

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 # 2007-02790-11Q

January 11, 2008

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

BEAUFORT COUNTY
POST OFFICE BOX 1228
BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA 29901-1228

for a permit to renovate the existing Paige Point public boat ramp structure on

HUSPA CREEK

located at the terminus of Paige Point Landing Road, about 0.7-mile north of the confluence with Whale Branch, Beaufort County, South Carolina (Long. -80.76137 x Lat. 32.54995).

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 both of the above mentioned offices until

12 O'CLOCK NOON, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2008

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

The proposed work consists of bank excavation below mean high water to accommodate a 30' X 141' (total length) double-lane concrete boat ramp (built over the existing ramp area), and the construction of an adjacent approximate 100' floating dock leading to a 40' floating dock, plus associated pilings and rip-rap revetment. The purpose of the project is to improve the Paige Point public boat launch facilities, facilitate public access to navigable waters and provide shoreline erosion protection at the site.

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

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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 the Coastal Zone Management Program (15 CFR 930). 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 0.21-acre of estuarine substrates and emergent wetlands 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.

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.

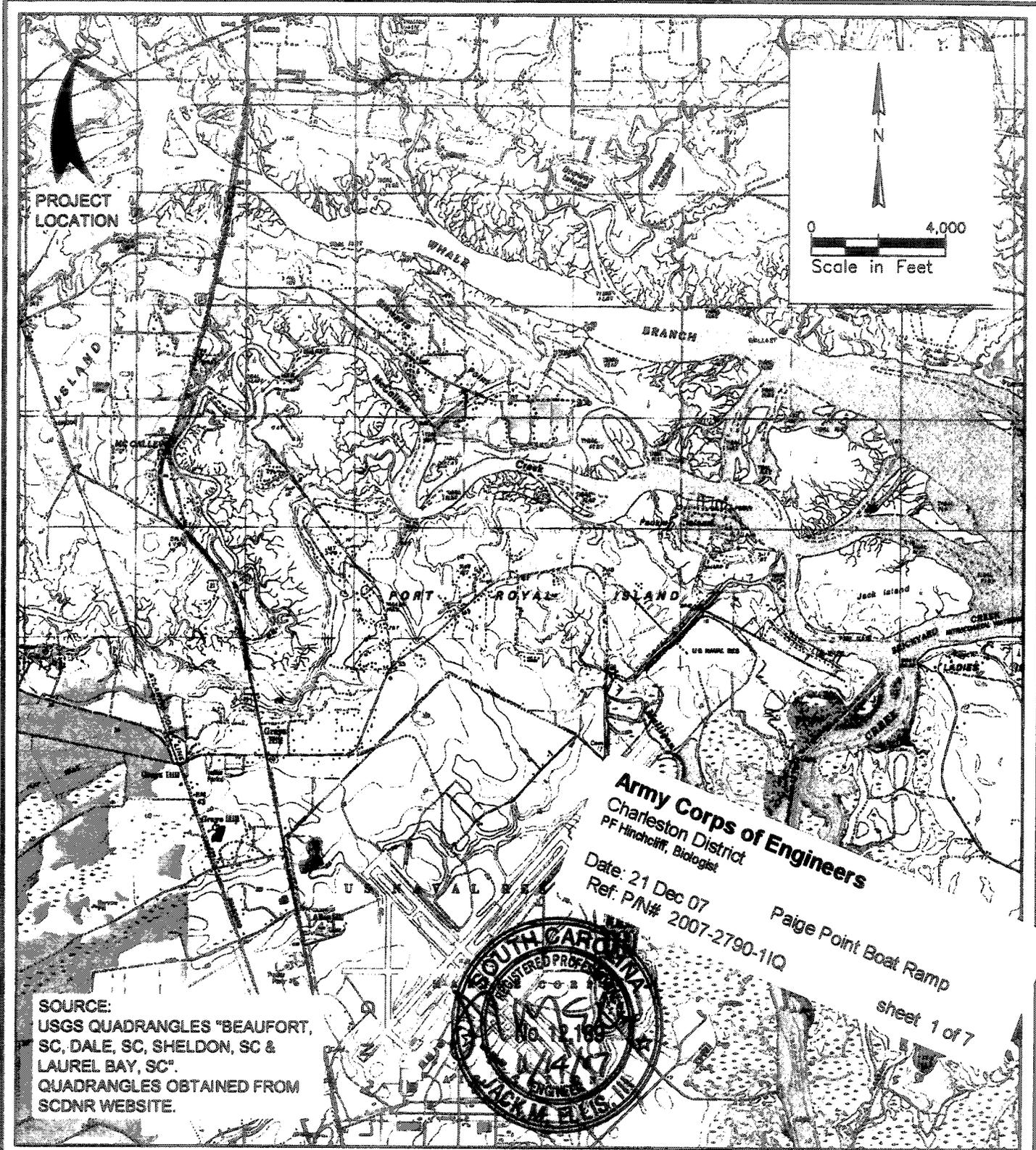
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

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 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 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 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 Paul Hinchcliff at 843-329-8044 or toll free at 1-866-329-8187.

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SOURCE:
 USGS QUADRANGLES "BEAUFORT,
 SC, DALE, SC, SHELDON, SC &
 LAUREL BAY, SC".
 QUADRANGLES OBTAINED FROM
 SCDNR WEBSITE.

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 Charleston District
 PF Hinchcliff, Biologist

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Paige Point Boat Ramp

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PURPOSE: BOAT RAMP REDEVELOPMENT
 DATUM: MLW
 APPLICATION BY: BEAUFORT COUNTY GOVERNMENT
 USACE #
 ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS:
 SEE EXHIBIT B

DATE: 10/19/2007

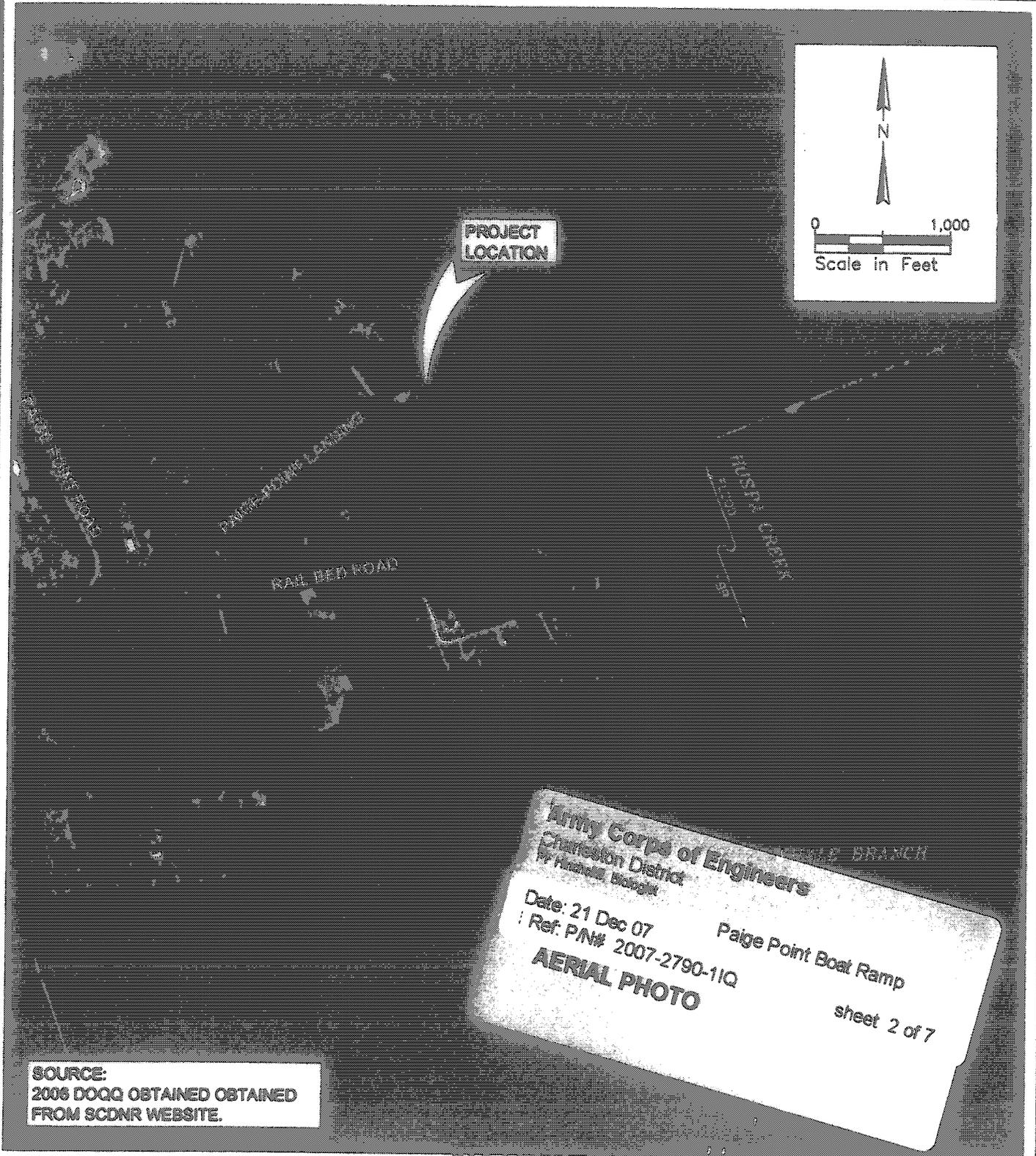
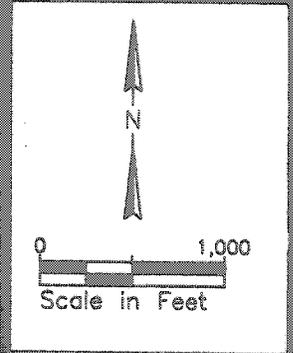
LOCATION MAP

BEAUFORT COUNTY GOVERNMENT
 P.O. DRAWER 1228
 BEAUFORT, SC 29901

PROPOSED: PAIGE POINT PUBLIC BOAT RAMP
 IMPROVEMENTS
 IN: HUSPA CREEK
 AT: HUSPA CREEK & WHALE BRANCH
 COUNTY OF: BEAUFORT
 STATE: SOUTH CAROLINA

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AERIAL PHOTO

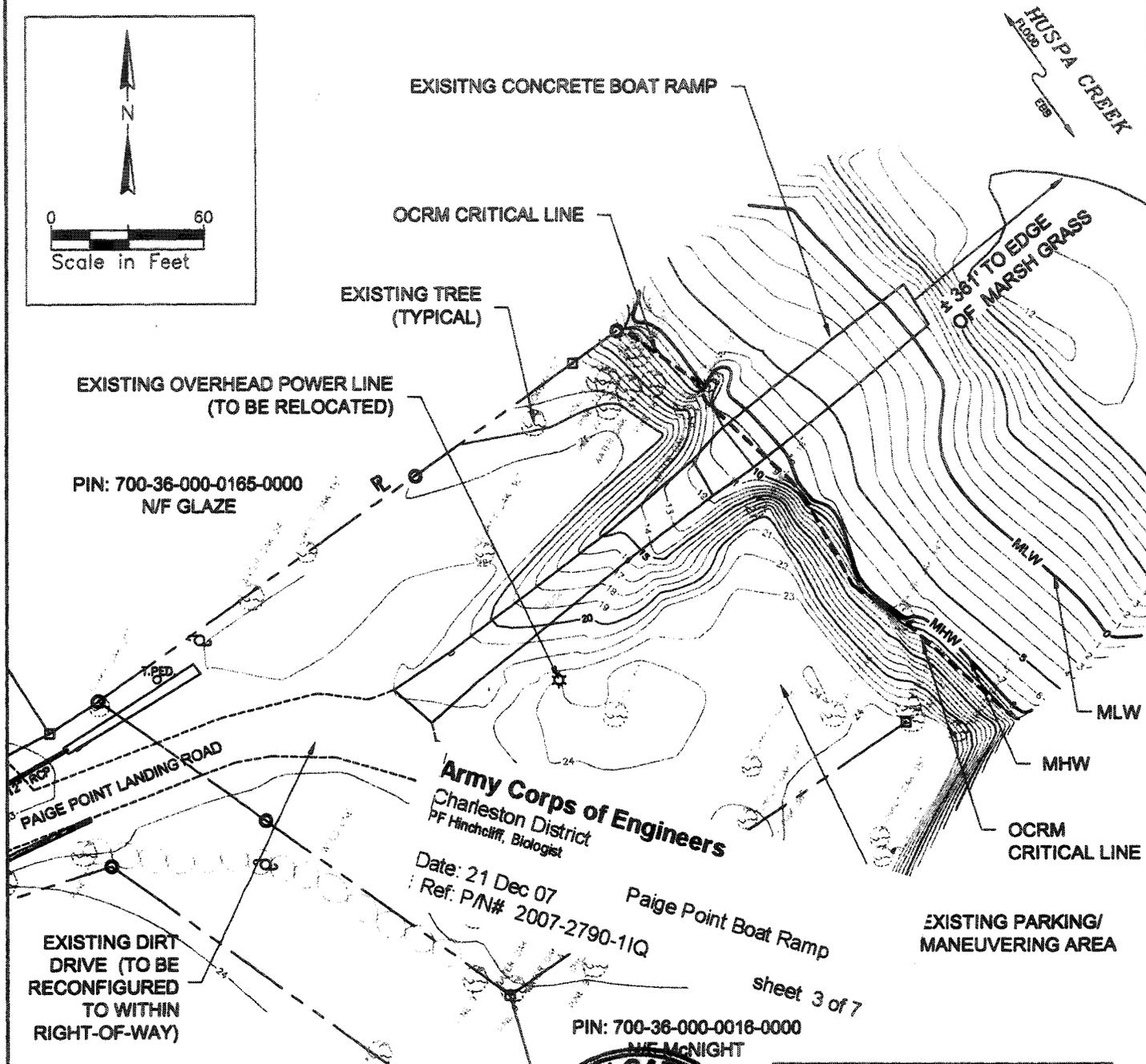
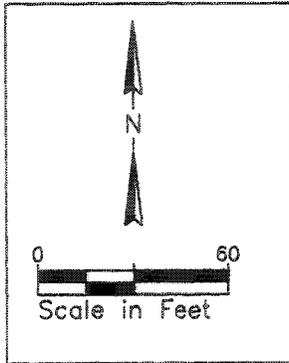
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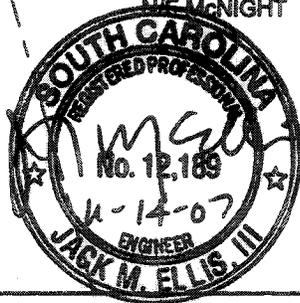
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NOTES:

1. SURVEY PROVIDED BY BEAUFORT COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS.
2. ALL CONTOURS SHOWN ARE EXISTING, MEASURED IN FEET, & REFERENCED TO MEAN LOW WATER (MLW).
3. TIDAL DATUM OBTAINED FROM NOAA TIDAL BENCH MARK 8667172.



LOCAL TIDAL DATA SHELDON, HUSPA CREEK, SC (LAT. 32°35.0'N LONG. 80°47.0'W)	
VERTICAL DATUM (VD)	MLW
MEAN HIGHER HIGH WATER (MHHW)	+8.48
MEAN HIGH WATER (MHW)	+8.07
MEAN TIDE LEVEL (MTL)	+4.04
NGVD 1929	+3.99
MEAN LOW WATER (MLW)	0.00
MEAN LOWER LOW WATER (MLLW)	-0.17
*SOURCE NOS STATION ID# 8667172	

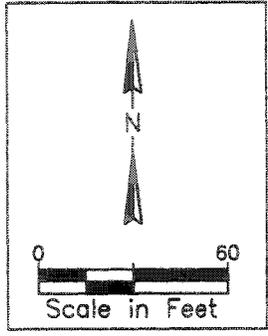
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EXISTING CONDITIONS
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HUSPA CREEK
FLOOD
EBB

**PROPOSED 30'x114'
CONCRETE BOAT RAMP
WITH MEDIAN**
PROPOSED RIP-RAP

PROPOSED 30' x 81' APPROACH
**PROPOSED GRAVEL
TURN AROUND AREA**
**PROPOSED
GRAVEL DRIVE**

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N/F GLAZE**

**PROPOSED 8'x140'
"GROUND OUT"
FLOATING DOCKS**
**PROPOSED 8'x48'
CONCRETE ABUTMENT**

**OCRM
CRITICAL LINE**

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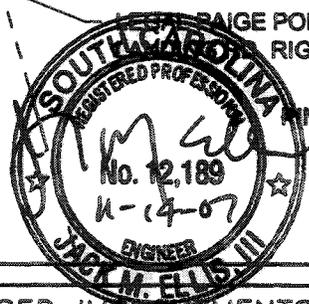
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**EXISTING
DIRT ROAD (TO BE
RECONFIGURED TO
WITHIN RIGHT-OF-WAY)**

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2. SEE SHEETS 5, 6, & 7 FOR DIMENSIONED PLAN, SECTIONS, AND PROFILE.



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PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

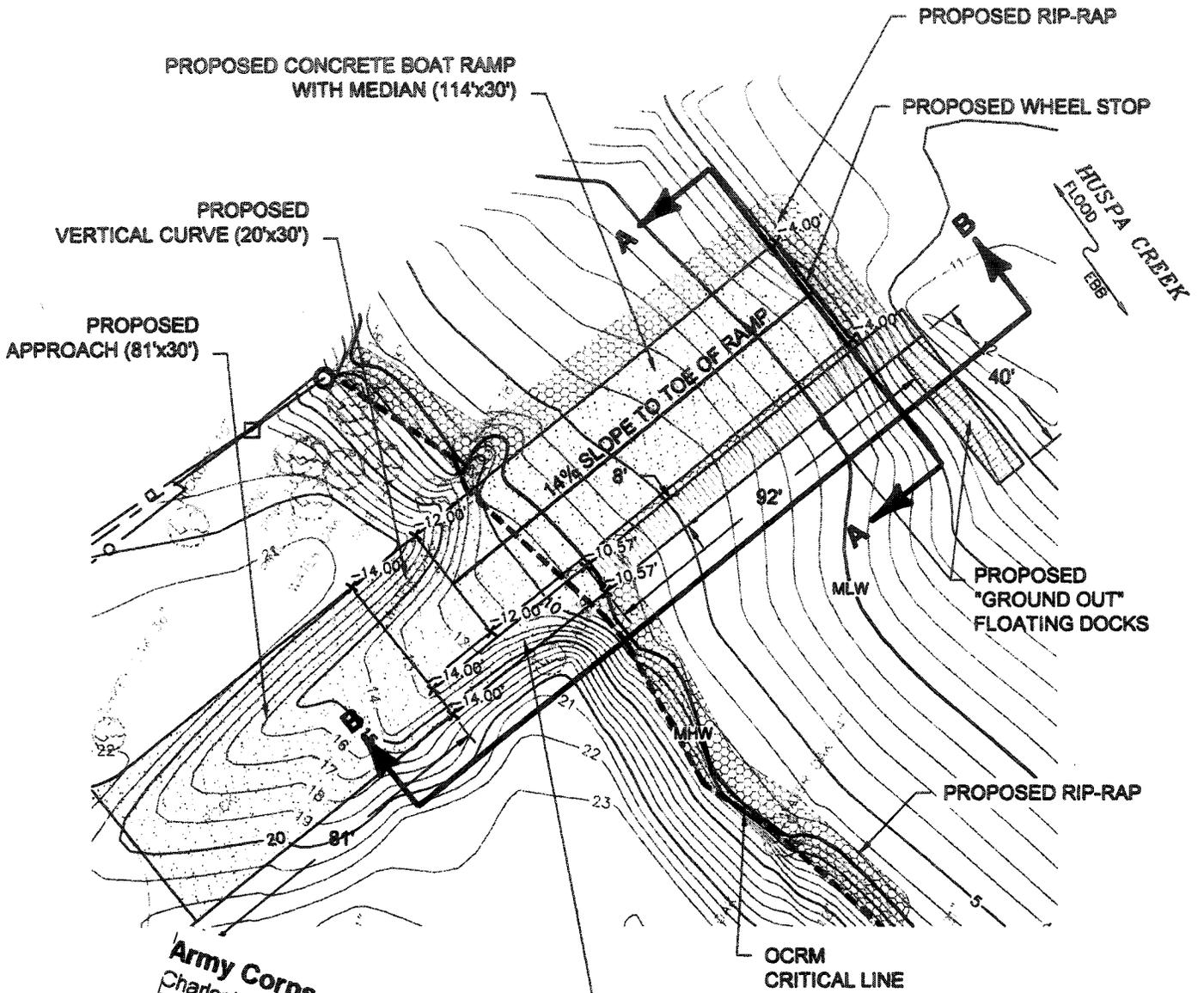
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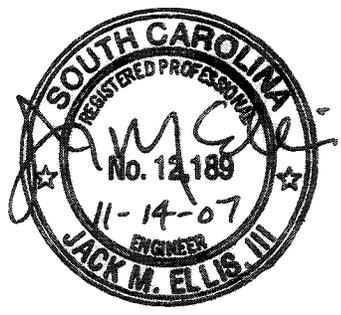
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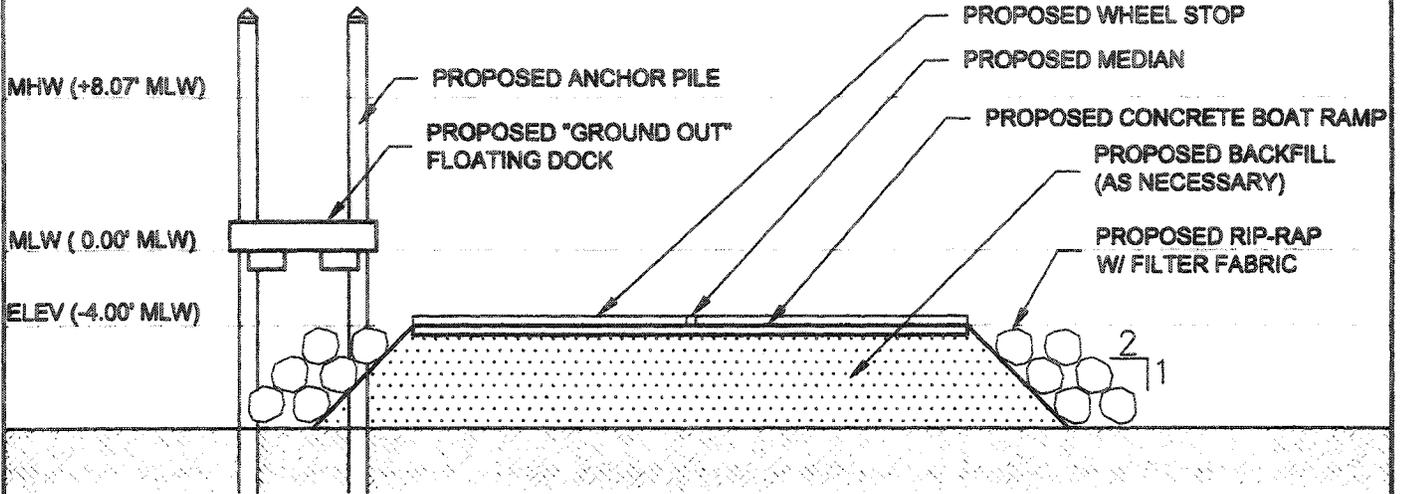
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**SECTION A-A
AT TOE OF RAMP**

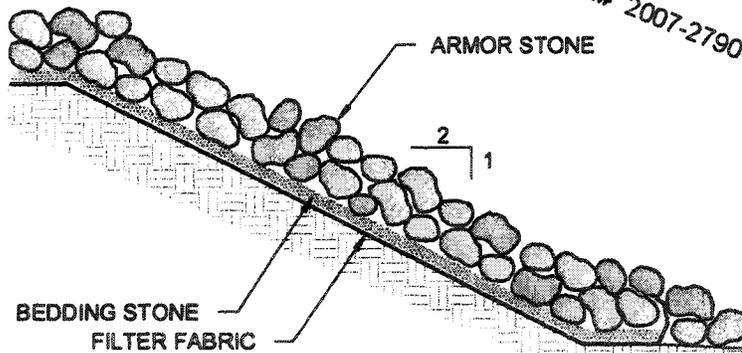
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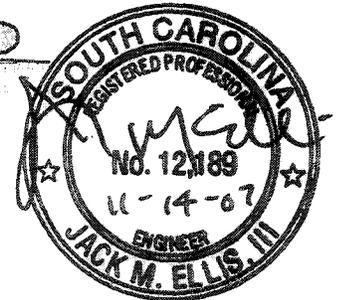
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**TYPICAL
RIP-RAP SECTION**

NOT TO SCALE



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**PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS
SECTIONS**

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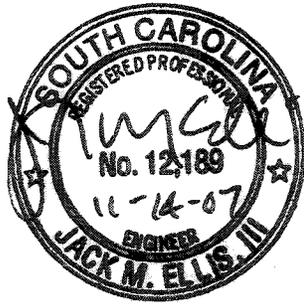
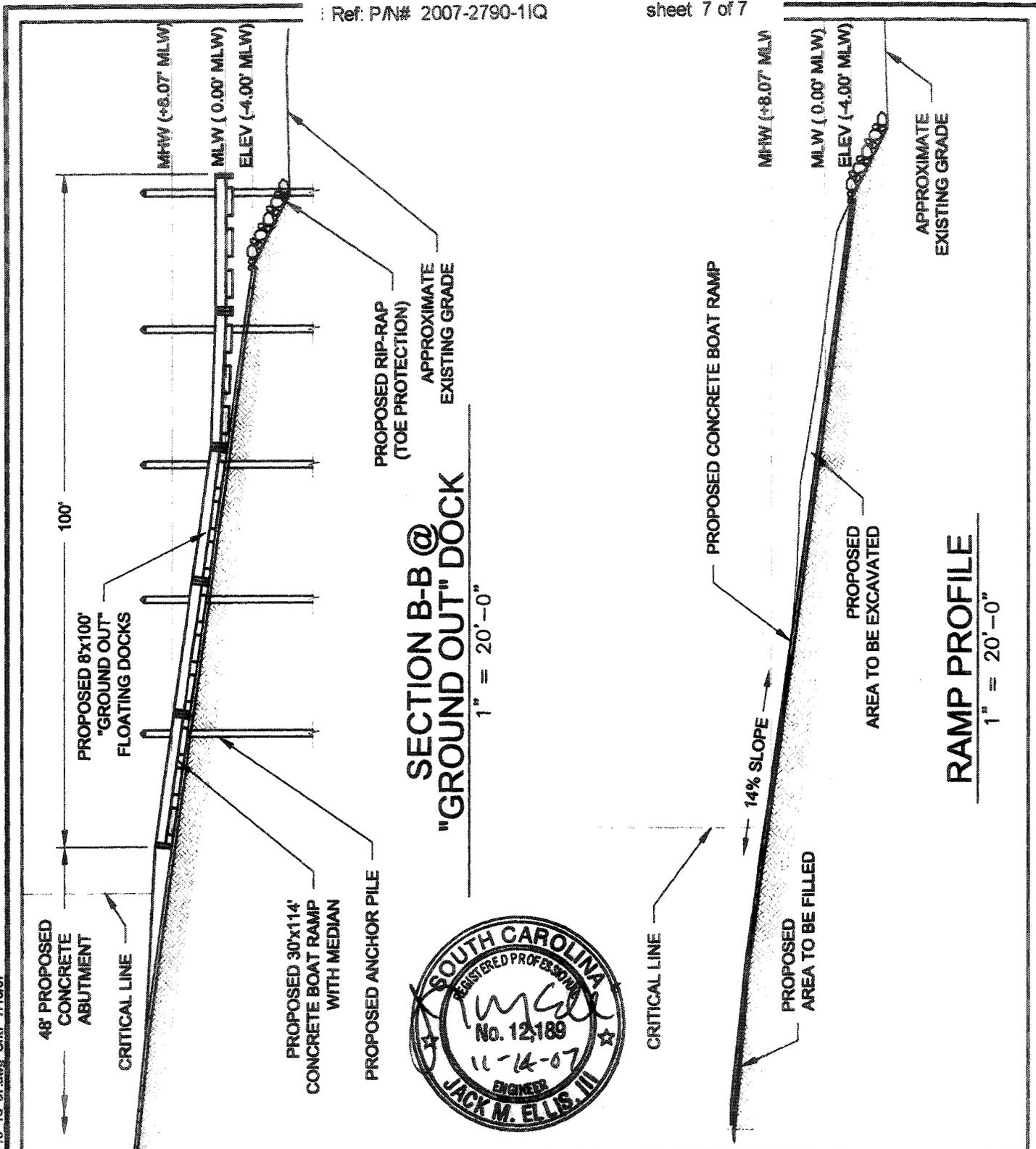
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PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS SECTION AND PROFILE
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