

JOINT
PUBLIC NOTICE
For Permit Modification

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 #2012-0498-1W

5 SEPTEMBER 2012

Pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403), Section 401 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

CITY OF BEAUFORT
c/o SLIGH ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS, INC.
31 PARK OF COMMERCE WAY, SUITE 200B
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31405

for a permit to modify the existing Beaufort Downtown Marina by installing additional floating docks and expanding the existing mooring field in waters of the

BEAUFORT RIVER

at locations within the existing marina, 1006 Bay Street, City of Beaufort, Beaufort County, South Carolina (Latitude 32.42968°, Longitude -80.67226°)

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 addition of a floating dock to the main dock, the expansion of the day dock located on the western side of the facility, the replacement and reconfiguration of the easternmost dock structure and an expansion to the mooring field. In detail, the proposed work includes the addition of a 10' x 20' float on the main dock that will have

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a step-down transformer to serve transient vessels. The proposed day dock expansion consists of the installation of a new 8' x 180' floating dock channelward of the existing 6' x 100' floating dock. A new 4' x 100' floating dock will be added adjacent to and landward of the 6' x 100' floating dock on the opposite side of the pilings.

Six existing timber floats located on the smaller dock to the east of the main dock will be replaced with 11' x 24' drive on floats within the same footprint. The project also includes expansion of the existing mooring field located to the west of the existing facility to an area measuring 1,700' x 300' to provide 49 mooring envelopes that will measure 104' in diameter. Each envelope will have a center mooring buoy anchored to the river bottom with a helical anchor system. The proposed additions will provide additional space for local and transient boaters.

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

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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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 11.8 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).

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. 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 Debbie King at 843-329-8044 or toll free at 1-866-329-8187.

Project Description
Beaufort Downtown Marina Improvements
Beaufort County, South Carolina
April 4, 2012
Revised August 27, 2012

Introduction:

The City of Beaufort (applicant) is requesting a modification to the existing South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control – Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) permit 2005-1E-140-P proposing improvements to the existing Beaufort Downtown Marina. The project area is located on the Beaufort River south of and adjacent to Bay Street, approximately 0.25 miles west of US Hwy 21 Business in Beaufort, Beaufort County, South Carolina.

Existing Facility:

The existing marina consists of three floating dock facilities, a boat ramp, and a mooring field. The main dock facility extends approximately 365 feet into the waterway and contains slips on both sides of the main float. The dock structure located east of the main dock extends approximately 145 feet into the waterway and contains seven finger floats. Other amenities at the Downtown Marina consist of a day dock and boat ramp located approximately 250 feet west of the main dock facility and a mooring field located further west.

Proposed Site Plan:

The applicant is proposing to modify the existing permit which authorized the expansion of the day dock located on the western side of the Downtown Marina facility. The permit authorized a new 8' x 180' float and a new 4' x 100' addition to the existing dock. In addition to these day dock improvements, the applicant is proposing additional activities in order to accommodate local and transient boaters. Additional proposed improvements include the installation of a new 10' x 20' float on the main dock to accommodate a transformer to serve transient vessels. Also, the applicant is proposing to remove six of the existing timber floats located on the smaller dock to the east of the main dock and install new drive-on floats. The drive on floats will measure 24' x 11' each. The applicant is also proposing the expansion of the existing mooring field located west of the facility. The new mooring field will be 1,700 feet long and 300 feet wide and will provide 49 mooring envelopes. Each envelope will be 104 feet in diameter and will contain a mooring buoy securely anchored to the river bottom with a helical anchor system. The proposed improvements will provide additional space for local and transient boaters.

All activities will be performed in a manner to minimize turbidity in the Beaufort River. There will be no oils or other pollutants released from the proposed activities, and the proposed project should have no adverse effect on water quality. All work performed during construction will be done in a manner to prevent interference with legitimate water uses.

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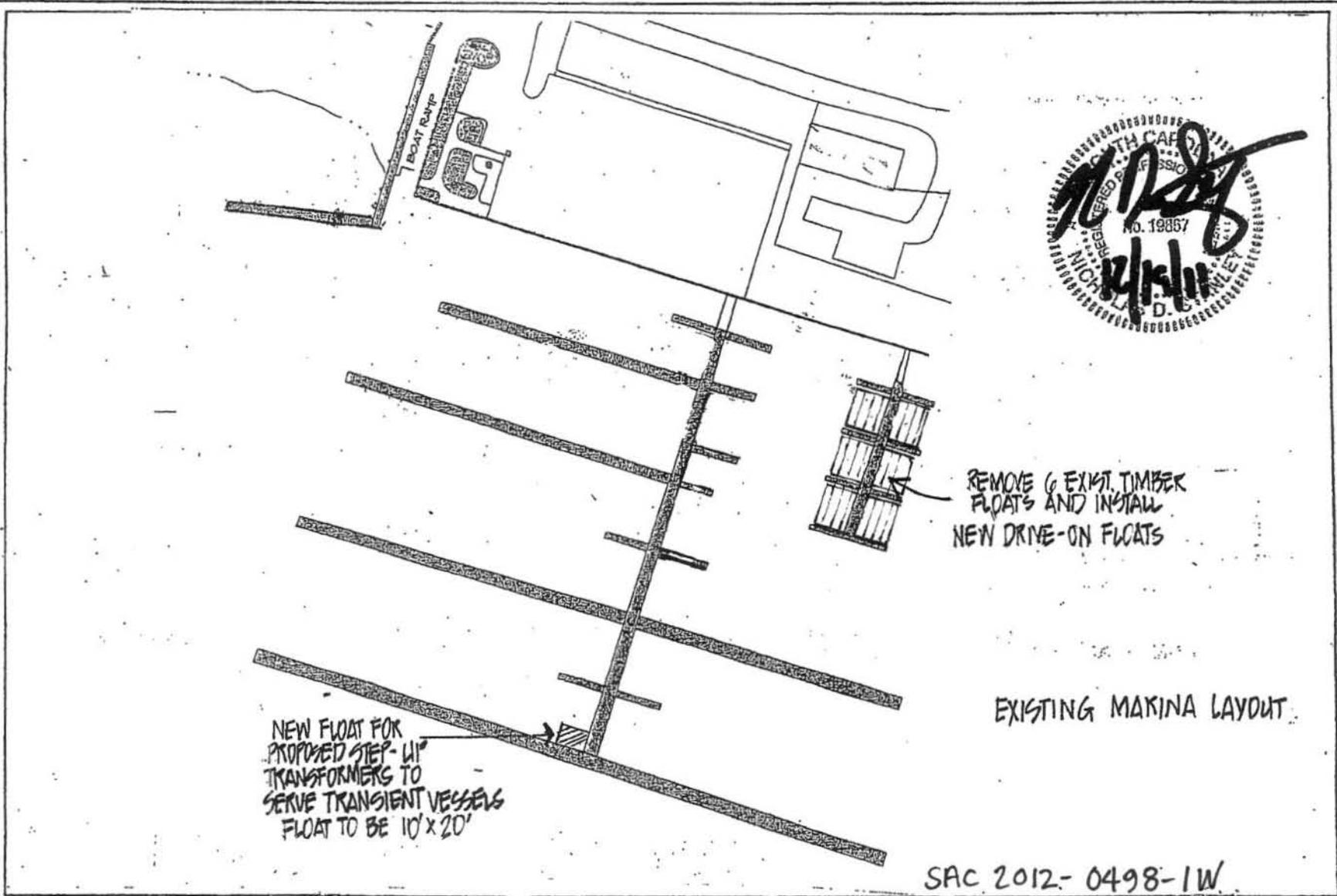
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Beaufort Downtown Marina
 Project Location Map
 US Geological Survey - Beaufort Quad
 Beaufort County, South Carolina

2,000 Feet
 Exhibit Date: March 19, 2012
 Drawn By: BWW
 Reviewed By: JPW
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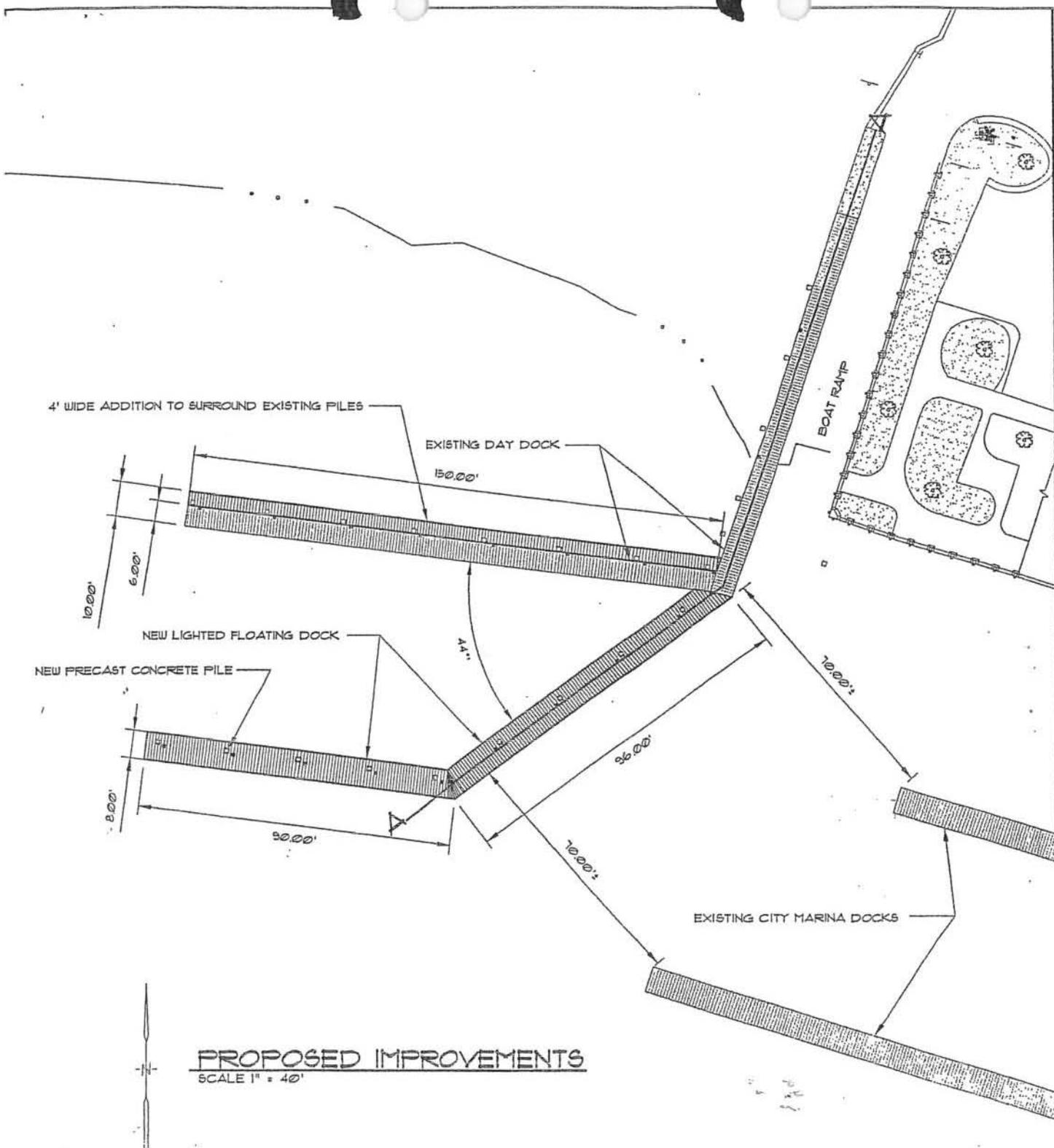
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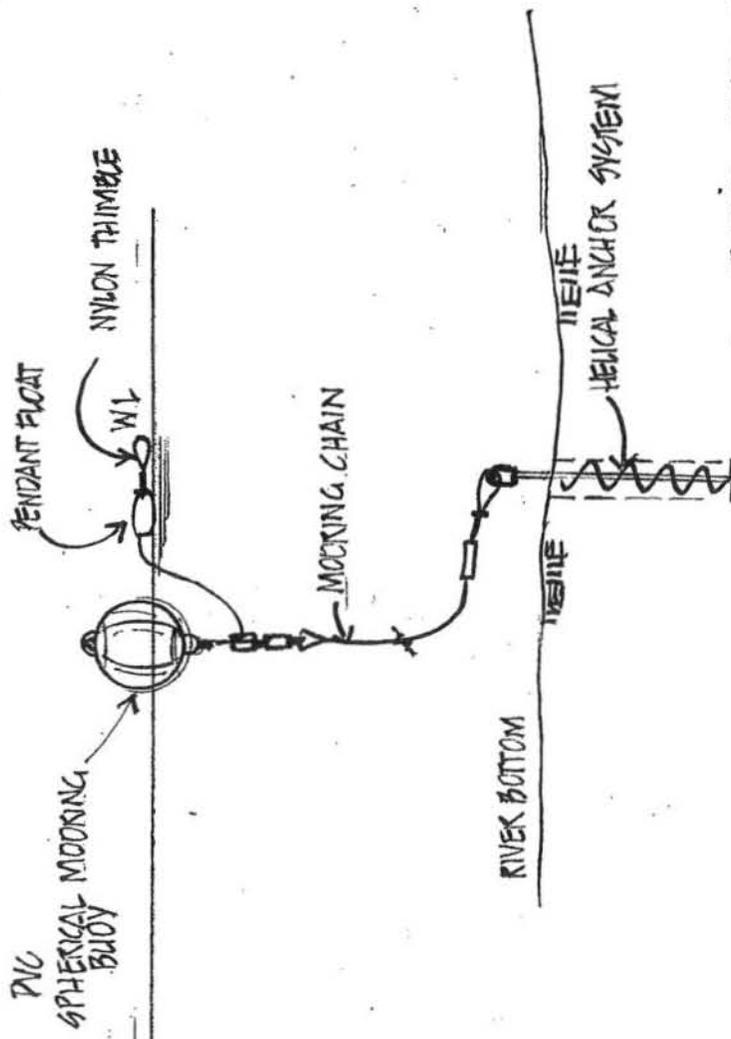
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 DOWNTOWN MARINA IMPROVEMENTS
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PROPOSED ACTIVITY:
 MARINA IMPROVEMENTS
 PROJECT LOCATION:
 BEAUFORT RIVER
 APPLICANT:
 CITY OF BEAUFORT J.



PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS
SCALE 1" = 40'

<p>PURPOSE: DAY DOCK EXPANSION</p> <p>DRAWN BY: JM: <i>Sheet 3 of 5</i></p> <p>2005-16-148</p>	<p>SAC 2012-0498-1W</p> <p>CITY OF BEAUFORT SOUTH CAROLINA BEAUFORT COUNTY</p>	<p>TITLE: DAY DOCK EXPANSION</p> <p>SUBTITLE: PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS</p> <p>COUNTY: BEAUFORT APPLT.: CITY OF BEAUFORT</p> <p>PAGE: 5 OF 5</p> <p>DATE: APRIL 2005</p>
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TYPICAL MOORING BUOY

NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION - PERMIT ONLY

PROPOSED ACTIVITY: MOORING BUOY FIELD
PROJECT LOCATION: BEAUFORT RIVER
APPLICANT: CITY OF BEAUFORT

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