

**JOINT**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**For Permit Modification**

**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-2004-13755-1W(Revised)

17 SEPTEMBER 2014

Pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403) and the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Act (48-39-10 et.seq.) a request to modify an issued permit has been submitted to the Department of the Army and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control by the

**SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**c/o ARTIFICIAL REEF PROGRAM MANAGER**  
**POST OFFICE BOX 12559**  
**CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA 29422**

for a permit to modify the existing artificial reef location by shifting the permitted boundary approximately 1.4 miles to the northwest in waters of the

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at a location near the existing artificial reef boundary which is approximately 52 nautical miles and 136° from the seaward end of the Charleston Harbor jetties, City of Charleston, Charleston County, South Carolina (NW corner Latitude from 32 08.73° to 32 09.20, Longitude from -79 07.92 to -79.09.20; NE corner Latitude from 32 06.24 to 32 07.155, Longitude from -79 04.32 to -79 05.595; SW corner Latitude from 32 04.13 to 32 05.04, Longitude from -79 12.30 to -79.13.575; and SE corner Latitude from 32 01.45 to 32 02.36, Longitude from -79 08.70 to -79 09.975)

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

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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

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**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 shifting the boundary location of the existing artificial fishing reef known as the Charleston Deep Reef. In detail, the proposed work includes the relocation of the existing artificial reef boundaries while maintaining the total area of the reef. The permitted artificial reef area has been classified as a Marine Protected Area (MPA) by the South Atlantic Fisheries Management Council (SAFMC) and the SC Department of Natural Resources has deployed artificial reef material for the protection of the snapper grouper deep water species. The latest deployed material, a 260 foot barge landed outside of the designated boundary. This boundary revision request will allow all of the deployed material including the barge to be contained within the revised boundary. The total permitted area will remain 4 x 6 miles but the site will be shifted 1.4 miles to the northwest. According to the applicant, the entire area has been surveyed with sidescan sonar and ROV to determine that the new area is similar to the permitted area with no relief or live bottom, with similar depths and is away from known fishing grounds.

**NOTE: Plans depicting the work described in this notice are available and will be provided, upon receipt of a written request, to anyone that is interested in obtaining a copy of the plans for the specific project. The request must identify the project of interest by public notice number and a self-addressed stamped envelope must also be provided for mailing the drawings to you. Your request for drawings should be addressed to the**

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
ATTN: REGULATORY DIVISION  
69A Hagood Avenue  
Charleston, South Carolina 29403-5107.**

The work shown on this application must also be certified as consistent with applicable provisions of the Coastal Zone Management Program (15 CFR 930). The District Engineer will not process this application to a conclusion until such certification is received. The applicant is hereby advised that supplemental information may be required by the State to facilitate the review. Persons wishing to comment or object to State certification must submit all comments in writing to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control at the above address within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice.

This initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Implementation of the proposed project would impact approximately 84 acres of ocean bottom substrates devoid of relief or live bottom similar to and including much of the permitted area utilized by various life stages of species comprising the red drum, shrimp, and snapper-grouper management complexes. Our 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). Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the NMFS.

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The District Engineer has consulted the most recently available information and has determined 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 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (as amended).

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 the NHPA, the District Engineer has also consulted the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places for the presence or absence of registered properties, or properties listed as being eligible for inclusion therein, and this worksite is not included as a registered property or property listed as being eligible for inclusion in the Register. To insure that other cultural resources 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 to provide any information it may have with regard to historic and cultural resources.

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. 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 of Engineers cannot undertake to adjudicate rival claims.

The Corps of Engineers 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 of Engineers 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

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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 Debbie King at 843-329-8044 or toll free at 1-866-329-8187.

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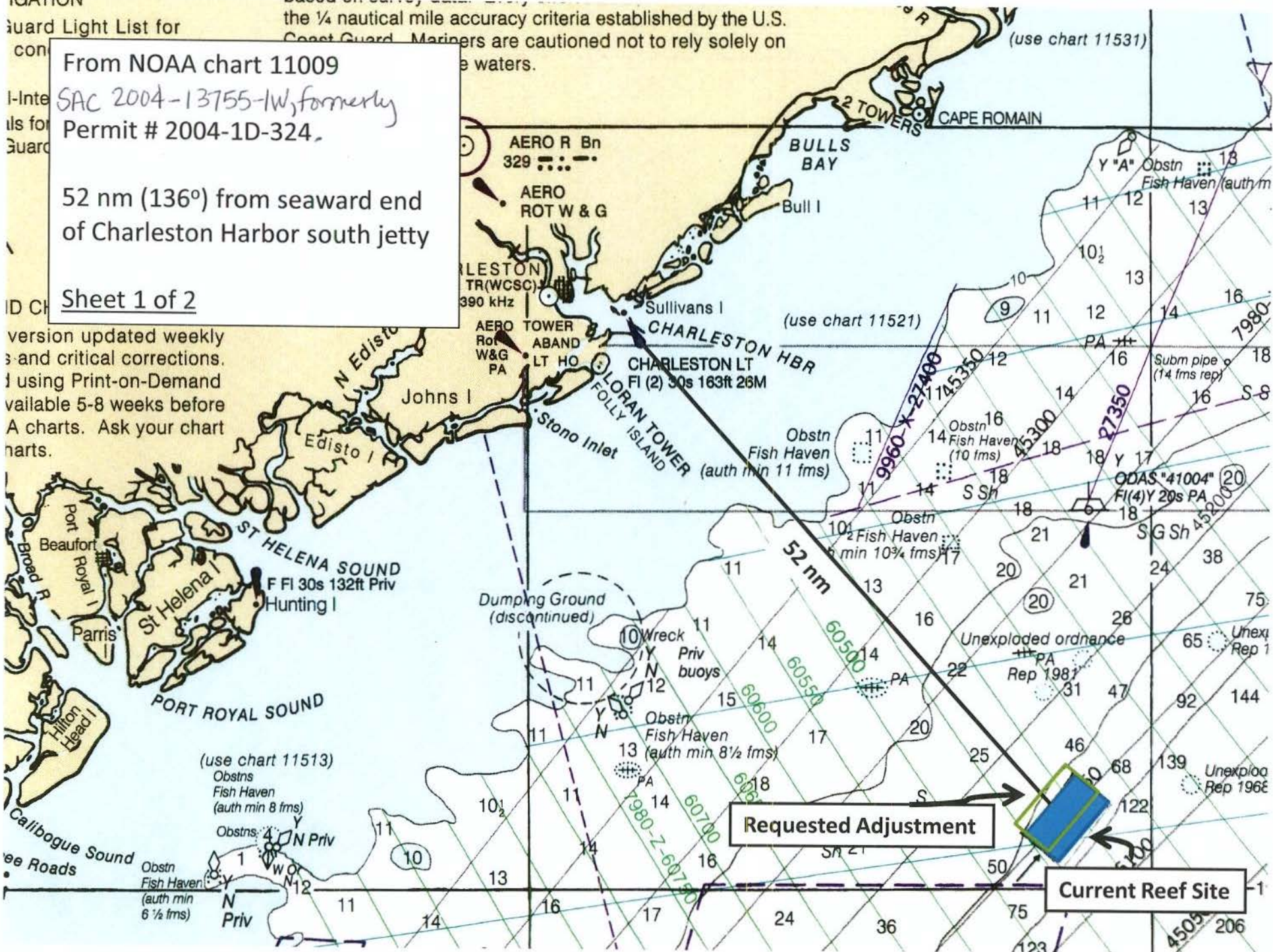
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52 nm (136°) from seaward end of Charleston Harbor south jetty

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