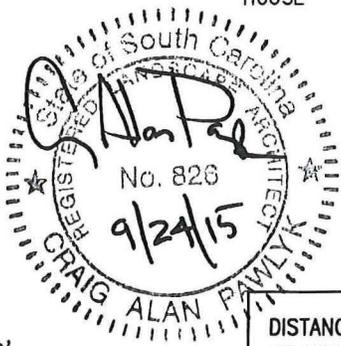
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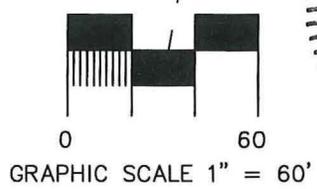
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TIDE DATUM RELATIONSHIPS



DISTANCE FROM EDGE OF MARSH GRASS TO EDGE OF MARSH GRASS IS APPROXIMATELY 6,400'



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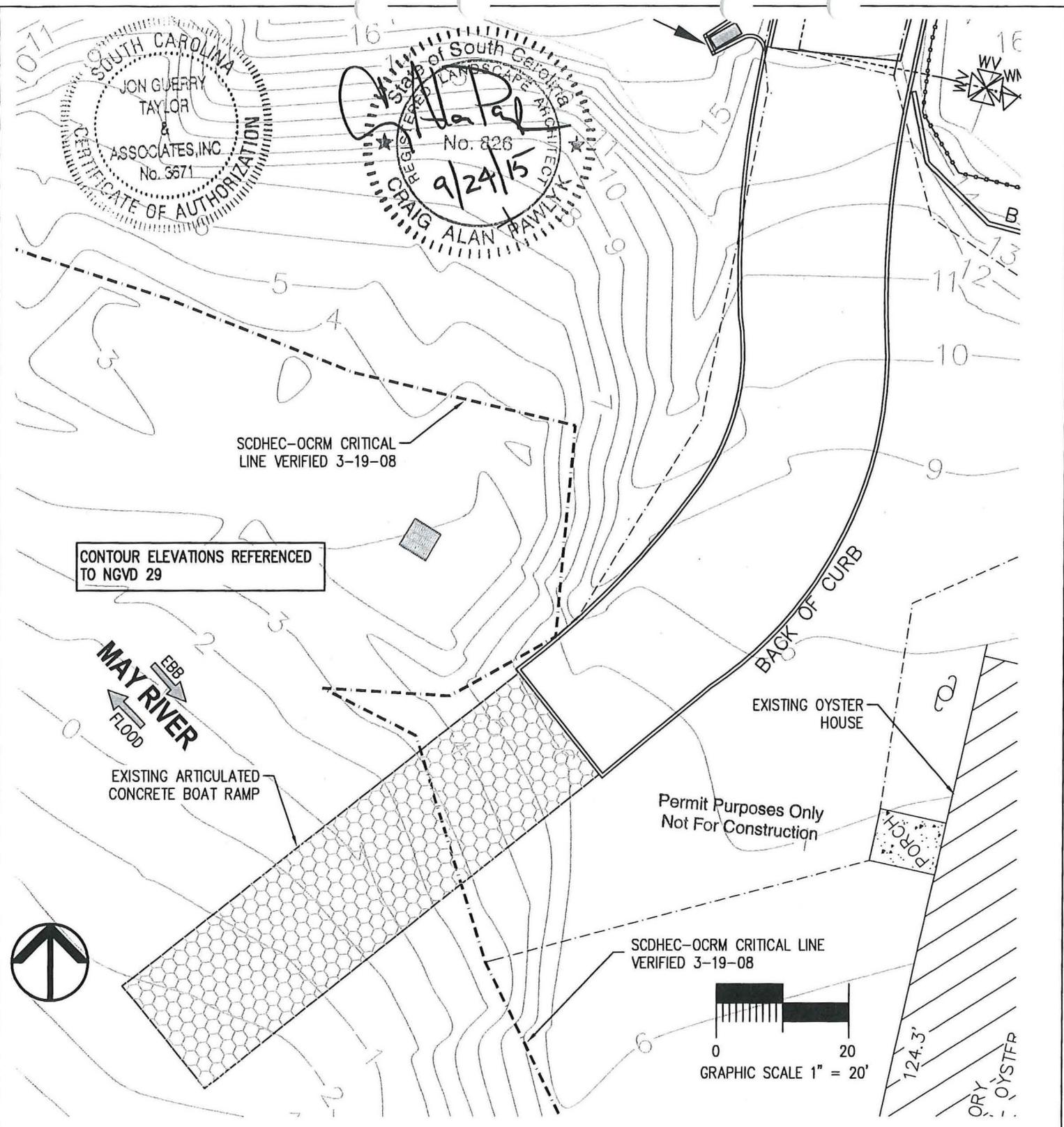
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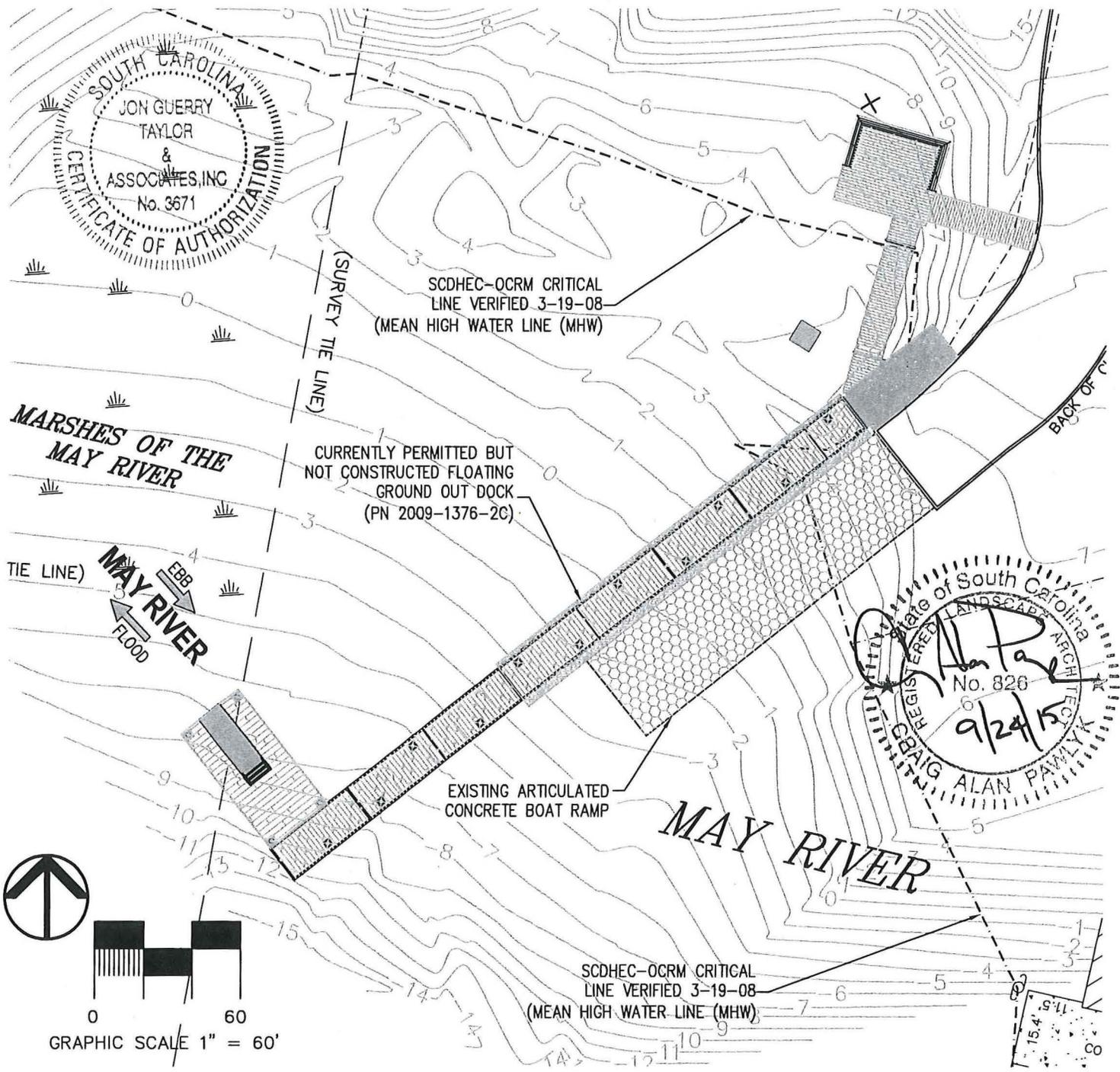
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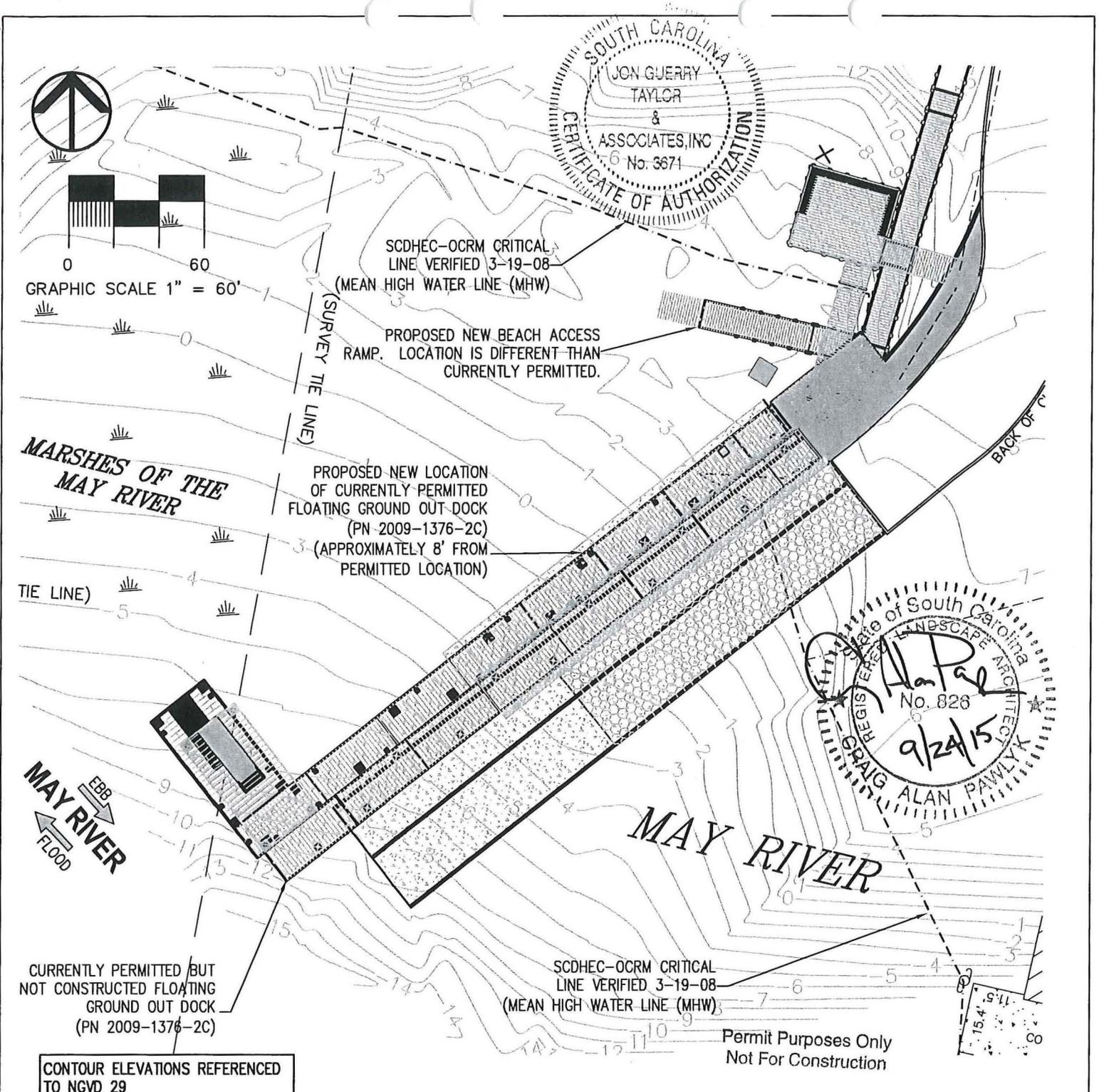
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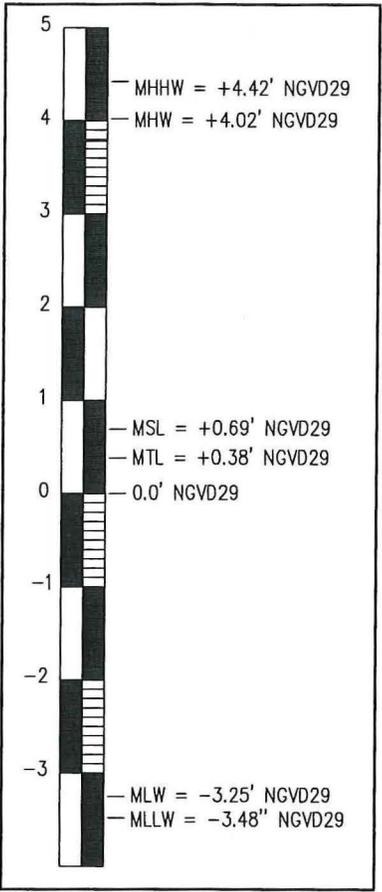
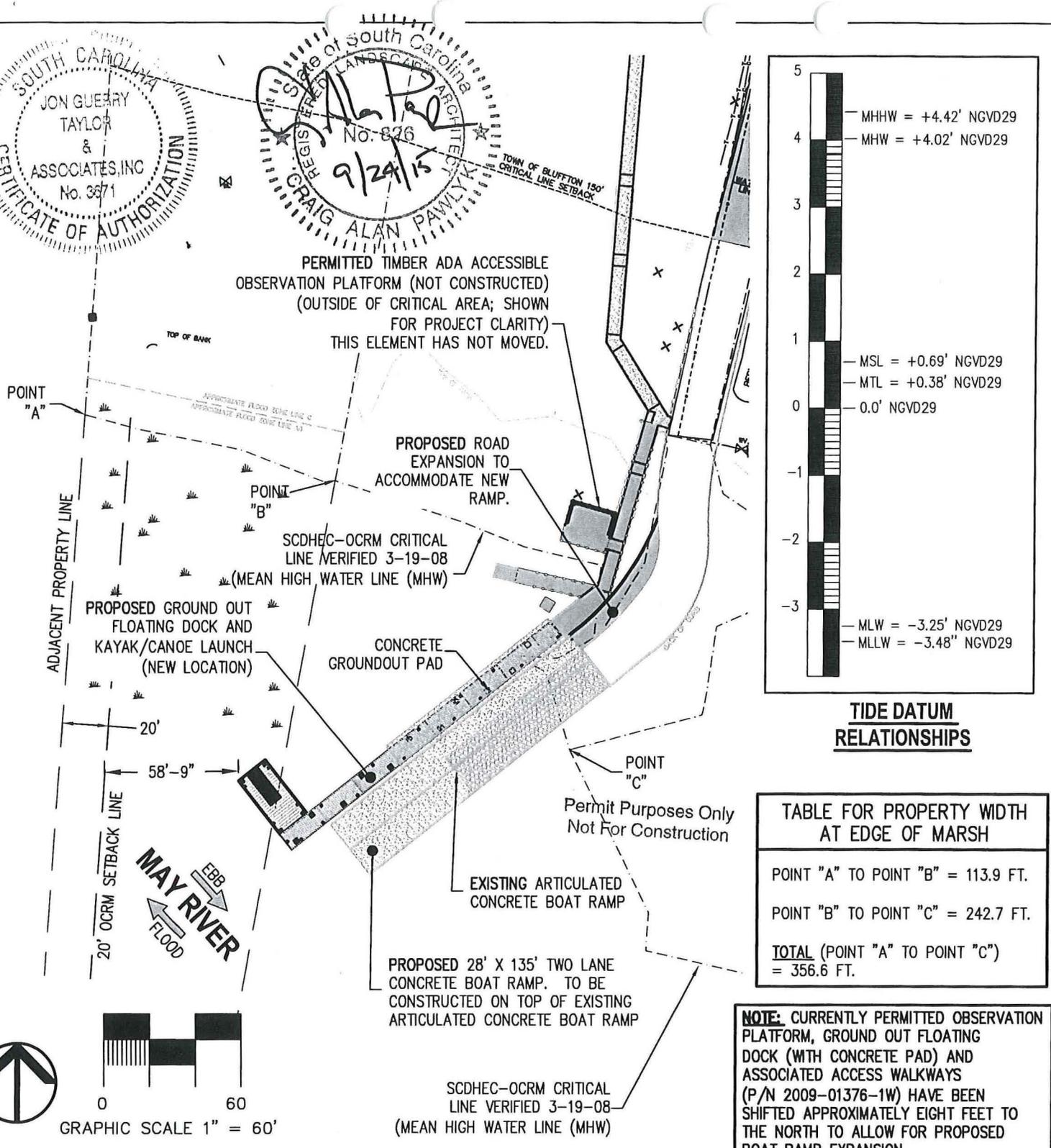
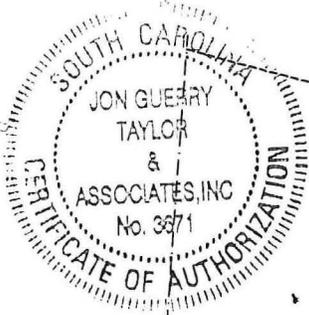
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TABLE FOR PROPERTY WIDTH AT EDGE OF MARSH	
POINT "A" TO POINT "B"	= 113.9 FT.
POINT "B" TO POINT "C"	= 242.7 FT.
TOTAL (POINT "A" TO POINT "C")	= 356.6 FT.

NOTE: CURRENTLY PERMITTED OBSERVATION PLATFORM, GROUND OUT FLOATING DOCK (WITH CONCRETE PAD) AND ASSOCIATED ACCESS WALKWAYS (P/N 2009-01376-1W) HAVE BEEN SHIFTED APPROXIMATELY EIGHT FEET TO THE NORTH TO ALLOW FOR PROPOSED BOAT RAMP EXPANSION.

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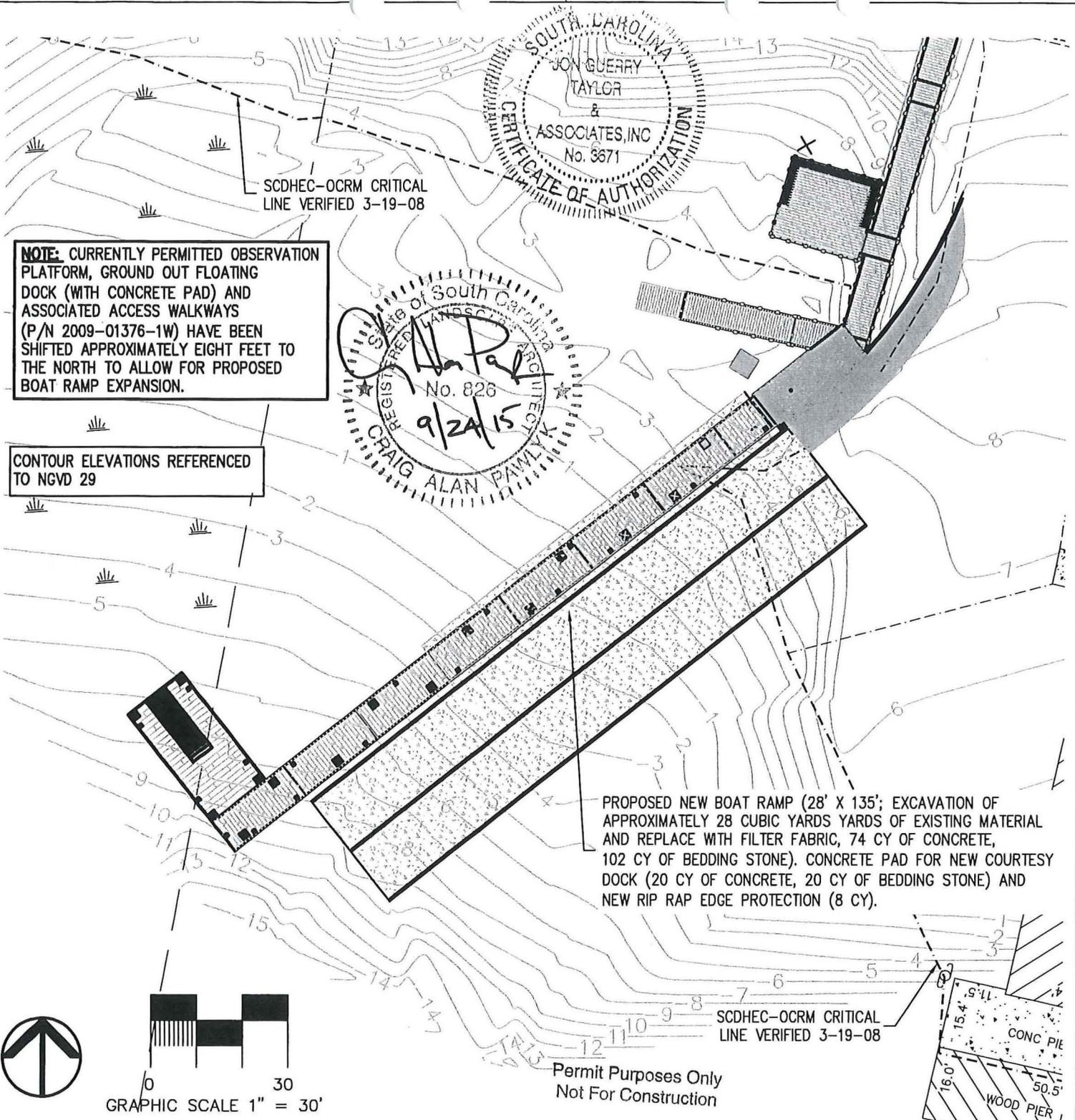
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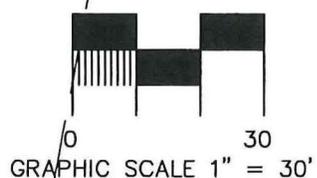


SOUTH CAROLINA
JON GUERRY
TAYLOR
&
ASSOCIATES, INC
No. 3671
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION

REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECT
STATE of South Carolina
No. 826
9/22/15
CRAIG ALAN PAWLKY

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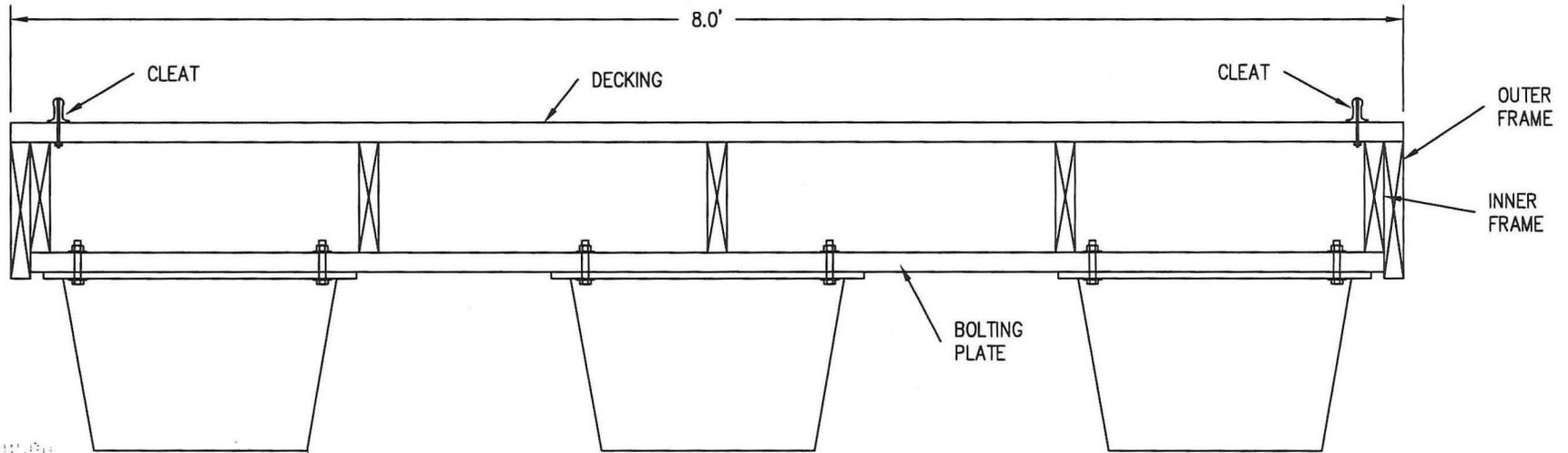
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POLYSTYRENE FOAM FILLED FLOAT (TYPICAL)

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TYPICAL FLOATING DOCK SECTION
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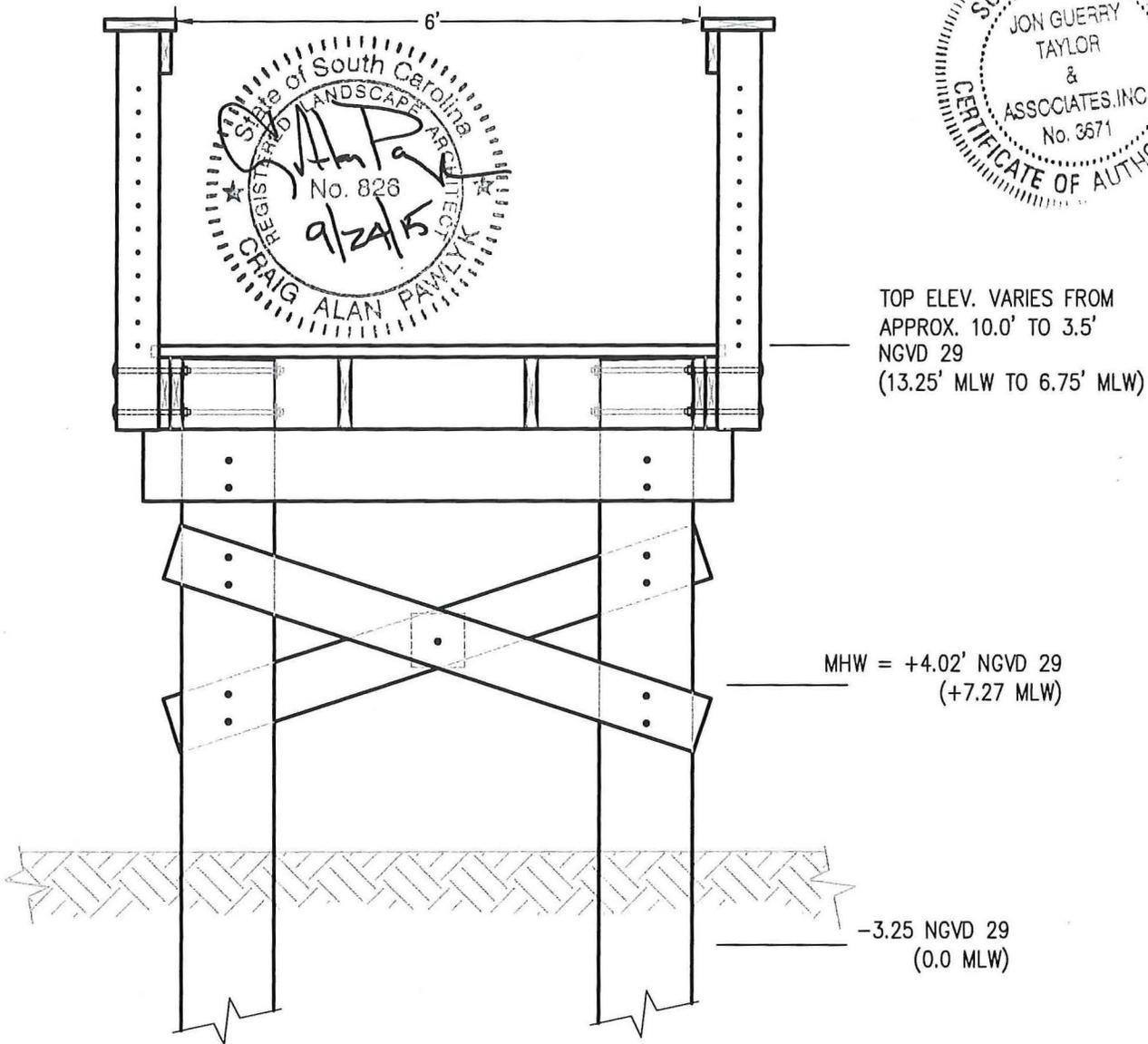
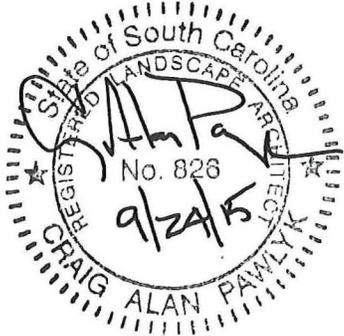
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SLOPED ACCESS RAMP SECTION

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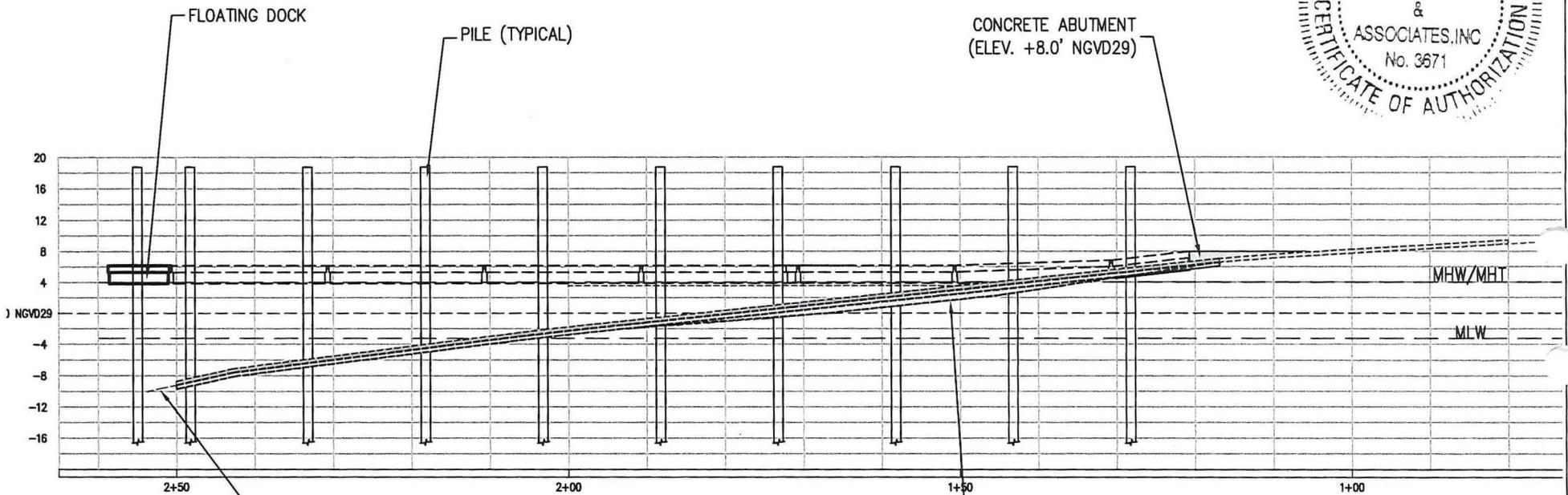
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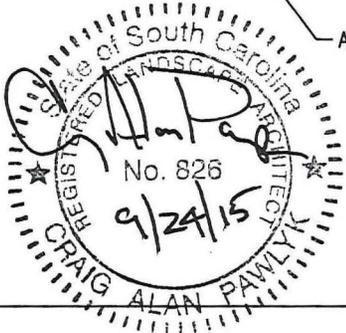


PROPOSED NEW BOAT RAMP (28' X 135'; EXCAVATION OF APPROXIMATELY 28 CUBIC YARDS OF EXISTING MATERIAL AND REPLACE WITH FILTER FABRIC, 74 CY OF CONCRETE, 102 CY OF BEDDING STONE). CONCRETE PAD FOR NEW COURTESY DOCK (20 CY OF CONCRETE, 20 CY OF BEDDING STONE) AND NEW RIP RAP EDGE PROTECTION (8 CY).

EAST ELEVATION

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