

JOINT
PUBLIC NOTICE

CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
69A Hagood Avenue
Charleston, SC 29403-5107

and

THE S.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL
Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management
1362 McMillan Avenue, Suite 400
North Charleston, South Carolina 29405

REGULATORY DIVISION

Refer to: P/N SAC-2017-01033

March 2, 2021

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

Mr. Johnson Stevens
Stevens Towing Company
4170 Highway 165
Meggett, South Carolina 29449

for a permit modification to upgrade an existing marine towing facility in

Wadmalaw River/ Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AIWW)

at the existing Stevens Towing Company facility at 4170 Highway 165 on Yonges Island, Meggett, Charleston County, South Carolina (Latitude: 32.6916 °, Longitude: -80.2248 °), Wadmalaw Island Quad.

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

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 modifying/ upgrading the Stevens Towing Company facility. In detail, Stevens Towing Company is seeking authorization to remove the facility's current concrete wharf and floating work barge and replacing them with a set of floating sectional barges. This entails constructing a new 30' wide by 70' long fixed pier with a steel vehicular ramp which will

connect to the planned work barge system. This will be constructed of four individual sectional barges that are each 10' wide by 41' long by 7' tall. This set of sectional barges will lead to a set of sectional barges oriented parallel to the shoreline. The parallel set of barges will be 60.8' wide and up to 744' long. The work barge system will be secured with up to 11 spud piles, each up to 54" in diameter. The spud piles will not be permanently installed so they can be moved or removed as necessary, or in the event that not all 744' of sectional barges are in-use and installed at the site.

In addition, Stevens Towing Company is proposing to relocate previously permitted but never constructed travel lift piers 390' north to the area north of Marine Rail 2. The piers will be the same dimensions (each 365' long and 14' 2" wide) with 60' of clearance between the piers. Lastly, the applicant is proposing to install two sets of guide piles downstream of the 1,000-ton and 150-ton travel lifts to safely guide vessels into the travel lift piers. Each will consist of a 36" steel pipe pile. Three guide piles are proposed at the 1,000-ton lift and two are proposed at the 150-ton travel lift.

The applicant did not propose mitigation for these activities because the only impact from the proposed project is shading associated with replacing the existing work barge system, and will not require excavation/ dredging or filling of wetlands. The project purpose is to perform necessary upgrades to modernize the existing marine towing facility to provide industry-standard services.

NOTE: This public notice and associated plans are available on the Corps' website at:
<http://www.sac.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/PublicNotices> .

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. 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 shade approximately 0.71 acre (30,785 square feet) of estuarine substrates and emergent wetlands 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 West Indian manatee, Atlantic sturgeon, shortnose sturgeon, green sea turtle, Kemp's Ridley sea turtle, leatherback sea turtle, loggerhead sea turtle, American wood stork, and Eastern black rail, Federally endangered or threatened species have the potential to inhabit the vicinity of the project. However, it has been determined that the project will have no effect on sturgeon, sea turtles,

American wood stork and the Eastern black rail and will not result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated or proposed critical habitat. In addition, the District Engineer has determined the project is not likely to adversely affect the West Indian manatee. 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.

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)(1)(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.

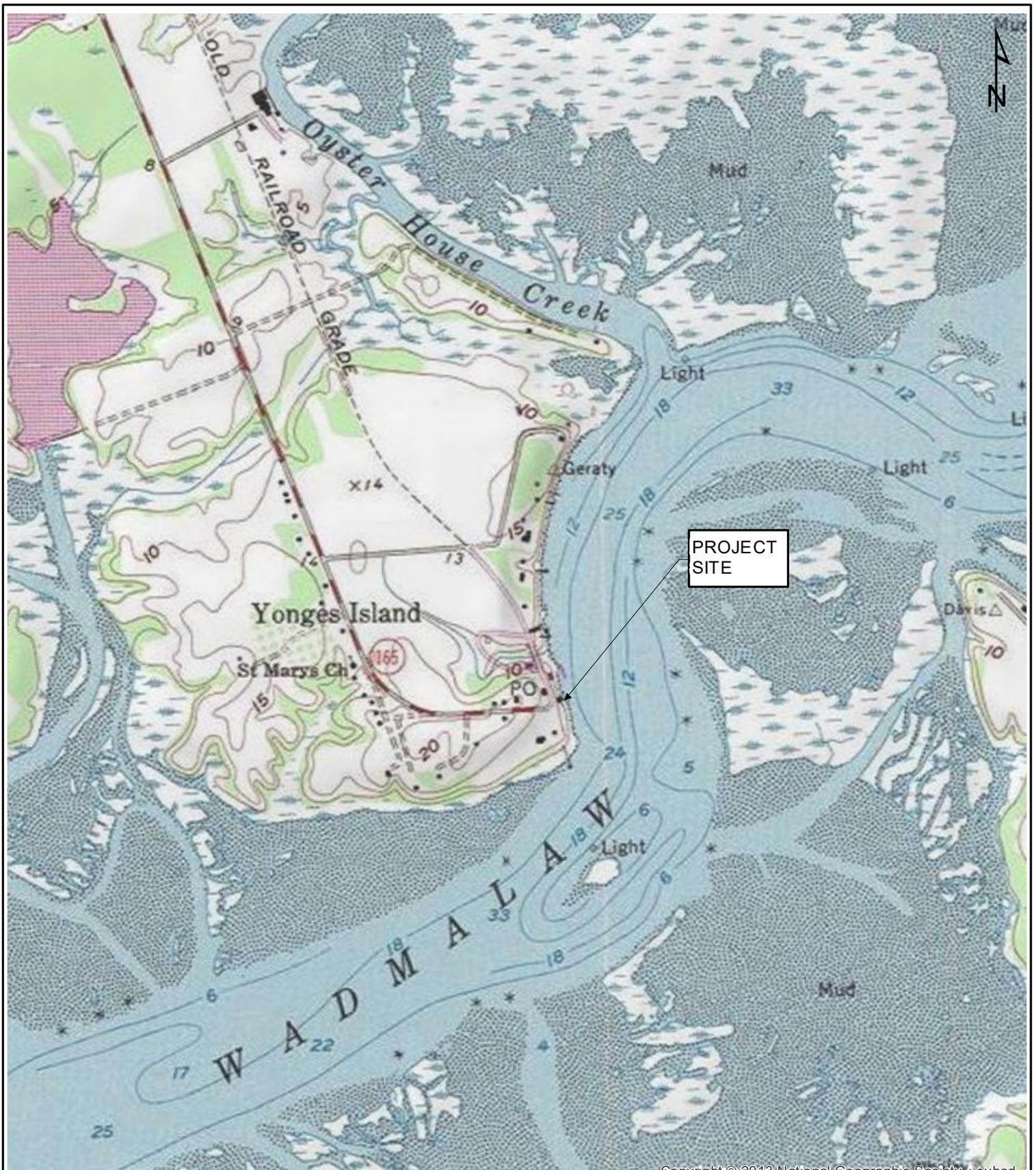
The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the project must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All 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

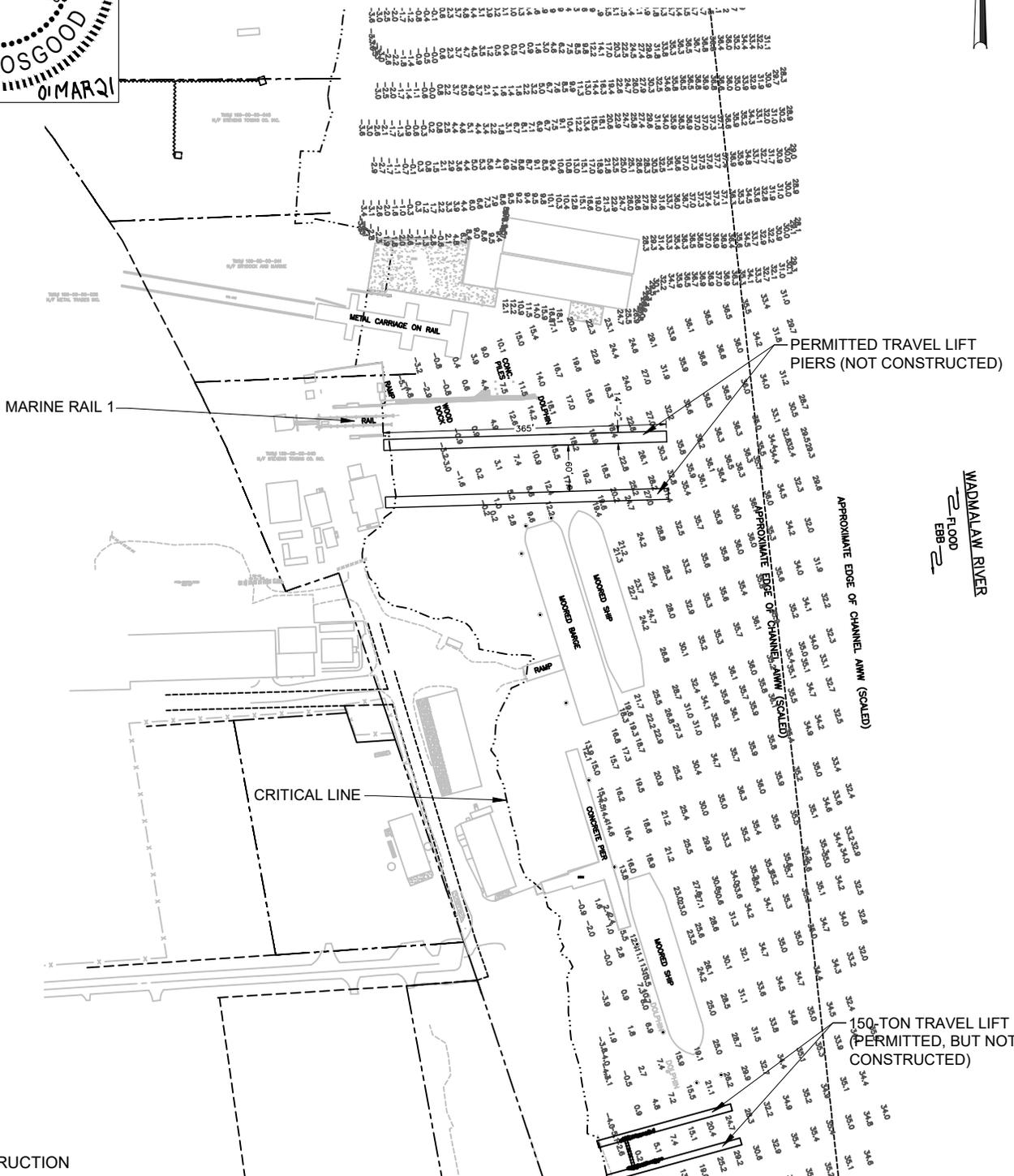
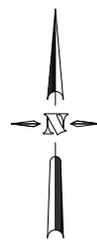
public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the activity. **Please submit comments in writing, identifying the project of interest by public notice number, to the following address:**

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
ATTN: REGULATORY DIVISION
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If there are any questions concerning this public notice, please contact Chelsea B. Fannin, Project Manager, at (843) 329-8038, toll free at 1-866-329-8187, or by email at Chelsea.B.Fannin@usace.army.mil.



<p>PURPOSE: SHIPYARD MODERNIZATION</p> <p>ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS: SEE ATTACHED LIST</p> <p>SURVEY DATUM: MLW</p> <p>DATE: FEBRUARY 25, 2021</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FIGURE 1 LOCATION MAP</p> <p style="text-align: center;">0 550 1,100 2,200 Feet</p> <p style="text-align: center;">STEVENS TOWING COMPANY, INC. 4170 HWY 165 YONGES ISLAND, SC 29449</p>	<p>PROPOSED: WORK BARGE SYSTEM & GUIDE PILES</p> <p>AT: 4170 HWY 165, YONGES ISLAND</p> <p>IN: WADMALAW RIVER</p> <p>COUNTY: CHARLESTON SOUTH CAROLINA</p>
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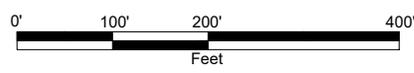
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FIGURE 2
EXISTING SITE PLAN



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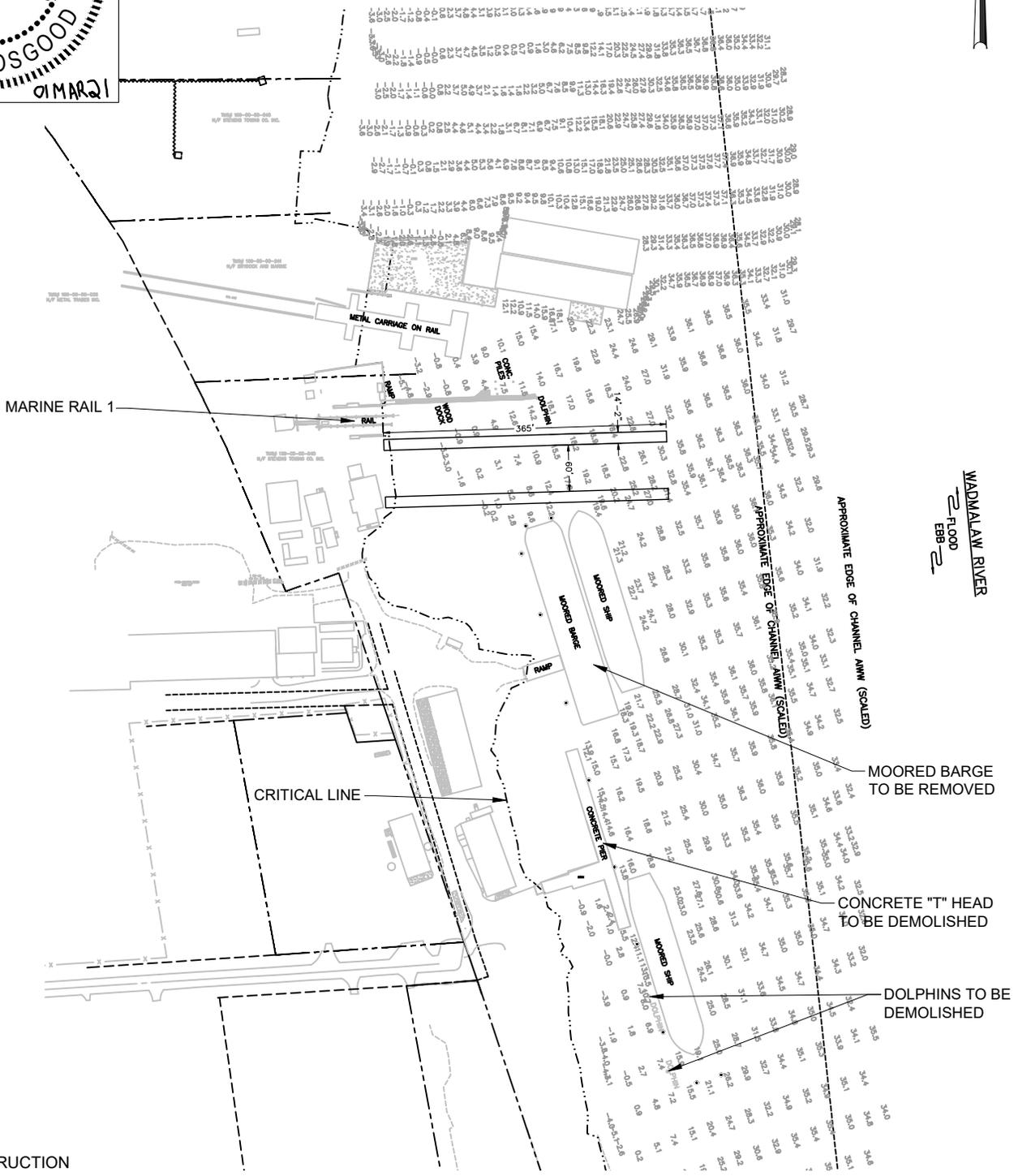
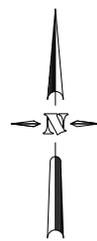
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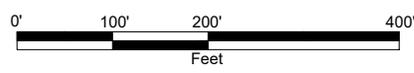
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FIGURE 3
PROPOSED DEMOLITION PLAN



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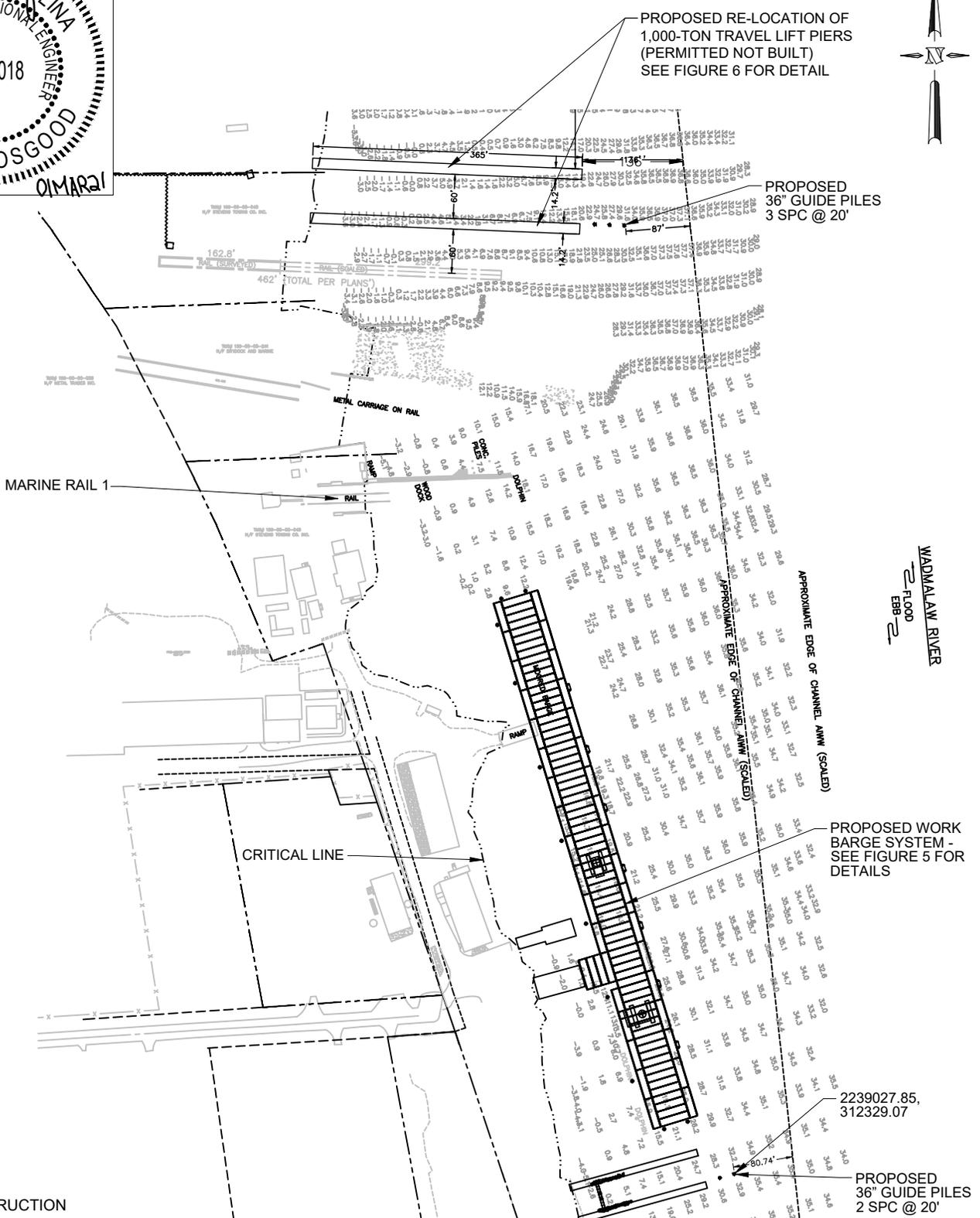
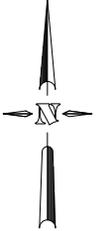
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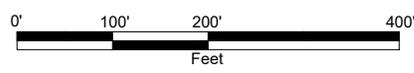
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FIGURE 4
PROPOSED UPGRADES



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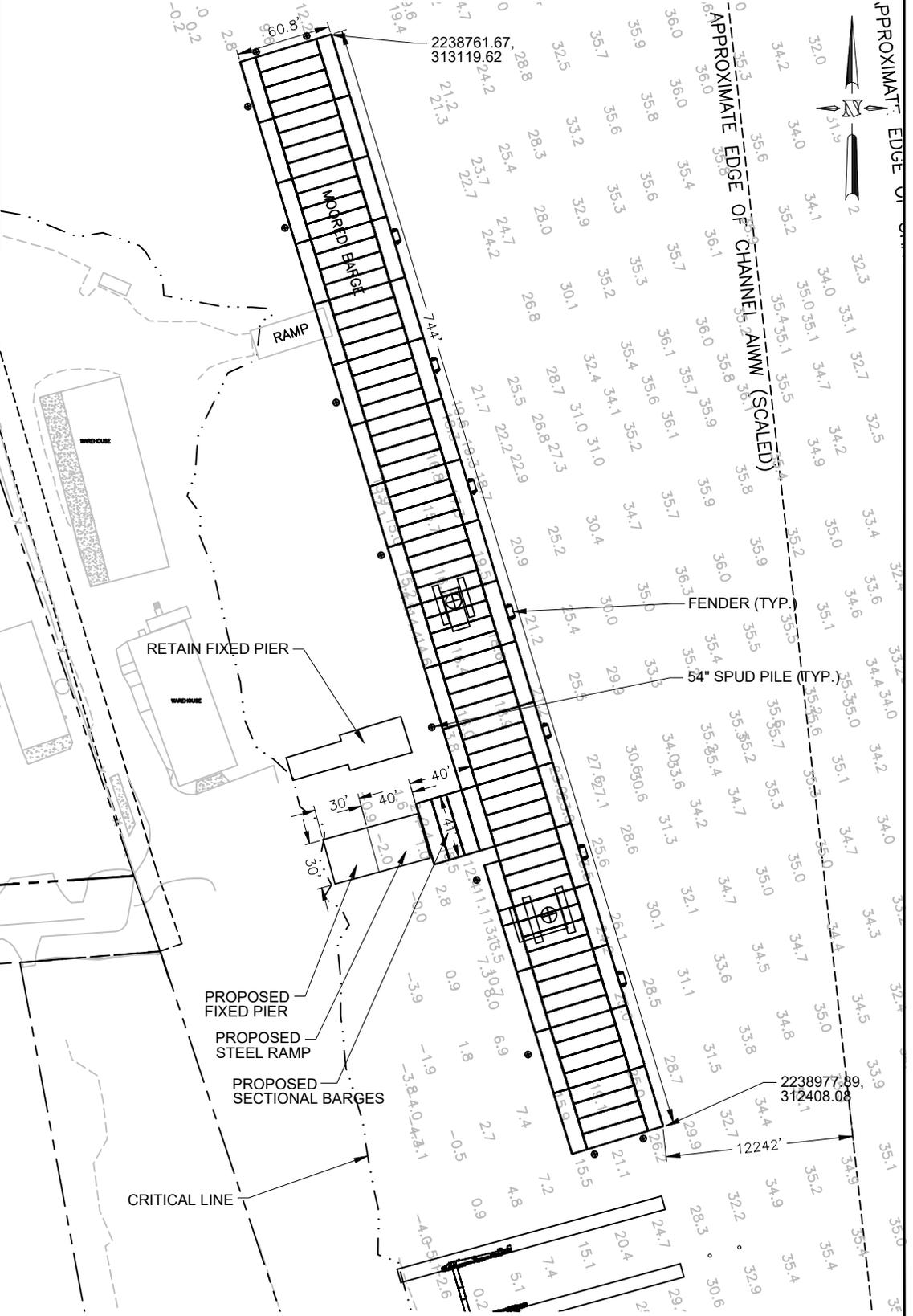
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FIGURE 5
PROPOSED WORK BARGE SYSTEM

0' 50' 100' 200'
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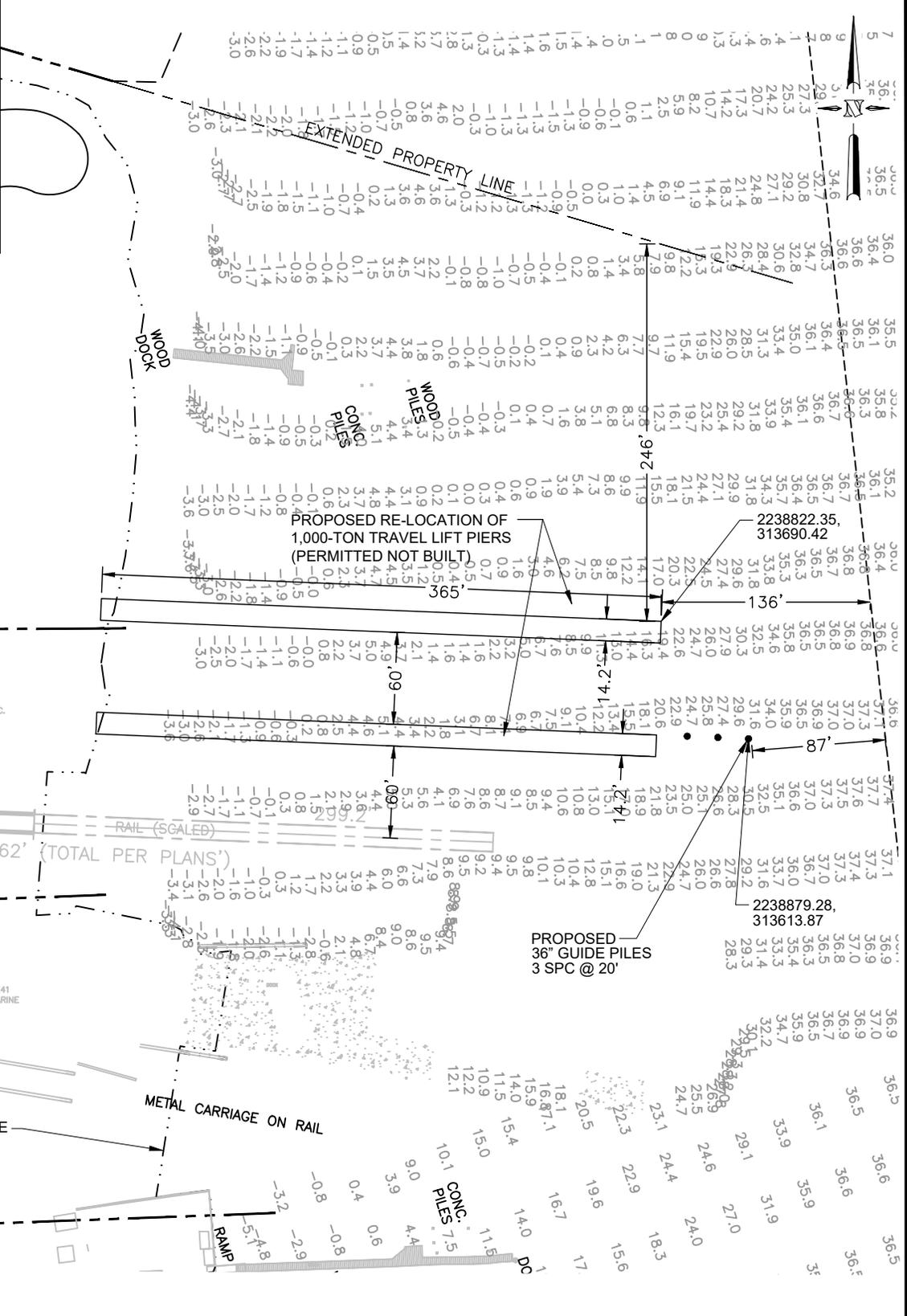
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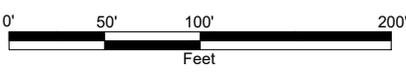
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PROPOSED TRAVEL LIFT RELOCATION



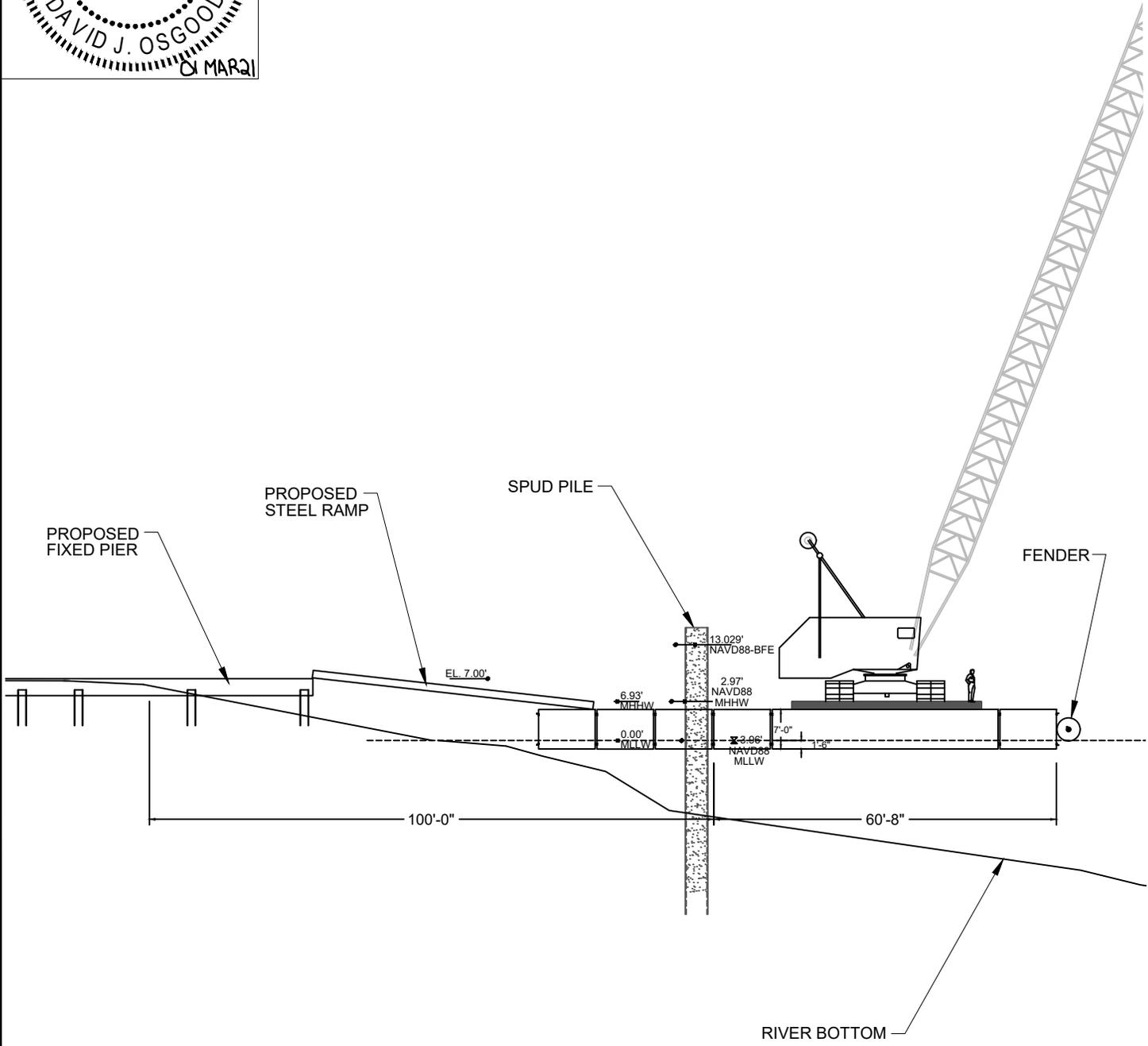
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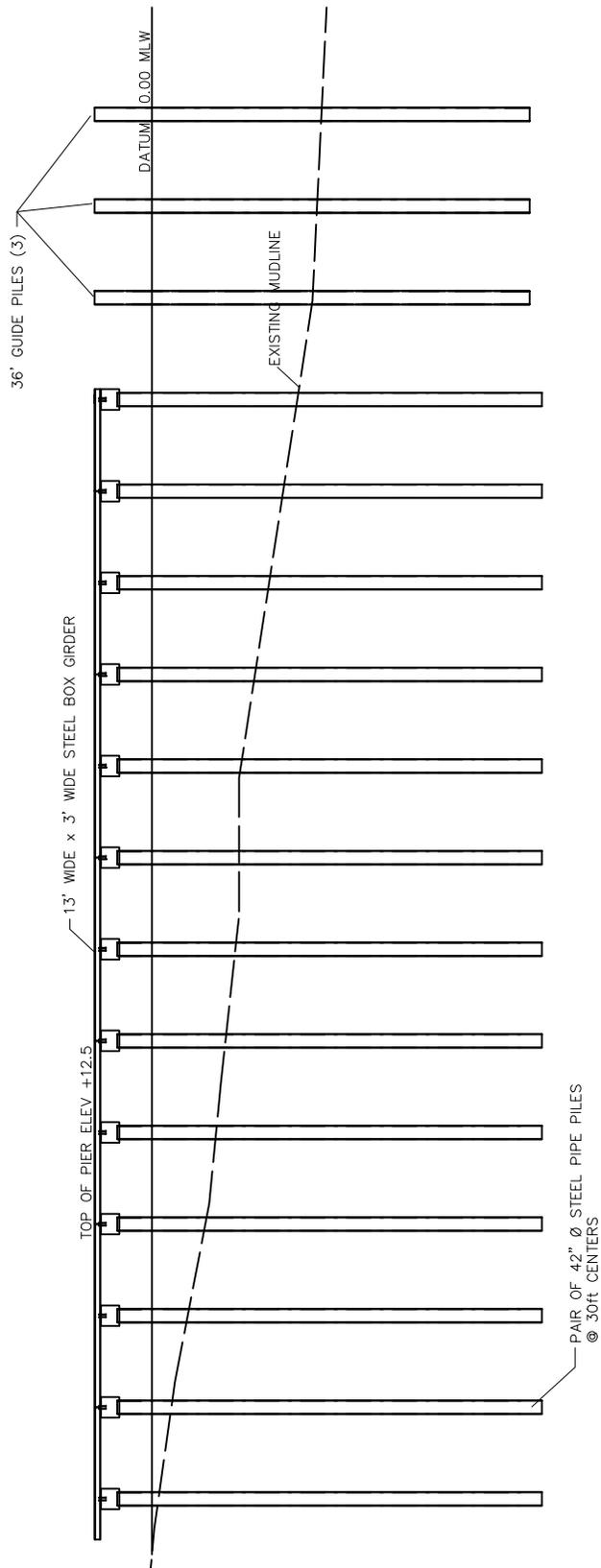
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FIGURE 7
 CROSS-SECTION
 PROPOSED WORK BARGE SYSTEM
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FIGURE 8
CROSS-SECTION
TRAVEL LIFT PIER

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