

**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 #2004-1D-068-P

16 April 2004

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.) an application has been submitted to the Department of the Army and the S. C. Department of Health and Environmental Control by

**THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND**  
**c/o DERRICK COAXUM**  
**ONE TOWN CENTER COURT**  
**HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, 29928**

for a permit to construct an observation deck over marsh areas adjacent to

**PORT ROYAL SOUND**

located at the proposed Fish Haul Creek Park near the terminus of Beach City Road on Hilton Head Island in Beaufort County, South Carolina.

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 both of the above mentioned offices until

**12 O'CLOCK NOON, MONDAY, 17 MAY 2004**

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

The proposed work consists of constructing a 30' x 30' octagonal shaped observation deck with an attached 6' wide x 150' long walkway that will span the tidal marsh. The purpose of this work is to allow access to natural areas for the use and enjoyment of the general public.

**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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ATTN: REGULATORY DIVISION  
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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 0.03 acres 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).

The District Engineer has 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. Consultation of the National Register constitutes the extent of cultural resource investigations by the District Engineer, and he is otherwise unaware of the presence of such resources. Presently unknown archaeological, scientific, prehistorical, or historical data may be lost or destroyed by the work to be accomplished under the requested permit.

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.

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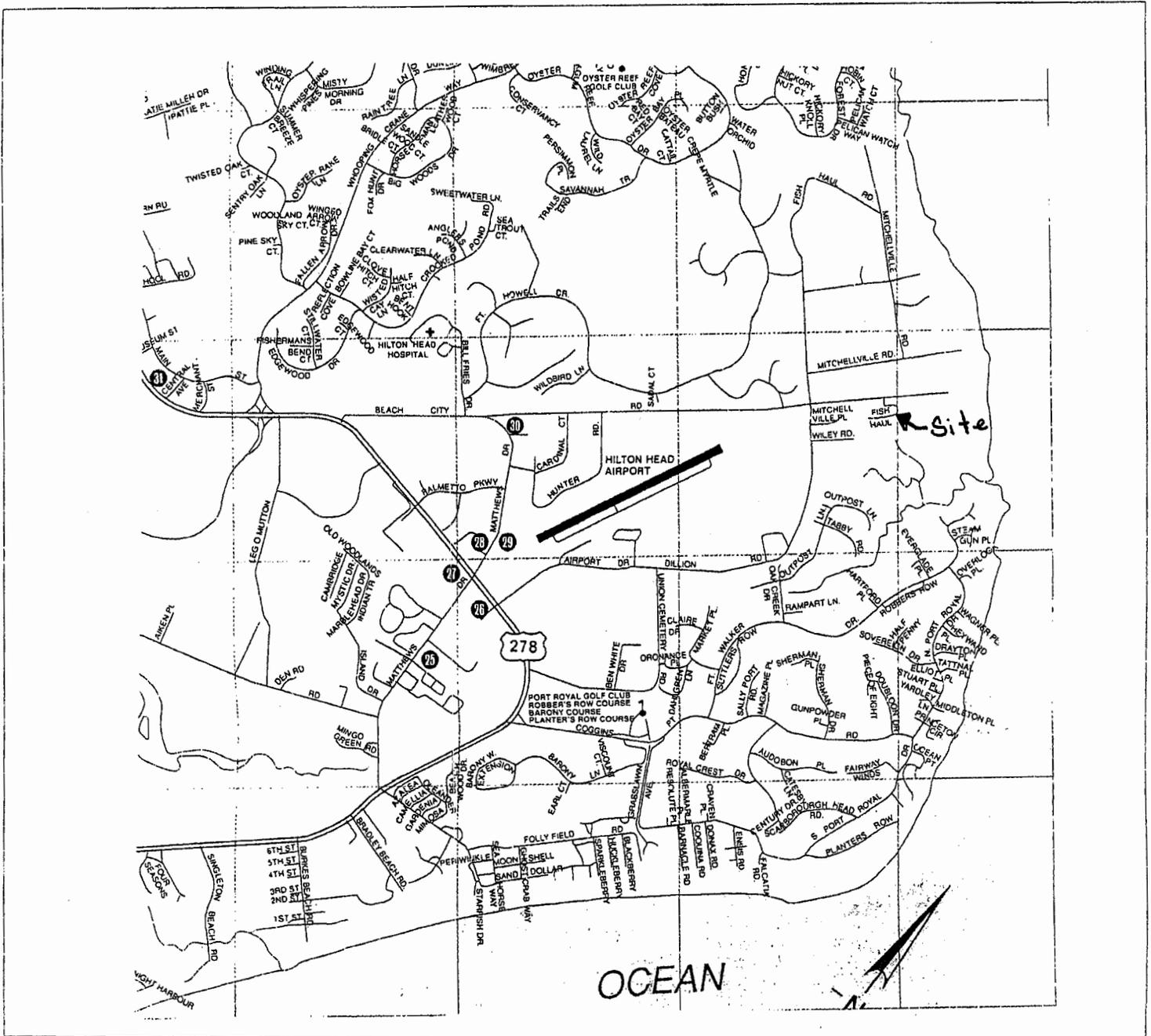
The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may 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 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 me at 843-329-8044 or toll free at 1-866-329-8187.



S. Dean Herndon  
Project Manager  
Regulatory Division  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



<p>APPLICANT: Town of Hilton Head Island</p>	<p>LOCATION:</p>	<p>ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS:</p>
<p>ACTIVITY: Observation Deck</p>	<p>Fish Haul Plantation Hilton Head Island, SC</p>	<p>There are to many to fit here. Please see attached.</p>
<p>P/N#:</p>	<p>COUNTY: Beaufort</p>	<p></p>
<p></p>	<p>DATE: 12-16-03</p>	<p><i>Sh. 1 of 5</i></p>

BEACH CITY ROAD 50' R/W

15.19 AC.

TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND SC  
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DB. 1102 PAGE 1328

SOUTH CAROLINA O.C.R.M. CRITICAL LINE

MEAN HIGH WATERLINE

MARSHES OF FISH HAUL CREEK

PORT ROYAL SOUND

ACCRETING AREA

DOCK CONSISTS OF:  
6' X 150' WALKWAY  
30' OCTAGONAL OBSERVATION DECK  
12 WOOD-BENCHES

± 1202'

± 2000'

± 331'

S54°29'08"E

S31°31'25"E

EXTENDED PROPERTY LINE

MARSHES OF FISH HAUL CREEK



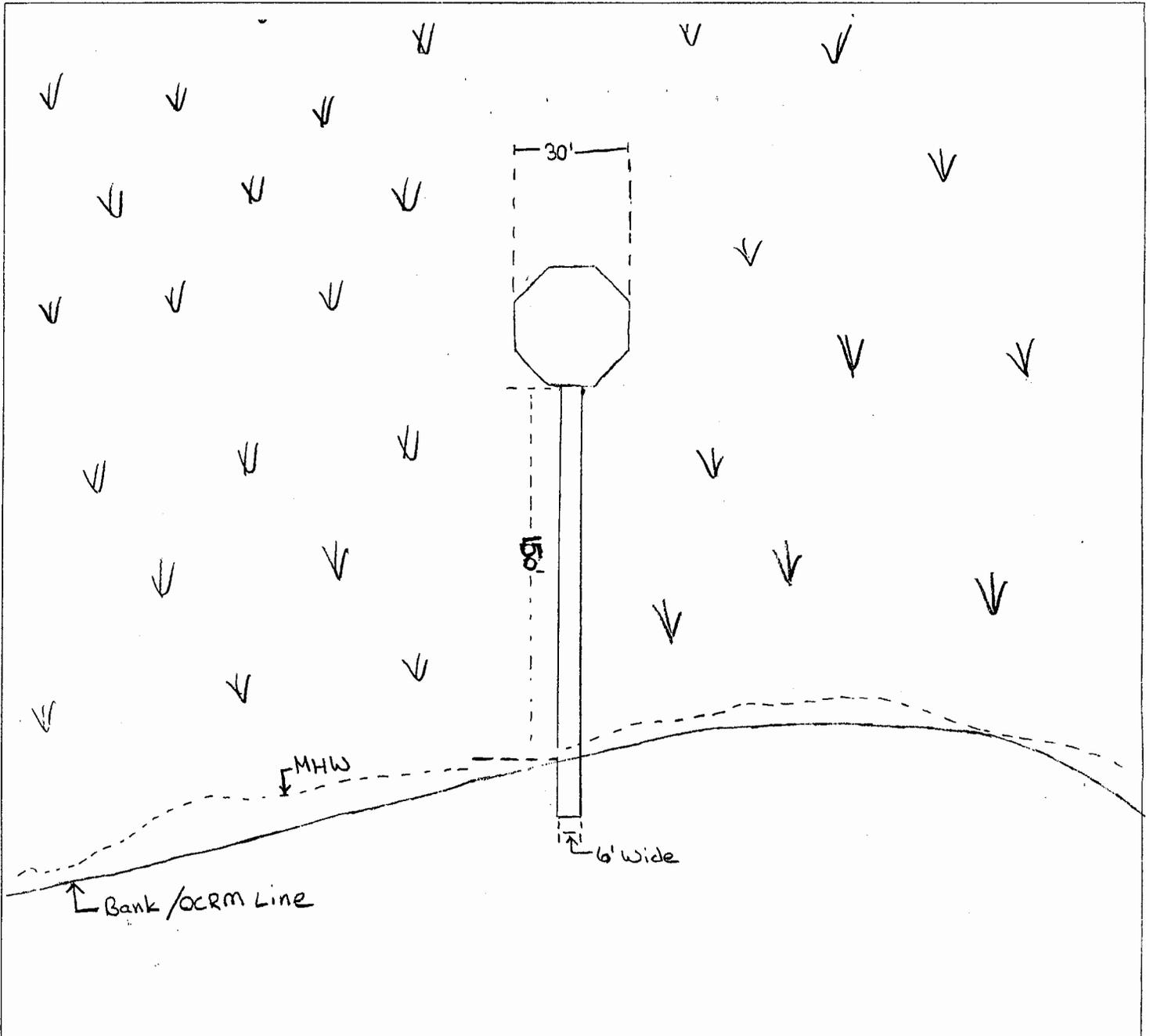
CHARLES R. BRYANT  
R 510 005 000 016K  
BOX 1275  
HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC , 29928

DOCK PLAN PREPARED ROR  
TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND SC  
ONE TOWN CENTER CT  
HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC , 29928

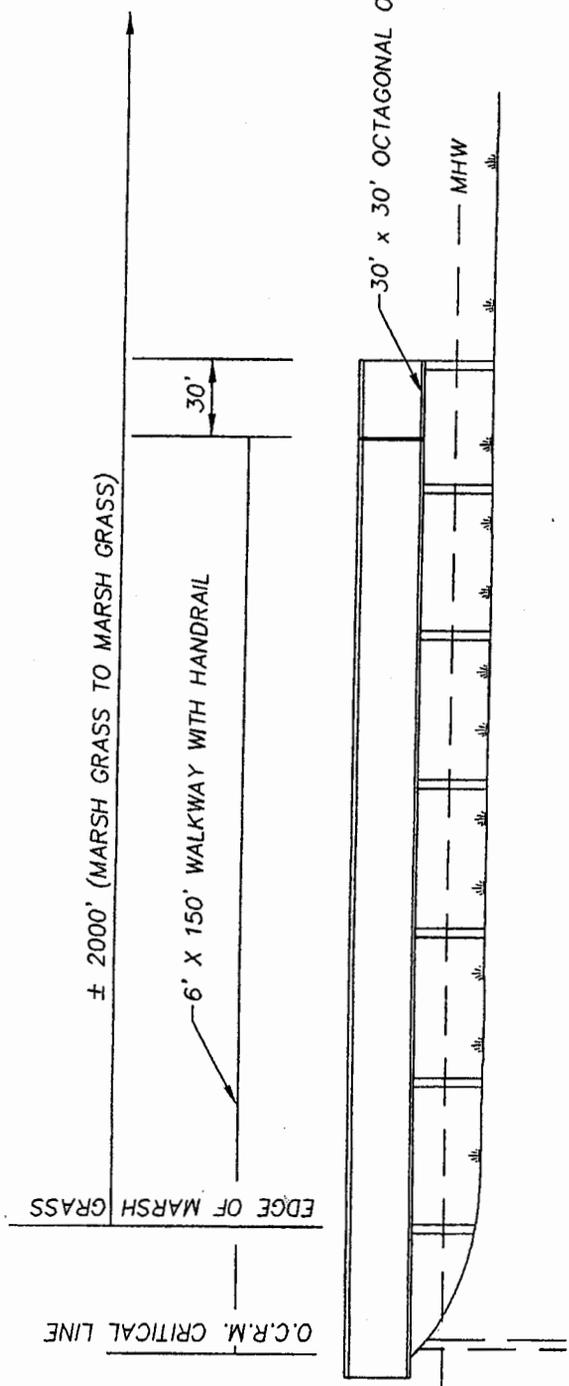
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MARCH 19, 2004 JOB #36806



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ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS  
 1) CHARLIE R. BRYANT, ETAL.  
 2) HENRY & PHOEBE W. DRIESSEN

APPLICATION BY:  
 TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND  
 1 TOWN CENTER CT  
 HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC , 29928

A PROPOSED BOARD WALK &  
 OBSERVATION DECK OF

**A.P.N. R510-005-000-0208**

A PORTION OF

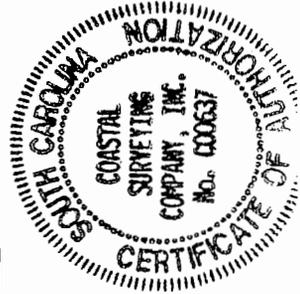
**OLD FISH HAUL PLANTATION**

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, BEAUFORT COUNTY  
 SOUTH CAROLINA

**DOCK ELEVATION**

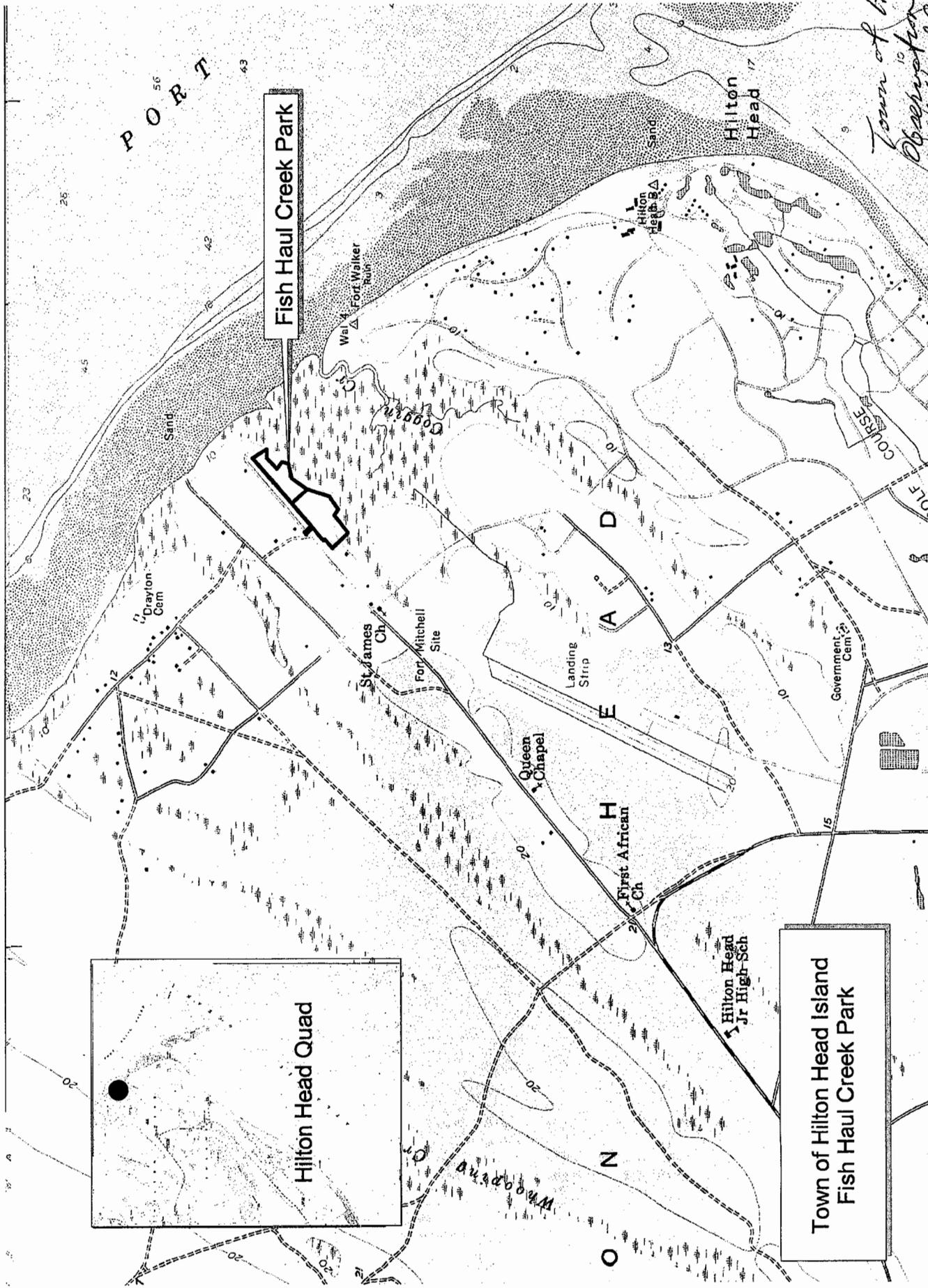
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 CHECKED BY: MT



**COASTAL SURVEYING CO., INC.**  
 17 KITTIES LANDING ROAD  
 BLUFFTON, S.C. 29910  
 (843) 757-4466

*Town of HHI  
 Observation Deck  
 Fish Haul Plantation  
 12-16-04 Sh. 4 of 5*



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