

JOINT
PUBLIC NOTICE

CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
1949 INDUSTRIAL PARK ROAD, ROOM 140
CONWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA 29526

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-2017-01622

21 November 2017

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

Georgetown County
c/o S.C. Department of Natural Resources, Engineering and Boating
P.O. Box 167, Room 252
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

for a permit to construct additional dockage at an existing public boat landing and South Island Ferry landing in the

ATLANTIC INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY (AIWW)

at the terminus of South Island Road, in Georgetown County, South Carolina (Latitude: 33.2505°N, Longitude: -79.2687°W), Georgetown South Quad.

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 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 the construction of additional dockage at an existing public boat landing and the South Island Ferry landing. In detail, the work consists of construction of a 10' x 80' floating dock that will be attached south of and adjacent to an existing 8' x 30' floating dock. In addition, the applicant is proposing to install an 8' x 40' floating dock that will be situated north of

and adjacent to the existing ferry access approach structure. The applicant's proposal for renovation work to include the replacement two (2) 8' x 30' floating docks situated on both sides of the boat ramp, two (2) existing gangway, two (2) 6' x 48' fixed docks and an "L" shaped fixed dock will be reviewed and processed under a Nationwide Permit # 3. The applicant offered no compensatory mitigation for impacts associated with the project. It is understood that this work is to be conducted on/or adjacent to an area subject to a prism and/or disposal area held by the United States. Appropriate provisions will be included in the permit to ensure the interests of the Federal Government are understood. The project purpose is to increase temporary mooring space at the existing public boat ramp and South Island Ferry landing.

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

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 impact 0.0257 acres 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 (*Trichechus manatus*), Green Sea Turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*), Leatherback Sea Turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*), Loggerhead Sea Turtle (*Carretta caretta*), Shortnose Sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*), and Atlantic sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus oxyrinchus*), Federally *endangered* species are present in the vicinity of the project. However, it has been determined that the project will have no effect on Shortnose Sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*), Atlantic sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus oxyrinchus*), Green Sea Turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*), Leatherback Sea Turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*), or Loggerhead Sea Turtle (*Carretta caretta*), and will not result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated or proposed critical habitat. Additionally, the District Engineer has determined that the project is not likely to adversely affect the West Indian Manatee (*Trichechus manatus*) 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.

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
1949 INDUSTRIAL PARK ROAD, ROOM 140
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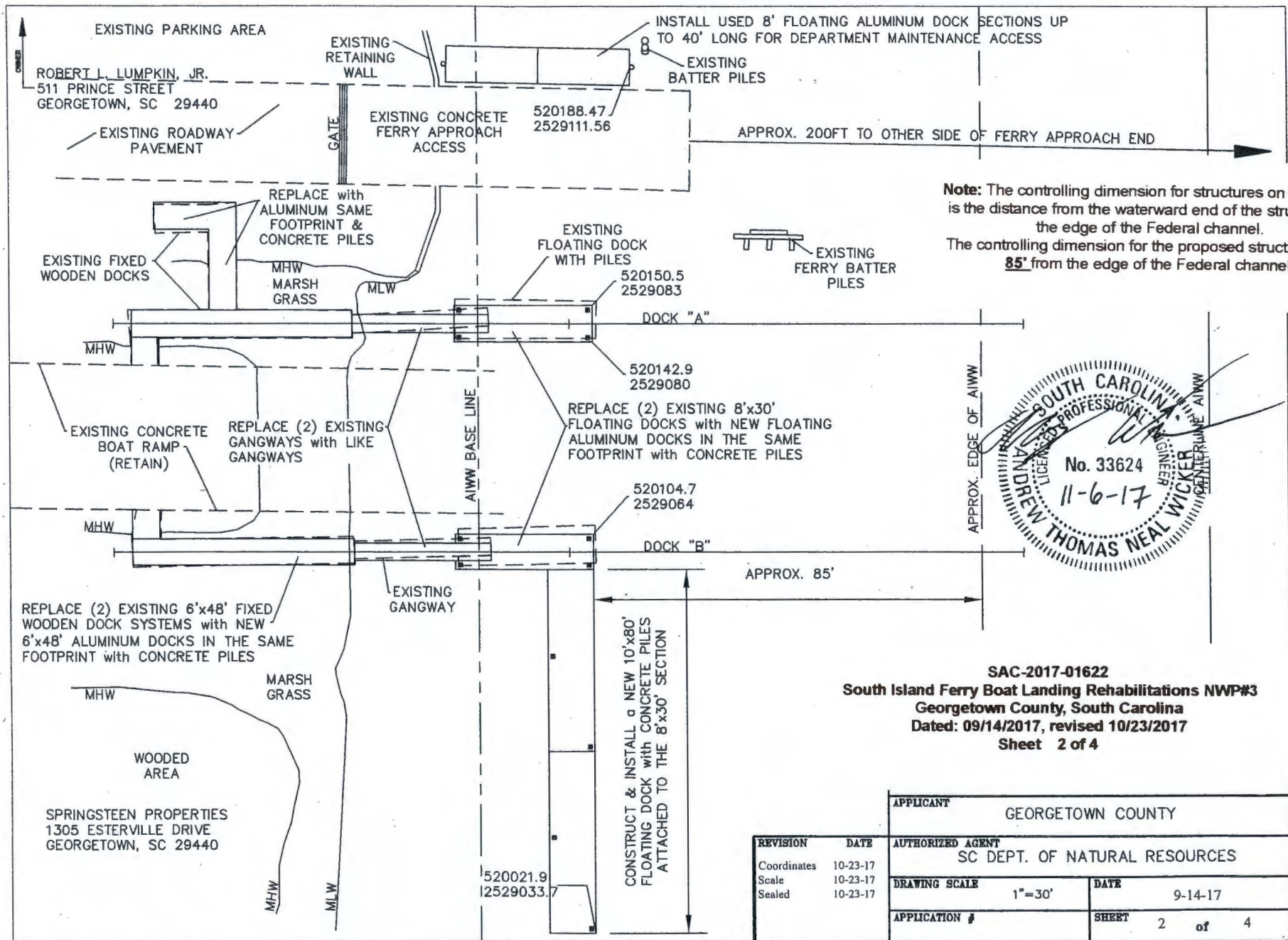
If there are any questions concerning this public notice, please contact Rob Huff, Project Manager, at (843) 365-4239.

Georgetown

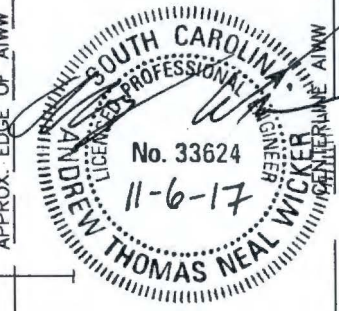


PROJECT TITLE	
SOUTH ISLAND FERRY BOAT LANDING REHABILITATIONS	
PROJECT LOCATION	
SOUTHEAST OF GEORGETOWN, SC AT THE END OF COUNTY ROAD S-22-18 (SOUTH ISLAND ROAD) AT THE INTRA COASTAL WATERWAY	
APPLICANT	
GEORGETOWN COUNTY	
REVISION	DATE
	AUTHORIZED AGENT
	SCDNR

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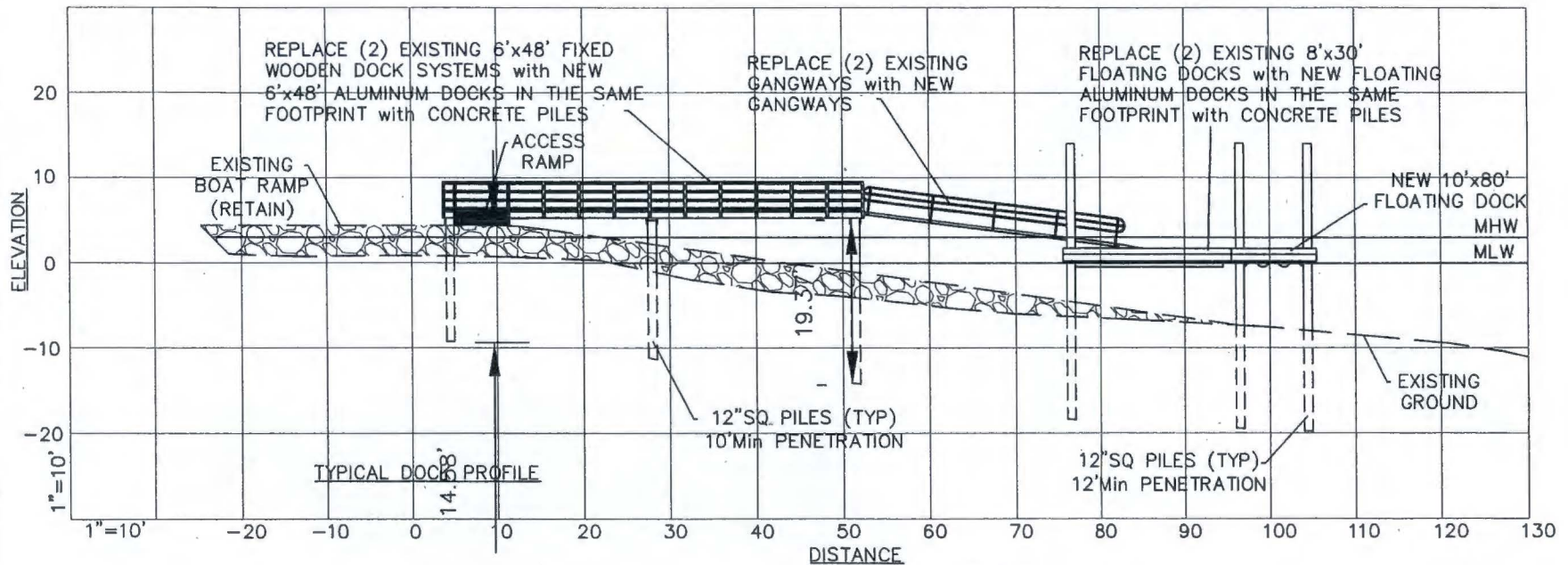


Note: The controlling dimension for structures on the AIWW is the distance from the waterward end of the structures to the edge of the Federal channel. The controlling dimension for the proposed structure(s) are **85'** from the edge of the Federal channel.

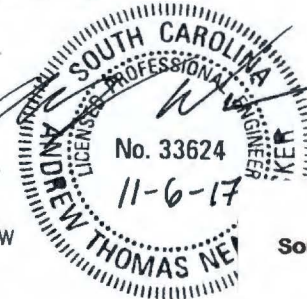


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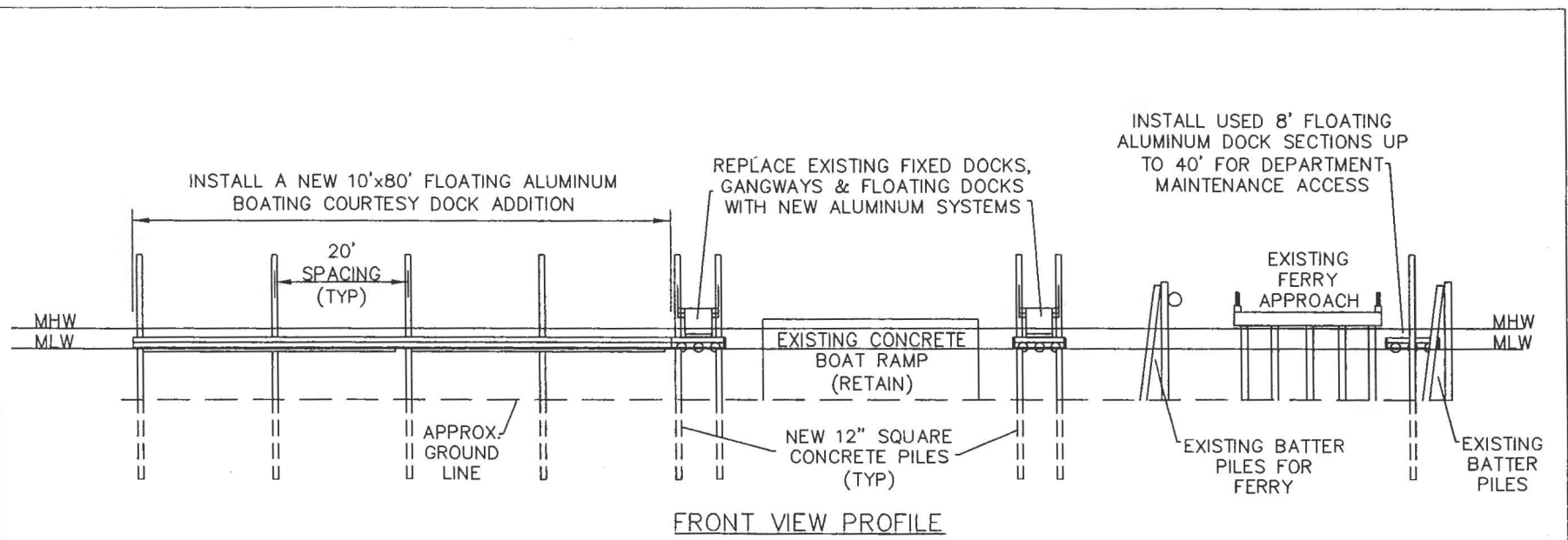


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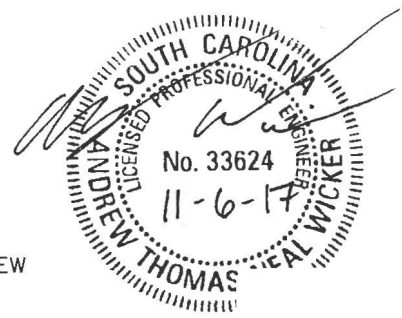


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FRONT VIEW PROFILE



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