

**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 #2004-1R-253

30 July 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 South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control by

**DATAW ISLAND MARINA**  
**100 MARINA DRIVE**  
**ST. HELENA, SC 29920**

for a permit to two boat launching piers in

**MORGAN RIVER**

at location due north of US Hwy 21 on Dataw Island, St. Helena, Beaufort County, South Carolina, (Latitude – 32.45051 N; Longitude – 80.57712).

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, 30 AUGUST 2004,**

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

The proposed work consists of constructing two (2) boat launching piers. The west pier will be three feet wide and 189 feet long. The east pier will be three feet wide and 243 feet long. The piers will be placed on each side of an existing boat ramp. The piers will be constructed using 12" x 12" pre-cast concrete piles. The purpose of the piers is to provide overhead travel lift for launching and retrieving water craft.

**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 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.

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 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 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.

Pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (as amended), the District Engineer has consulted the most recently available information and 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.

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 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 843-329-8167 or toll free at 1-866-329-8187.

  
Robin Coller-Socha  
Project Manager  
Regulatory Division  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



**MISCELLANEOUS**  
 Beaufort Business Ctr.  
 Beaufort Chamber of Com.  
 Beaufort City Hall  
 Beaufort Hospital M-12  
 County Complex  
 Fire Dept. G-17, K-12,  
 Police Dept.  
 Port Royal City Hall  
 S.C. License Bureau  
 S.C. Port Auth. Terminal  
 U.S. Naval Hospital

US 21 South from Beaufort toward Hunting Island. Turn left @ blinking caution light @ Frogmore onto Polowans Rd. Turn left onto Dataw Dr. and continue through security gate. Follow signs to Marina.

APPLICANT: Dataw Island Marina  
 ACTIVITY: Boat Launching Piers  
 P/N #

LOCATION: 100 Marina Drive  
 Dataw Island  
 St Helena, SC.  
 COUNTY: BEAUFORT  
 DATE: 7-13-04

ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS:  
 1-DATAW Isl. owners ASSOC.  
 2-Arthur Bent  
 3-DAVE HARRISON



