# **AGENDA**

# MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION MARCH 25, 2025

- \*\* APPROVAL OF AGENDA.
- **1.** MINUTES of previous meeting.
- **2.** PERMITS (Projects over \$500,000.00 with no objections and with staff recommendation for approval).
- **3.** CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS.
- 4. CLOSED MEETING FOR CONSULTATION WITH, OR BRIEFING BY, COUNSEL.

## 5. PUBLIC HEARING

The Commission proposes to amend Chapter 4VAC20-510, "Pertaining to Amberjack and Cobia" to 1) amend the recreational size limit to 43 inches; 2) repeal the one fish over 50-inch allowance in the recreational fishery; and 3) establish the recreational fishing season.

# 6. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, #24-1891

requests authorization to place, via hydraulic means, approximately 162,500 cubic yards of dredged material from the Quinby Creek Federal Channel maintenance project onto state-owned wetlands and submerged lands situated along Upshur Bay in Accomack County. The project is protested by an adjacent shellfish ground leaseholder.

## 7. LEONARD CLARK, #22-1645, NTC 24-06

Commission reconsideration of this after-the-fact request to retain a 100-foot vinyl bulkhead constructed in York County without VMRC authorization and the civil charges assessed against the responsible marine permitting agent and contractor.

## 8. YANKEE POINT MARINA LLC, #24-2369

requests authorization to construct a replacement boat ramp, temporary cofferdam, new tending pier and dry hydrant at their existing marina at 1303 Oak Hill Road along Myer Creek in Lancaster County. The project is protested by a nearby property owner.

## 9. WESTMINSTER-CANTERBURY ON CHESAPEAKE BAY, #24-2475

requests authorization to remove a failed timber pier and construct a new concrete pier for the exclusive use of Westminster-Canterbury residents as part of the proposed Westminster-Canterbury on Chesapeake Bay campus expansion situated at property off Ocean Shore Avenue along the Chesapeake Bay in the City of Virginia Beach. The project is protested by numerous citizens.

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# 10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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### **PAGE 2 ITEMS**

## A. ENVIVA PORT OF CHESAPEAKE, LLC, #23-1428

requests authorization to conduct new dredging of approximately 4,500 cubic yards of state-owned submerged lands to maximum depths of -44 feet mean low water (MLW) and to maintenance dredge approximately 5,400 cubic yards of state-owned submerged lands to maximum depths of -42 feet MLW, on an as-needed basis, within Paradise Creek adjacent to property serving 1000 Enviva Drive in the City of Chesapeake. Dredged material will be barged and offloaded at either Craney Island Dredged Material Management Area, Shirley Plantation in Charles City, or Precon Marine facility in the City of Chesapeake. Staff recommends a royalty assessment of \$2,700.00 for the removal of 4,500 cubic yards of state-owned submerged land at a rate of \$0.60/cubic yard. This project requires a subaqueous permit.

# B. COLONNA SHIPYARD, #24-1918

requests authorization to conduct new dredging of approximately 556,700 cubic yards of state-owned submerged lands to achieve maximum depths of -37 feet mean low water, on an as-needed basis, within the Eastern Branch Elizabeth River Federal Navigation Channel in the City of Norfolk. Dredged material will be barged and offloaded at either Craney Island Dredged Material Management Area, Shirley Plantation in Charles City, or Precon Marine facility in the City of Chesapeake. Staff recommends a royalty assessment of \$334,020.00 for the removal of 556,700 cubic yards of material at a rate of \$0.60/cubic yards. This project requires a subaqueous permit.

# C. FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION, #24-2813

requests authorization to construct a new causeway bridge across a 214-foot section of Cat Creek and to install two (2) 30-inch HDPE conduits housing a relocated waterline, sewer line, two electrical conduits, and a single communication conduit using the horizontal directional drill method across a 219-foot section of Cat Creek on Wallops Islands in Accomack County. The project requires a VMRC subaqueous permit.

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## **MINUTES**

## **COMMISSION MEETING**

**February 25, 2025** 

The meeting of the Marine Resources Commission was held at the Marine Resources Commission main office at 380 Fenwick Road, Bldg. 96, Fort Monroe, Virginia with the following present:

Jamie L. Green Commissioner

Patrick Hand Lynn Kellum A.J. Erskine

William Bransom

Jeremy Headley Associate Members

Jeanette Edwards Thomas Preston Preston White

Kelci Block Assistant Attorney General

Via phone

Jamie Hogge Recording Secretary

Gerald Pitt 1<sup>st</sup>. Sgt., Marine Police

Randy Owen Chief, Habitat Management

Pat Geer Chief, Fisheries Management

Adam Kenyon Chief, Shellfish Management

Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS):

Lyle Varnell Emily Hein

Others present:

Karen Dodson Bob Ker Phillip Gibson
Danette Gibson Martha Thereault Lisa Watts
David O'Brien Nancy Pouliquen Chris Grosch

Howard Weinberg	Windy Crutchfield	Louis Wyatt
Rebecca Francese	Mike Ware	J. C. Hudgins
Walt Stone	Nathan Morgan	Jackie Shannon
Rona Marsh	Lee Deihl	Phil Gibson
Kelly Mills	David West	Maggie Heing
Tim Solanic	Kim Huskey	Kelsey English
Sandra Dawe	Brian Deschler	Mike Daine
Andy Kurfees	Brian Morgan	Kailey Martinez
Nathan Everett	Wayne Fisher	Kelly Place
Aaron Fisher	Jason Smith	Natalie Smith
George Trice	Melissa Smith	Mike Lightfoot
Dave Johnson	Todd Elden	and others.

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**APPROVAL OF AGENDA.** – Commissioner Jamie Green asked if there were any changes from the Board members or staff.

Associate Member Bransom moved to approve the agenda as presented. Associate Member Erskine seconded the motion. The motion carried, 8-0.

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**MINUTES:** Commissioner Green asked if there were any changes or corrections to be made to the January 28, 2025, Commission Meeting minutes.

Associate Member Erskine moved to approve the minutes as presented. Associate Member Bransom seconded the motion. The motion carried, 8-0.

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Commissioner Green swore in the VMRC staff and VIMS staff that would be speaking or presenting testimony during the meeting.

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Commissioner Green recognized a small group of youth students from Norfolk which

Ms. Stephaine Iverson brought forth to the meeting. His comments are a part of the verbatim record.

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**PERMITS** (Projects over \$500,000.00 with no objections and with staff recommendation for approval).

Randy Owen, Chief, Habitat Management, reviewed the Page 2 items 2A through 2D for the Associate Members. Mr. Owen's comments are a part of the verbatim record.

- **2A. JOHN PRESS**, #24-2605, requests authorization to install a 50-foot long low-profile timber groin extending 37 feet channelward of mean low water at 371 Locust Lane along the Rappahannock River in Essex County. The project requires a VMRC Wetlands and Subaqueous Permit.
- **2B. MICHAEL VARNER**, #24-2525, requests authorization to construct a 173-foot long rock revetment channelward of an existing bulkhead along the Mattaponi River shoreline at 94 and 110 Horse Landing Court in King William County. The project requires a VMRC Wetlands Permit.
- **2C. ERGON ASPHALT PARTNERS, LP,** #24-2713, requests authorization to mechanically or hydraulically dredge up to 125,000 cubic yards of state-owned submerged lands, on an as-need basis, with disposal at the Craney Island Rehandling Basin or an approved upland storage site at their commercial facility located along the James River at 801 Terminal Ave in the City of Newport News. The project will reestablish previously permitted (VMRC #16-0662) depths of minus 38 feet mean low water on the western side of the pier and depths of minus 18 feet on the eastern side of the pier. This project requires a VMRC Subaqueous permit.
- **2D. CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH,** #23-2820,\_\_requests authorization to mechanically maintenance dredge on an as-necessary basis a maximum of 34,000 cubic yards of state-owned submerged lands to achieve and maintain a maximum depth of minus six (-6) feet mean low water within sections of the Western Branch Lynnhaven River municipal channel in Virginia Beach. Dredged spoils will be offloaded at either the Thalia Creek or Crab Creek Transfer Facility and will be truck-hauled to an approved upland facility. Staff recommends approval with instream work time-of-year restrictions on dredging

activity from April 1st until July 1st for summer flounder and from July 1st until September 30th for local shellfish within areas situated north of Hebden Cove. This project requires a VMRC Subaqueous permit.

No one spoke in support or opposition of the projects.

The matter was before the Commission for discussion and action.

Associate Member Erskine moved to approve the Page 2 items 2A through 2D as presented. Associate Member Bransom seconded the motion. The motion carried, 8-0.

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**3. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:** There were no Consent Agenda Items presented.

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4. CLOSED MEETING FOR CONSULTATION WITH, OR BRIEFING BY, COUNSEL. – No meeting needed

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5. ROANOKE CEMENT COMPANY, LLC, #24-1360, requests authorization to construct a clear span haul bridge across Catawba Creek west of the existing facility and east of Catawba Road in Botetourt County for their Catawba Farm Quarry. The project is protested by the adjacent property owner.

Randy Owen, Chief, Habitat Management, gave the briefing of the information provided in the staff's evaluation, with PowerPoint slides. for the Associate Members. Mr. Owen's comments are a part of the verbatim record.

No one spoke in support or opposition of the project.

The matter was before the Commission for discussion and action.

Associate Member Kellum moved to approve the project as presented. Associate Member Bransom seconded the motion. The motion carried, 8-0.

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6. MARSHA WEATHERWAX, #24-2553, requests authorization to construct a 15-foot by 20-foot gazebo with screened sides on a statutorily authorized private pier along the Timberneck Creek shoreline at 6470 Williams Landing Road in Gloucester County. The project is protested by an adjacent property owner.

Randy Owen, Chief, Habitat Management, gave the briefing of the information provided in the staff's evaluation, with PowerPoint slides. for the Associate Members. Mr. Owen's comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Terry Emerson, agent for the applicant, was sworn in. His comments are a part of the verbatim record.

No one spoke in opposition of the project.

The matter was before the Commission for discussion and action.

Associate Member Bransom moved to approve the project as presented. Associate Member Headley seconded the motion. The motion carried, 8-0.

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7. GAIL TIESENGA, #24-1805, requests authorization to construct a living shoreline at 469 Coppedge Farm Road, situated along Johnsons Cove in Lancaster County. The project is protested by the adjacent property owner.

Randy Owen, Chief, Habitat Management, gave the briefing of the information provided in the staff's evaluation, with PowerPoint slides. for the Associate Members. Mr. Owen's comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Kelsey English, agent for the applicant was sworn in. Her comments are a part of the verbatim record.

The matter was before the Commission for discussion and action.

Associate Member Bransom moved to approve the project as presented. Associate Member Erskine seconded the motion. The motion carried, 8-0.

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8. CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH, #24-2851, requests authorization to mechanically dredge a 19-foot wide by 63-foot long subtidal area to a maximum depth of minus two (-2) feet mean low water within Pleasure House Creek to create a shallow water channel necessary to provide the hydrological connection to the proposed municipal Pleasure House Point Mitigation Bank in Virginia Beach. This project is protested by nearby property owners.

Randy Owen, Chief, Habitat Management, gave the briefing of the information provided in the staff's evaluation, with PowerPoint slides. for the Associate Members. Mr. Owen's comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Bob Kerr, representing the City of Virginia Beach, was sworn in. His comments are a part of the verbatim record.

There were nine (9) individuals that spoke in opposition of the project. Their comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Bob Kerr, representing the City of Virginia Beach, previously sworn in, further explained the concerns brought before the Commission by those in opposition. His comments are a part of the verbatim record.

The matter was before the Commission for discussion and action.

Associate Member White moved to approve the project as presented, per staff recommendation, include the four (4) conditions listed on the CBF letter, including a time of year restriction (June 1 through September 30) and have CBF & LRN on site while dredging. Associate Member Erskine seconded the motion. The motion carried, 8-0.

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9. PHILLIP GIBSON and BLACKWATER PIER & DOCK, INC., NOTICE TO COMPLY #24-07. Commission consideration of Phillip Gibson and Blackwater Pier & Dock, Inc.'s failure to comply with the Commission's August 22, 2024, directive to remove four timber piles and an unauthorized extension to

an existing boathouse, built in excess of its former authorization under VMRC Permit #2000-0590 at 119 Dandy Haven Lane situated along Back Creek in York County.

Randy Owen, Chief, Habitat Management, gave the briefing of the information provided in the staff's evaluation, with PowerPoint slides. for the Associate Members. Mr. Owen's comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Mike Ware, attorney for the applicant, spoke on behalf of the applicant. His comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Mr. Easton, the attorney for the protestant, spoke in opposition of the pier and boathouse that was built larger than originally permitted to remain in place. His comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Duey Regans was sworn in and spoke in opposition of the project. His comments are a part of the verbatim record.

The matter was before the Commission for discussion and action.

Associate Member Preston moved to approve staff recommendation as presented with a 60-day removal that exceeded the original permitted structure per the 2024 failure to comply. Associate Member White seconded the motion. The applicant agreed to the civil charge imposed by the Commission. The contractor or agent was not present to agree to the \$6,000 civil penalty. The motion carried, 8-0.

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### 10. SHELLFISH

Request for approval of the 2025 Oyster Replenishment and Restoration Plan (ORP) and the Associated Procurements Procedures.

Adam Kenyon, Chief, Shellfish Management, gave the briefing of the information provided in the staff's evaluation, with PowerPoint slides. for the Associate Members. Mr. Kenyon's comments are a part of the verbatim record.

J. C. Hudgins was sworn in and spoke on behalf of the proposed 2025 Oyster

Replenishment and Restoration Plan (ORP). His comments are a part of the verbatim record. He requested approval of the proposed 2025 Oyster Replenishment and Restoration Plan (ORP).

The matter was before the Commission for discussion and action.

Associate Member Headley moved to approve the 2025 Oyster Replenishment and Restoration Plan (ORP) as presented. Associate Member Bransom seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0. Associate Member Kellum recused herself.

Associate Member Headley made a motion to approve staff recommendations for Procurement Procedures. Associate Member Bransom seconded the motion. The motion carried, 6-0-1. Associate Member Erskine abstained; Associate Member Kellum recused herself.

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## 11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

# Ms. Edwards:

Associate Commissioner Edwards made a motion to extend the oyster harvest season in Tangier Area 2 until March 14<sup>th</sup> due to inclement weather that has prevented harvest.

This motion was withdrawn following guidance from counsel that the Commission did not have the authority to act under § 28.2-210 and § 2.2-3707 of the Code of Virginia.

## **Nathan Everett:**

Requested support for a fish processing plant in the Northern Neck. His comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Commissioner Green recommended that he present his request to CFAB. His comments are a part of the verbatim record.

## **Todd Elder:**

Request to renew his experimental spear fishing permit for 2025. His comments are a part of the verbatim record.

Pat Geer, Chief, Fisheries Management, advised the Commission members that last year was the first year that an entire committee convened and made suggestions on experimental fishing permits. The committee decided not to issue the permit in 2025 by a majority vote. His comments are a part of the verbatim record.

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## 12. PUBLIC HEARING

Proposal to amend Chapter 4 VAC 20-1360-10 et seq., "Pertaining to Commercial Electrofishing", to expand the electrofishing fishery, broaden eligibility for new licenses, increase harvest areas, remove size limits on blue catfish, and clarify areas where electrofishing is prohibited.

Pat Geer, Chief, Fisheries Management, gave the briefing of the information provided in the staff's evaluation, with PowerPoint slides. for the Associate Members. Mr. Geer's comments are a part of the verbatim record.

There were six (6) individuals that spoke in opposition of the regulation change. Their comments are a part of the verbatim record.

There were eight (8) individuals that spoke in support of the regulation change. Their comments are a part of the verbatim record.

The matter was before the Commission for discussion and action.

Associate Member Preston moved to approve a modified regulation which included: no size limit, 300-yard buffer near fixed fishing devices and piers and 100-yard buffer around all other commercially marked gear. Associate Member White seconded the motion. The motion carried, 6-1. Associate Member Bransom voted no. Associate Member Erskine was not present.

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Jamie Hogge, Recording Secretary

# FISHERIES MANAGEMENT DIVISION EVALUATION, 03/25/2025

**Public Hearing:** 

Proposal to amend Chapter 4 VAC 20-510-10 et seq., "Pertaining to Amberjack and Cobia", to revise the recreational season and size limit for cobia to comply with required reductions per Addendum II to Amendment 1 of the Interstate Fisheries Management Plan for Atlantic Migratory Group Cobia.

Issues:

In August 2019, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) approved Amendment 1 of the Interstate Fisheries Management Plan (FMP) for Atlantic Migratory Group Cobia. A portion of Amendment 1 details a harvest specification process, a 3-year evaluation of the recreational fishery using the estimates from the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) and a comparison to a "soft target" set by the ASMFC Board. State specific management measures can be adjusted based on the resulting comparison over the evaluation years.

In August 2024, the ASMFC approved Addendum II to Amendment 1. This addendum changes the recreational allocation framework from a state-by-state to a regional framework, with a northern region of Rhode Island through Virginia and a southern region of North Carolina through Georgia. Per Addendum II, the coastwide recreational harvest quota for Atlantic cobia is allocated between the Northern Region (68.7%) and Southern Region (31.3%). This results in new soft targets for each region. The evaluation of the Northern Region's new soft target against 2021-2023 MRIP data showed that a 15.9% reduction is necessary for the Northern Region.

**Background:** 

In 2023, in response to increased cobia harvest in some Mid-Atlantic states, as well as concerns about high uncertainty associated with cobia recreational harvest estimates, the Board initiated Addendum II. Approved in 2024, Addendum II modifies the recreational allocation framework, allows the Board to update allocations quickly if the underlying data are revised, expands the range of data used in harvest evaluations, and allows the Board to set management measures for a longer period of time. Notably, Addendum II changes both the geographic scope of the recreational allocation framework and the timeframe of data used as the basis for allocations. The Addendum changes the recreational allocation framework from a

state-by-state to a regional framework, with a northern region of Rhode Island through Virginia and a southern region of North Carolina through Georgia. The new regional allocation framework is intended to reduce uncertainty by using harvest estimates based on a larger sample size combining multiple states in a region, instead of individual state-level harvest estimates. Each region is allocated part of the recreational quota based on each region's percentage of the coastwide landings in number of fish over the last ten years, combining 50% of the 2014-2023 average and 50% of the 2018-2023 average. This results in 68.7% of the recreational quota available to the northern region and 31.3% of the quota available to the southern region. Using the more recent data, as compared to previously using 2006-2015 data, accounts for changes in harvest and potential range expansion of the species in recent years.

The Technical Committee evaluated each region's average 2021-2023 harvest against its target to determine if management changes are needed for 2025. The Northern Region's soft target is 52,825 fish while the average MRIP-estimated landings for 2021-2023 were 62,832 fish, an overage of 10,007 fish which equates to a 15.9% reduction. On November 12, 2024, the Finfish Management Advisory Committee (FMAC) had a meeting to discuss the recreational cobia options for 2025-2027 that meet the 15.9% reduction. The FMAC voted unanimously in favor of the staff recommended amendments. The Northern Region came to consensus regarding the management measures as well, and the implementation plan has been submitted to ASMFC for approval. The previous management measures and the new measures can be found below (Table 1).

## **Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the Commission approve amendments to Chapter 4 VAC 20-510-10 et seq., "Pertaining to Amberjack and Cobia", to revise the recreational season and size limit for cobia to comply with required reductions per Addendum II to Amendment 1 of the Interstate Fisheries Management Plan for Atlantic Migratory Group Cobia.

# <u>Table 1. Northern Region (Rhode Island through Virginia) Recreational Fishery for 2024</u> <u>and changes for 2025</u>

Requirement: Regionwide size limit and vessel limit

	2024 Size Limit	2024 Vessel Limit	2024 Season
RI, NY, NJ, DE	37" TL	1 fish	All Year
	40" TL (Virginia allowed		June 15 –
MD, PRFC, VA	only 1 fish >50" per	2 fish	September
	vessel)		15

	2025 Size Limit	2025 Vessel Limit	2025 Season
RI, NY, NJ, DE			All Year
MD, PRFC, VA	43" TL	2 fish	June 15 –
		2 11311	September
			20



Stefanie K. Taillon Acting Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources Marine Resources Commission 380 Fenwick Road Building 96 Fort Monroe, VA 23651

Jamie L. Green Commissioner

# **NOTICE**

The Virginia Marine Resources Commission invites public comment on proposed amendments to regulations, as shown below. By March 6, 2025, the proposed draft regulations may be viewed on the VMRC web calendar at <a href="https://mrc.virginia.gov/calendar.shtm">https://mrc.virginia.gov/calendar.shtm</a>.

In accordance with Section 28.2-209 of the Code of Virginia, a public hearing on the proposed amendments to these regulations will be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, 380 Fenwick Road, Bldg. 96, Fort Monroe, Virginia 23651.

Written public comments on the proposals below or on items not on the agenda must be provided by 11:59 p.m., Thursday, March 20, 2025. Comments should be made at the following link: <a href="https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/fisheries/search\_publiccomments.php">https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/fisheries/search\_publiccomments.php</a> or addressed to Public Comments, 380 Fenwick Road, Bldg. 96, Fort Monroe, Virginia 23651.

# I. Chapter 4VAC20-510, "Pertaining to Amberjack and Cobia"

The Commission proposes to amend Chapter 4VAC20-510, "Pertaining to Amberjack and Cobia" to 1) amend the recreational size limit to 43 inches; 2) repeal the one fish over 50-inch allowance in the recreational fishery; and 3) establish the recreational fishing season.

The purpose of these amendments is to comply with the required reductions per Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Addendum II to Amendment 1 of the Interstate Fisheries Management Plan (FMP) for Atlantic Migratory Group Cobia.

VMRC DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES; THEREFORE, IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS BECAUSE OF A DISABILITY, PLEASE ADVISE MICHELE GUILFORD (757-247-2206) NO LATER THAN FIVE WORKDAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING DATE AND IDENTIFY YOUR NEEDS.

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Number	Name	Received	Position
1	WILLIAM PAPPAS	03/12/2025	OPPOSE

WHO MADE IT SEPTEMBER 20?!?! WE NEED JUNE 10TH! IF YOUR GOUNG TO GIVE US 5 DAYS WHY AT THE END OF THE SEASON?? BRING BACK THE GAFF! OPTION 1 WITH 43 2 FISH BUT ON JUNE 10 OPEN! PLEASE ASK CHARTER CAPTAINS THAT DEPEND ON THESE FISH TO MAKE A LIVING!? I REPRESENT 17 OCEANFRONT CHARTER CAPTAINS AND THAT'S WHAT WE NEED PLEASE ADD ANOTHER OPTION! CAPTAIN BILL PAPPAS PLAYIN HOOKEY CHARTERS

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Number	Name	Received	Position
2	SCOTT GREGG	03/12/2025	FAVOR

COBIA ARE VERY PLENTIFUL THIS RULE IS FAIR FOR FISHERMEN I DONT BELIEVE THAT MRC HAS DECENT DATA ON JUST HOW MANY THERE REALLY ARE GO ON SOME TRIPS AND SEE FIRST HAND BEFORE RAISING OR LOWERING LIMITS ON ANY SPECIES WE DON'T WANT FISHERIES OVERFISHED EITHER BUT SEE WHAT IS THERE FIRST HAND AND NOT FROM A DESK USING QUESTIONABLE DATA SETS

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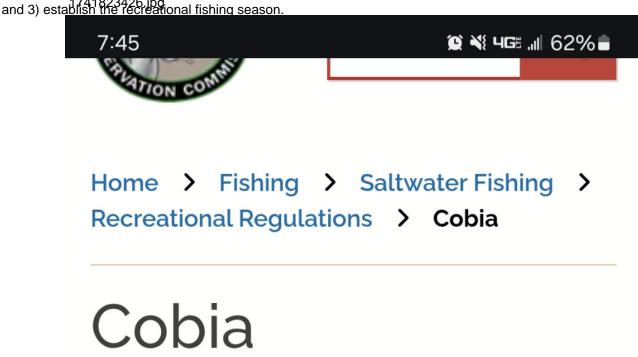
Number	Name	Received	Position
3	CHRIS M PEYCELON	03/12/2025	OPPOSE

OPPOSED DUE TO THE LARGER COBIA BEING PREDOMINANTLY FEMALE BREEDING AND THE LARGER FISH AS NOT AS COMMON AS 40 45 INCH CLASS COBIA RAISING THE MINIMUM SIZE LIMIT HINDERS FOLKS WHO ARE LESS FORTUNATE AND/OR CANNOT AFFORD A BOAT IN ORDER TO SPECIFICALLY TARGET LARGER FISH I ALSO CITE FLORIDAS RECREATIONAL COBIA LIMITS AT 36 INCHES FORK LENGTH ALONG WITH THE SAME 1 FISH PER PERSON/ 2 PER VESSEL RULE FLORIDA APPEARS TO HAVE A HEALTHY COBIA POPULATION EVEN WITH SMALLER SIZE MINIMUMS

## Attachments:

Submitted documents for this comment will begin on next page.

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# Gulf and Atlantic State Waters

Minimum Size Limit: 36" fork

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4	GARRETT K THOMPSON	03/12/2025	OPPOSE

HELLO MY NAME IS GARRETT THOMPSON I HAVE FISHED FOR COBIA EVERYDAY THE LAST 8 SUMMERS AS I DO THINK COBIA ARE PLENTIFUL I SEE A REGULATION THAT COULD BE A POSITIVE OUT COME I DON'T MIND THE DATES HONESTLY IT'S THE SAME BOTH WAYS THEY ARE HERE REGARDLESS MOST OF EARLY JUNE AND ALL OF SEPTEMBER IS MIGRATORY FISH TO SPLIT THE DIFFERENCE A PERFECT WORLD WOULD BE JUNE 15TH SEPTEMBER15TH MY REGULATIONS AS ON THE WATER EXPERIENCE GOES WOULD BE ALLOW GAFFING FISH 2 FISH REGULATION MINIMUM SIZE LENGTH 37 INCHES 1 FISH OVER 50 INCHES OR 2 FISH REGULATION 37 50 INCHES AND ANY RECREATIONAL CAN RECEIVE A SPECIFIC AMOUNT OR BUY TAGS FOR FISH OVER 50 INCHES FOR TOURNAMENTS OR MEMORABLE CITATIONS

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5	KEN G LANG III III	03/12/2025	OPPOSE

THE 43 MINIMUM SHOULD BE 37 I WOULD ALSO SUPPORT A MAX OF 50 KEEPING IT 2 PER BOAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE 3 PER BOAT PERSONALLY BUT I WOULD RECOMMEND CUTTING BACK ON THE COMMERCIAL FISHING OF COBIA

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6	CHARLES E HOCK III III	03/12/2025	OPPOSE

I WOULD PREFER TO BE ABLE TO KEEP A 41 FISH

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7	ZAC DUKE	03/12/2025	OPPOSE

43 IS AN ODD NUMBER TO TRACK 42 IS MORE STANDARD WITH BOAT RULERS THAT ARE AFFIXED TO MANY BOATS I'D LIKE TO KEEP THE 1 OVER 50 RULE

Agenda Item: The Commission proposes to amend Chapter 4VAC20-510, "Pertaining to Amberjack and Cobia" to 1) amend the recreational size limit to 43 inches; 2) repeal the one fish over 50-inch allowance in the recreational fishery; and 3) establish the recreational fishing season.

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Number	Name	Received	Position
8	SCOTT BREWSTER	03/13/2025	OPPOSE

COPY THE RED DRUM REGULATIONS RELEASE THE LARGE EGG LAYERS THERE IS ENORMOUS PRESSURE ON COBIA IN THE BAY

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9	TOM RITTER	03/13/2025	OPPOSE

AS A CHARTER BOAT CAPTAIN I AM NOT IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS WE AS ANGLERS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN TOLD THAT THE LARGER FISH ARE THE BREEDER FISH AND WE NEED TO PROTECT THEM I HEAR VARIOUS REPORTS BUT DOES THE MRC REALLY HAVE DATA TO VERIFY HOW MANY FISH THERE ARE AND HOW THE COBIA FISHERY IN OUR AREA IS DOING? WE DID SEE A NICE CLASS OF FISH LAST SEASON SO WHY TAKE A CHANCE OF OVERHARVESTING OUR BREEDER FISH THOSE OF US WHO HAVE BEEN AROUND A WHILE HAVE SEEN OTHER SPECIES BE OVERHARVESTED AND I THINK THE APPROACH SHOULD BE IN FAVOR OF CONSERVATION I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE SCIENCE BEHIND RAISING THE MINIMUM SIZE TO 43 AS STATES BELOW US CERTAINLY HAVE A SMALLER SLOT SIZE MORE IMPORTANTLY I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE MRC TAKE A STRONGER STANCE ON THE HARVEST OF THE MENHADEN IN THE BAY TO HELP NUMEROUS FISH SPECIES WHILE THEY ARE IN OUR WATERS A STRONG AND HEALTHY FISHERY CAN CERTAINLY BE TIED TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FOOD TO SUSTAIN FISH WHILE THEY ARE HERE AND PREPARE THEM FOR THEIR MIGRATION IF IN FACT YOU ARE GOING TO EXTEND THE SEASON I WOULD BE IN FAVOR OF IT STARTING EARLIER IN JUNE VERSUS ADDING DAYS IN SEPTEMBER PLEASE ALSO CONSIDER ALLOWING CHARTER BOATS TO GAFF COBIA AS OUR REPUTATION AS SUCH WOULD HAVE US NET A FISH IN QUESTION OF SIZE

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10	RICH J NOLAN JR. JR.	03/13/2025	OPPOSE

DO NOT ALLOW MORE THAN ONE FISH OVER 50 MAKES NO SENSE I'M OK WITH RAISING THE MINIMUM SIZE

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11	RICHARD R NOLAN	03/13/2025	OPPOSE

AN EXTRA 5 DAYS OF CHARTERBOAT SLAUGHTER AND YOU CAN KEEP TWO 70 BREEDING FISH IF YOU FEEL LIKE IT? BUT MY MINIMUM GOES UP 3IN? ABSOLUTELY ATROCIOUS

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12	ALEXXA COUNASSE	03/13/2025	OPPOSE

RAISING THE SIZE LIMIT OF LARGE BREEDING COBIA COULD HAVE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE SPECIES' OVERALL POPULATION AND GENETIC HEALTH LARGER COBIA ARE TYPICALLY THE MOST FERTILE INDIVIDUALS AND BY INCREASING THE SIZE LIMIT WE COULD INADVERTENTLY REDUCE THE NUMBER OF BREEDING ADULTS THIS COULD HINDER THE SPECIES' ABILITY TO REPRODUCE AT OPTIMAL RATES LEADING TO FEWER OFFSPRING AND A DECLINE IN POPULATION NUMBERS OVER TIME ADDITIONALLY REMOVING LARGE OLDER FISH FROM THE POPULATION COULD REDUCE THE GENETIC DIVERSITY OF THE SPECIES AS YOUNGER LESS GENETICALLY DIVERSE INDIVIDUALS MAY NOT BE ABLE TO FULLY COMPENSATE FOR THE LOSS OF THESE KEY BREEDERS FURTHERMORE LARGER COBIA OFTEN PLAY AN IMPORTANT ECOLOGICAL ROLE WITHIN THEIR HABITAT BY RAISING THE SIZE LIMIT AND ALLOWING THESE MATURE FISH TO BE CAUGHT WE RISK DISRUPTING THE BALANCE OF THE LOCAL ECOSYSTEM THESE LARGER COBIA CONTRIBUTE TO THE CONTROL OF CERTAIN PREY SPECIES AND THEIR REMOVAL COULD HAVE RIPPLE EFFECTS ON THE FOOD CHAIN THE LONG TERM CONSEQUENCES COULD BE A LESS STABLE MARINE ENVIRONMENT WITH NEGATIVE IMPACTS ON OTHER SPECIES THAT RELY ON THE PRESENCE OF MATURE COBIA FOR ECOLOGICAL BALANCE THEREFORE WHILE RAISING SIZE LIMITS MAY APPEAR TO BENEFIT FISHING INDUSTRIES IN THE SHORT TERM IT COULD ULTIMATELY HARM THE SPECIES AND THE BROADER ECOSYSTEM IN WHICH THEY THRIVE

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13	BOBBY BENNETT	03/14/2025	OPPOSE

WHERE IS THE SCIENCE THAT SUPPORTS THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS? THE MANDATORY COBIA REPORTING WENT AWAY IN 2024 SO HELP US UNDERSTAND THE NEED FOR NEW SIZE REGULATIONS ELIMINATING MANDATORY REPORTING WOULD MAKE MOST FEEL AS IF THE FISHERY WERE IN GOOD SHAPE CONDUCTING SMALL SAMPLES AND RAMP SURVEYS ARE NOT EFFECTIVE TOOLS FOR MANAGING FISHERIES WHERE DOES THE 43 MINIMUM SIZE REGULATION COME FROM IS THERE SCIENCE THAT INDICATES SMALLER FISH 40 FISH SHOULD NOT BE HARVESTED? REGULATIONS FOR COBIA SHOULD REMAIN AS THEY WERE IN 2024 SEEMS THERE IS NO JUSTIFICATION TO MAKE ANY CHANGES TO SEASON DATES LIMITS OR SIZE OF FISH TO BE HARVESTED

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14	WILLIAM P CARTER	03/16/2025	OPPOSE

IF COBIA ARE IN THAT MUCH NEED OF REGULATION I THINK THAT YOU SHOULD CLOSE THE SEASON FOR A YEAR AND THEN RE EVALUATE

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Number	Name	Received	Position
15	NATHAN T REYNOLDS	03/19/2025	OPPOSE

THERE IS NO DATA COLLECTED THAT REPRESENTS A NEED FOR REGULATION CHANGE THE MOMENT WE TOOK MANDATORY REPORTING AWAY WAS THE MOMENT WE NO LONGER NEEDED INFORMATION IN REGARD TO BIOMASS OF COBIA THERE IS MORE COBIA THAN ANY MARINE BIOLOGIST OR STAFF MEMBER EVER IMAGINED AND YET WE ARE MESSING WITH THE REGULATIONS BASED ON ASMFC ASKING FOR A REDUCTION? THE FIRST YEAR MANDATORY REPORTING WAS REQUIRED THE BIOMASS NUMBERS WERE UNEXPLAINABLY HIGH THESE RANDOM SIZES ARE SELECTED BASED ON A MATHEMATICALLY CREATED FORMULA LET€™S NOT SOON FORGET THIS BIOMASS OF COBIA WAS FISHED ON FOR YEARS WITH THE REGULATION OF 2 FISH PER PERSON OVER 37 Â A YEAR ROUND SEASON Â AND NO BOAT LIMIT WE HAD AN ALREADY BUILDING STOCK WITH THAT REGULATION IN PLACE YEARS AGO NOW HERE WE ARE 15 YEARS LATER WITH A CONTINUATION OF A STOCK THAT'S NOW KNOWN TO BE MUCH GREATER THAN PREDICTED THROUGH MANDATORY REPORTING YET WE ARE GOING TO CHANGE THE REGULATIONS AGAIN?

# VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

## "PERTAINING TO AMBERJACK AND COBIA"

# CHAPTER 4 VAC 20-510-10 ET SEQ.

### **PREAMBLE**

This chapter establishes possession limits, season, and minimum size limits for cobia and amberjack in Virginia waters.

This chapter is promulgated pursuant to authority contained in §28.2-201 of the Code of Virginia. This chapter amends and re-adopts previous Chapter 4 VAC 20-510-10 et seq., which was adopted on February 28, 2023 May 28, 2024 and effective on March 3, 2023 June 1, 2024. The effective date of this chapter, as amended, is June 1, 2024 April 1, 2025.

# 4VAC20-510-10. Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to control the harvest, protect the spawning stocks, minimize the possibility of recruitment failure and increase yield in the amberjack and cobia fisheries. The provisions pertaining to aquaculture serve to prevent cobia raised in an aquaculture facility from being placed into Virginia waters and to minimize the impact of cultured fish in the market place on the enforcement of other provisions of this chapter.

## 4 VAC 20-510-12. Definitions.

The following words and terms when used in this chapter shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

- "Amberjack" means any fish of the species Seriola dumerili.
- "Cobia" means any fish of the species Rachycentron canadum.
- "Mandatory Harvest Reporting Program Web Application" means the online web-based resource provided by the Commission to report commercial harvest of seafood at <a href="https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/harvest/">https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/harvest/</a>.
- "Recreational vessel" means any vessel, kayak, charter vessel, or headboat fishing recreationally.
- "Snout" means the most forward projection from a fish's head that includes the upper and lower jaw.
- "Total length" means the length of a fish measured from the most forward projection of the snout, with

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the mouth closed, to the tip of the longer lobe of the tail (caudal) fin, measured with the tail compressed along the midline, using a straight-line measure, not measured over the curve of the body.

# 4VAC20-510-15. (Repealed.)

# 4VAC20-510-20. Recreational fishery possession limits, season, vessel allowance, and prohibition on gaffing.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person fishing recreationally to possess more than one cobia at any time. When fishing from any recreational vessel where the entire catch is held in a common hold or container, the possession limit for the recreational vessel shall be equal to the number of persons on board legally eligible to fish multiplied by one, except there is a maximum recreational vessel limit of two cobia per recreational vessel per day. The captain or operator of the recreational vessel shall be responsible for any recreational vessel possession limit. Any cobia caught after the possession limit has been reached shall be returned to the water immediately.

B. It shall be unlawful for any person, fishing recreationally, to harvest or possess any cobia before June 15 or after September 15 20 of the current calendar year.

C. It shall be unlawful for any person fishing recreationally to possess more than two-amberjack at any time. When fishing from any recreational vessel where the entire catch is held in a common hold or container, the possession limit for the recreational vessel shall be equal to the number of persons on board legally eligible to fish multiplied by two. The captain or operator of the recreational vessel shall be responsible for any recreational vessel possession limit. Any amberjack caught after the possession limit has been reached shall be returned to the water immediately.

D. It shall be unlawful for any person fishing recreationally to gaff or attempt to gaff any cobia.

# 4VAC20-510-25. Commercial fishery possession limits, season, and reporting requirements.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person fishing commercially to possess more than two cobia at any time. When fishing from any vessel where the entire catch is held in a common hold or container, the possession limit for the vessel shall be equal to the number of valid commercial fisherman registration licensees on board multiplied by two, except there is a maximum vessel limit of six cobia per vessel per day. The captain or operator of the vessel shall be responsible for any vessel possession limit. Any cobia caught after the possession limit has been reached shall be returned to the water immediately.

B. Any commercial harvest of cobia shall only be reported through the Online Mandatory Harvest Reporting Program Web Application. Such reports shall record daily harvests from Sunday through

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Saturday and be submitted on a weekly basis no later than Wednesday of the following week in accordance with 4VAC20-610.

- C. It shall be unlawful for any person to take, harvest, land, or possess any cobia for commercial purposes once it has been announced by the commission that the commercial quota has been landed for the current calendar year.
- D. It shall be unlawful for any person fishing commercially to possess more than two amberjack at any time. When fishing from any vessel where the entire catch is held in a common hold or container, the possession limit for the vessel shall be equal to the number of valid commercial fisherman registration licensees on board multiplied by two. The captain or operator of the vessel shall be responsible for any vessel possession limit. Any amberjack caught after the possession limit has been reached shall be returned to the water immediately.
- E. The possession of amberjack or cobia by licensed seafood buyers or wholesale and retail seafood establishments when operating in their capacity as buyer, wholesaler, or retailer shall not be limited by the possession limits described in this section.

## 4VAC20-510-30. Size limits.

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch or have in possession any amberjack less than 32 inches in total length.
- B. It shall be unlawful for any person fishing commercially to take, harvest or possess any cobia less than 37 inches in total length.
- C. It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch or have in possession any recreationally harvested cobia less than 40 43 inches in total length.
- D. When fishing from any recreational vessel, it shall be unlawful to take, catch, or have in possession more than one recreationally harvested cobia greater than 50 inches in total length per vessel.

4VAC20-510-33. (Repealed.)

4VAC20-510-35. Aquaculture of cobia; permit required.

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It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a cobia aquaculture facility without first obtaining a permit from the Marine Resources Commission (commission). This permit shall authorize and define the limits of activities concerning the purchase, possession, sale, giving, receiving, and transportation of aquacultured cobia. Any person in violation of any permit condition issued under this section may have the permit revoked at any time upon review by the commission. If the commission revokes any person's permit for an aquaculture facility, that person shall not be eligible to apply for a like permit for a period of two years from the date of revocation.

4VAC20-510-37. (Repealed.)

4VAC20-510-40. Penalty.

As set forth in §28.2-903 of the Code of Virginia, any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor and a second or subsequent violation of any provision of this chapter committed by the same person within 12 months of a prior violation is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

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This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the chapter passed by the Marine Resources Commission, pursuant to authority vested in the Commission by §28.2-201 of the Code of Virginia, duly advertised according to statute, and recorded in the Commission's minute book, at meeting held in Hampton, Virginia on May 28, 2024 March 25, 2025.

## COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

	BY: Jamie L Commis		
Subscribed and sworn to before me this	day of _	2025.	

# VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION "PERTAINING TO AMBERJACK AND COBIA" CHAPTER 4 VAC 20-510-10 ET SEQ.

Notary Public



## **Army Corps of Engineers**

### VMRC #2024-1891

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- Application plan view and cross sections dated-received December 2, 2024, and March 18,
   (Page 3 through 12)
- 3. Application Dredged Material Management Plan received August 8, 2024 (Page 13 and 14)
- 4. Virginia Institute of Marine Science comments received February 26, 2025(Page 15)
- 5. Shellfish lease holder protest received January 26, 2025 (Page 16)
- 6. Army Corps of Engineers comments received March 17, 2025 (Page 17)
- 7. Accomack County Local Wetlands Board comments dated-received August 13, 2024 (Page 18 and 19)
- Department of Conservation and Recreation comments received January 27, 2025
   (Page 20 through 24)

All project drawings, plans and application information are available at https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/habitat/

## **HABITAT MANAGEMENT DIVISION EVALUATION**

**ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, VMRC #2024-1891,** requests authorization to place, via hydraulic means, approximately 162,500 cubic yards of dredged material from the Quinby Creek Federal Channel maintenance project onto state-owned wetlands and submerged lands situated along Upshur Bay in Accomack County. The project is protested by an adjacent shellfish ground leaseholder.

## **Narrative**

The Quinby Creek Federal Channel is located within Upshur Bay and provides access to Quinby Harbor in Accomack County. Since 1973, dredged material from this channel has been placed at an overboard disposal site adjacent to Peeler Point. This placement site is located within public grounds and state-owned marshlands. Previous overboard placement of dredged material has resulted in the accretion of wetlands at this location with the site now primarily comprised of intertidal mudflat. There are several private shellfish leases in the vicinity located approximately 0.5 miles away from the placement site along the federal channel.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) is proposing to dredge the Quinby Creek Federal Channel and place approximately 162,500 cubic yards of material on the historically used placement site in 2025. The channel requires maintenance dredging every five (5) to seven (7) years and was last dredged in 2017. Placement of dredged material at this location was previously authorized by this agency in 2003 (VMRC #2002-2103) and again in 2009 (VMRC #2009-0483).

#### **Issues**

While federal dredging is statutorily authorized per §28.2-1203(3) of the Code of Virginia, placement of dredged material channelward of mean low water requires a Commission subaqueous permit. Additionally, the placement of such material on state-owned marsh also requires authorization from this agency per §28.2-1306(A) of the Code of Virginia.

As part of our public interest review, three (3) shellfish leaseholders near the placement site were notified of the project. All three leases are approximately 0.5 miles or more away from the placement area. One of the lease holders, Mr. Revel Walker, has protested the project. Mr. Walker indicated that the shellfish harvested from his lease have a poor shelf life and believes that this is due to sedimentation from previous placement of material at the disposal site. He has requested that the ACOE consider an alternative disposal location.

The Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) recommends the use of a turbidity curtain during the dredged material placement to help contain the material and keep it from becoming suspended in the water column. If a turbidity curtain cannot be utilized, then VIMS recommends an instream work time-of-year-restriction (TOYR) from May 1 through September 30 be implemented to protect shellfish resources during recruitment and reproductive life stages.

## **Summary/Recommendations**

While staff is sensitive to the leaseholder's concerns regarding impacts from sedimentation, the subject lease is situated approximately 0.5 miles away from the placement site and there is no evidence that the shellfish on this lease have been adversely affected. Since the placement site at Peeler Point has been used for dredged material disposal from Quinby Creek for over 40 years, and no immediate adverse effects are anticipated, staff recommends approval of the project as proposed with our standard dredging permit conditions including a post-dredge survey of disposal site and a pre-dredge/placement meeting with staff. Additionally, staff recommends authorization include the conditions that a turbidity curtain be used during the placement of material and if this is not feasible, a TOYR from May 1 through September 30 be observed; that no dredge material be placed on vegetated wetlands; and that the dredge material elevation will not exceed two (2) feet above mean low water or the adjacent marsh.

While we have no objection to the current maintenance dredge cycle given the long-term use of the Peeler Point placement site, we continue to have concerns regarding the adverse impacts to fisheries and subaqueous bottom habitats resulting from the overboard placement of dredge spoil material. This position is supported by the national directive outlined in the Beneficial Use of Dredge Material (BUDM) Command Philosophy Notice forwarded to the Norfolk District in 2023, by the Corps' Civil and Emergency Operations, Washington D.C. Headquarters. This national policy, congressionally established by Section 125 of the Water Resources and Development Act in 2020, charged the Corps with the goal of meeting a 70% target for beneficial use practices of dredge material by 2030.

As such, staff additionally recommends that the Commission require the Corps to incorporate a plan for the beneficial use of the dredge material generated for all future maintenance cycles of the Quinby Creek Federal Project Channel.

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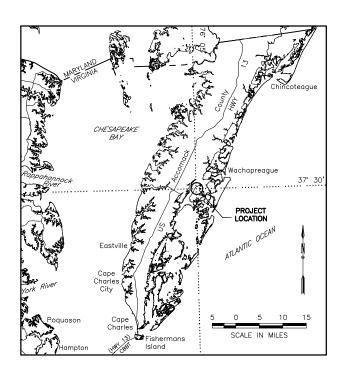
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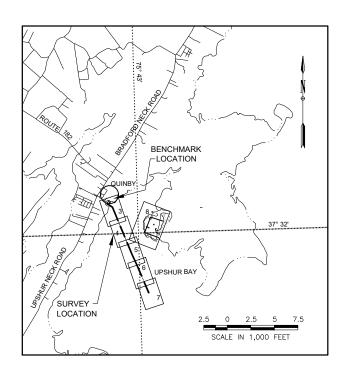


**US Army Corps** of Engineers

Norfolk District

# QUINBY CREEK PERMIT DRAWINGS **SURVEY OF AUGUST 2023** ACCOMAC COUNTY, VIRGINIA





VICINITY MAP LOCATION MAP



## - NOTES -

DESIGNATED PIPELINE CORRIDOR FROM CHANNEL TO PLACEMENT AREA BETWEEN STATIONS 30+00 AND 42+00. (APPEARING ON SHEET 6 ONLY)

DREDGING AREA (CHANNEL) - WITHIN THIS AREA, MATERIAL SHALL BE REMOVED TO A REQUIRED DREDGING DEPTH OF -6 FEET WITH ONE FOOT ALLOWABLE OVERDEPTH.

DREDGING AREA (TURNING BASIN) - WITHIN THIS AREA, MATERIAL SHALL BE REMOVED TO A REQUIRED DREDGING DEPTH OF -6 FEET WITH ONE FOOT ALLOWABLE OVERDEPTH.

TOE OF AUTHORIZED CHANNEL

------- OYSTER GROUNDS

LEGEND:

SIDE SLOPES OF CHANNEL

MARSH SHORELINE

— MHW — MEAN HIGH WATER

— MLW — MEAN LOW WATER

NOTES:
PROJECT DIMENSIONS: A CHANNEL 80 FEET WIDE AND 8 FEET DEEP FROM THAT
DEPTH IN UPSHUR BAY TO WITHIN APPROXIMATELY 600 FEET OF QUINBY LANDING,
THENCE 60 FEET WIDE TO QUINBY LANDING WITH A MOORING AND TURNING BASIN
8 FEET DEEP, 200 FEET WIDE AND 400 FEET LONG AT THE HEAD OF THE 60 FOOT

MEAN LOWER LOW WATER (MLLW), NATIONAL TIDAL DATUM EPOCH (NTDE) OF 1983-2001, WAS DETERMINED BY THE NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE (NOS) AT WACHAPREAGUE, VIRGINIA.

SOUNDINGS ARE IN FEET REFERRED TO NOS MLLW AND WERE TAKEN ON 21-23 AUGUST AND 16 NOVEMBER, 2023.

MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS 4.02 EET AT QUINBY CHANNEL AND IS BASED ON NOS OBSERVATIONS AT WACHAPREAGUE, VIRGINIA.

NORTH AMERICAN VERTICAL DATUM OF 1988 (NAVD88) ELEVATION WAS DERIVED BY THE RESULTS OF A OPUS GPS SESSION ON JUNE 15, 2010 PERFORMED BY USACE PERSONNEL ON NOS BENCHMARK 863-1208-E, 1979 AND IS 2.75 FEET ABOVE NOS MLLW 83 - 01 NTDE BASED ON GEOID 12B.

COORDINATES ARE REFERRED TO THE VIRGINIA STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM, SOUTH ZONE IN U.S. SURVEY FEET, AND ARE BASED ON THE NORTH AMERICAN DATUM OF 1983.

IMAGERY FROM VIRGINIA GEOGRAPHIC INFROMATION NETWORK'S (VGIN) WEB MAP FOR MOST CURRENT VBMP IMAGERY, 2021.

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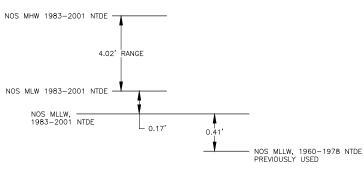
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STATION	EAST (X)	NORTH (Y)		
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6+89.3	12,285,711.64	3,734,844.40		
62+00.0	12,287,826.50	3,729,755.70		
74+00.0	12,288,328.23	3,728,665.62		

CENTERLINE COORDINATES BASIN			
STATION	EAST (X)	NORTH (Y)	
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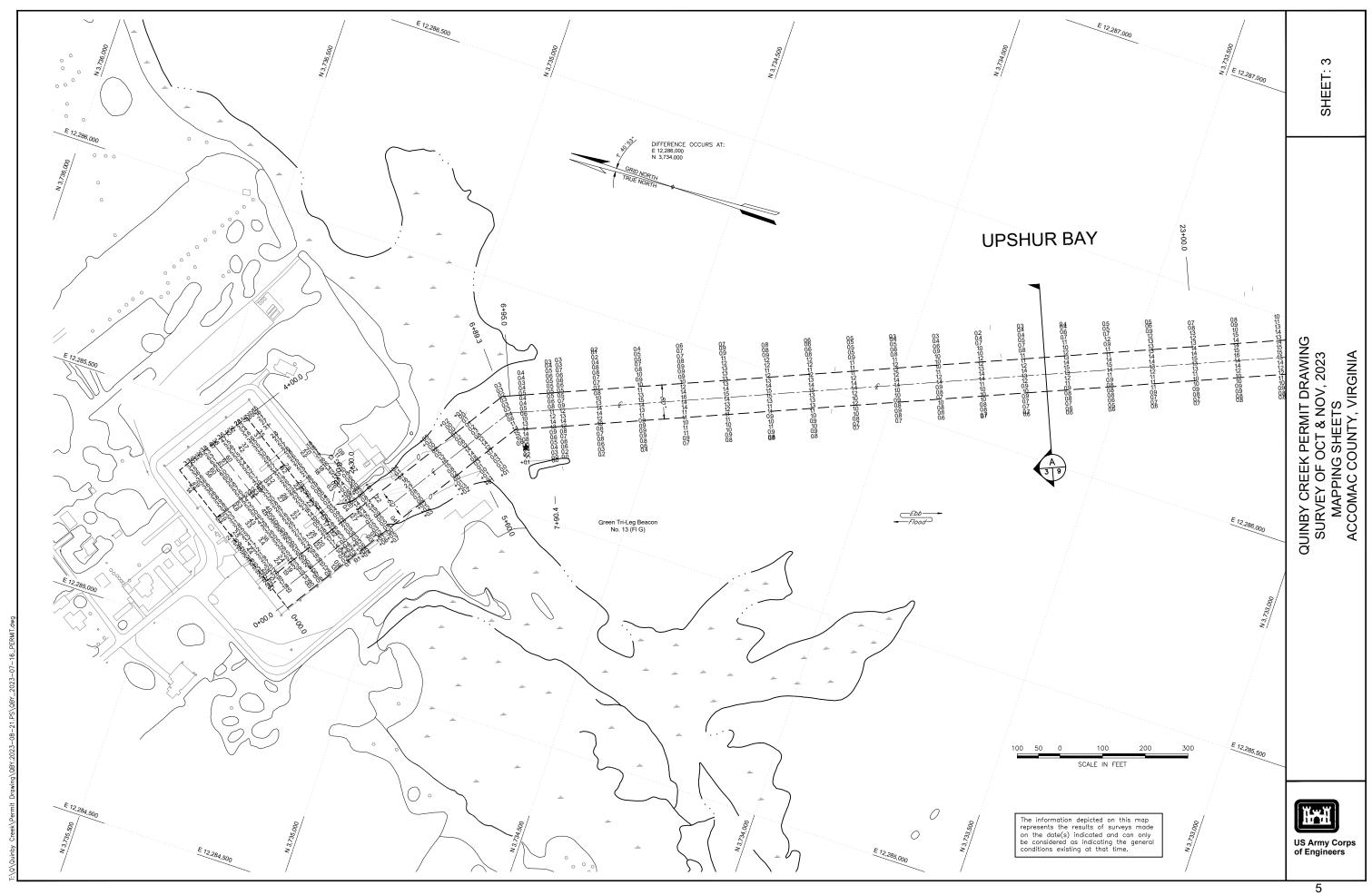
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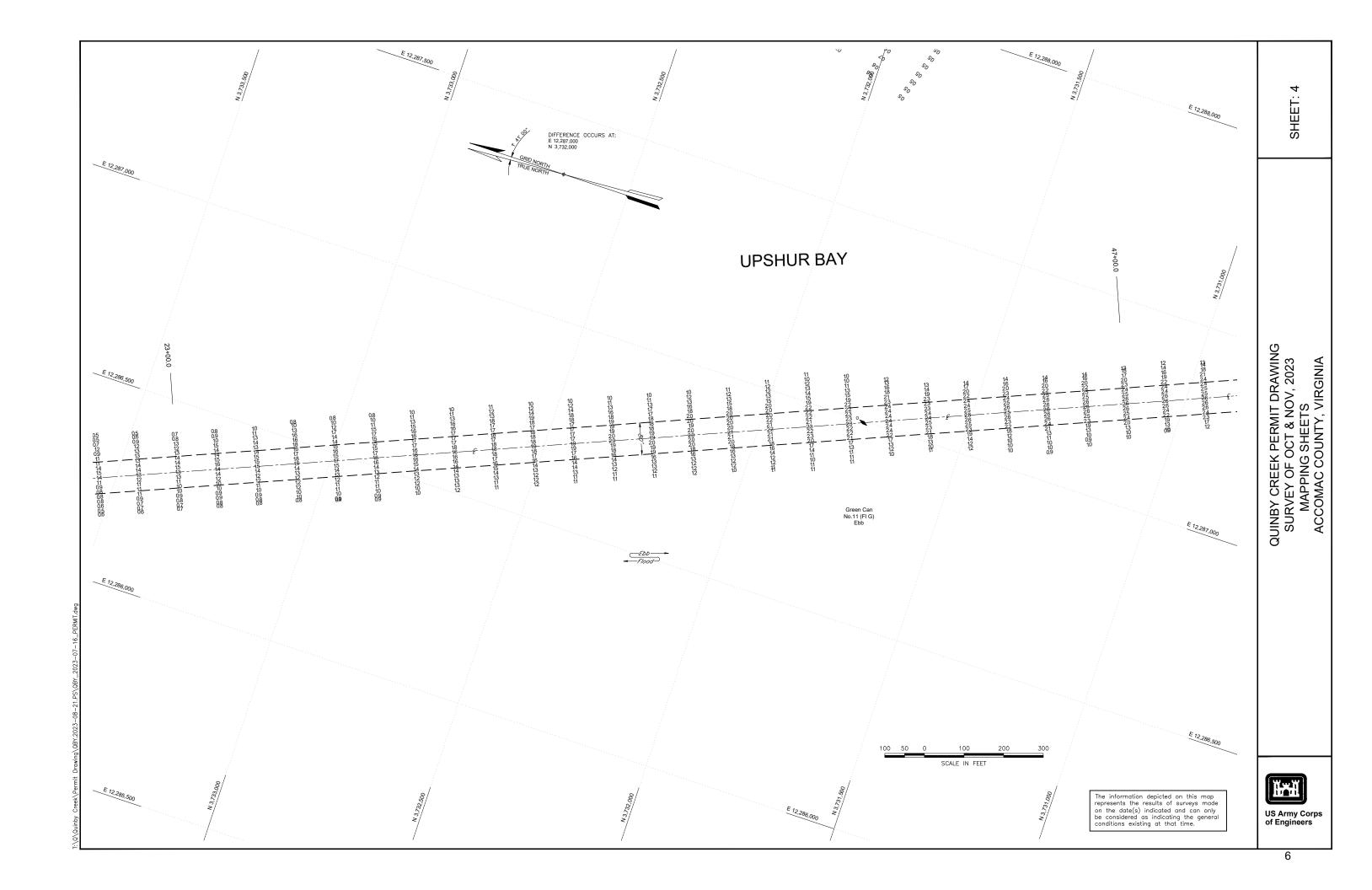


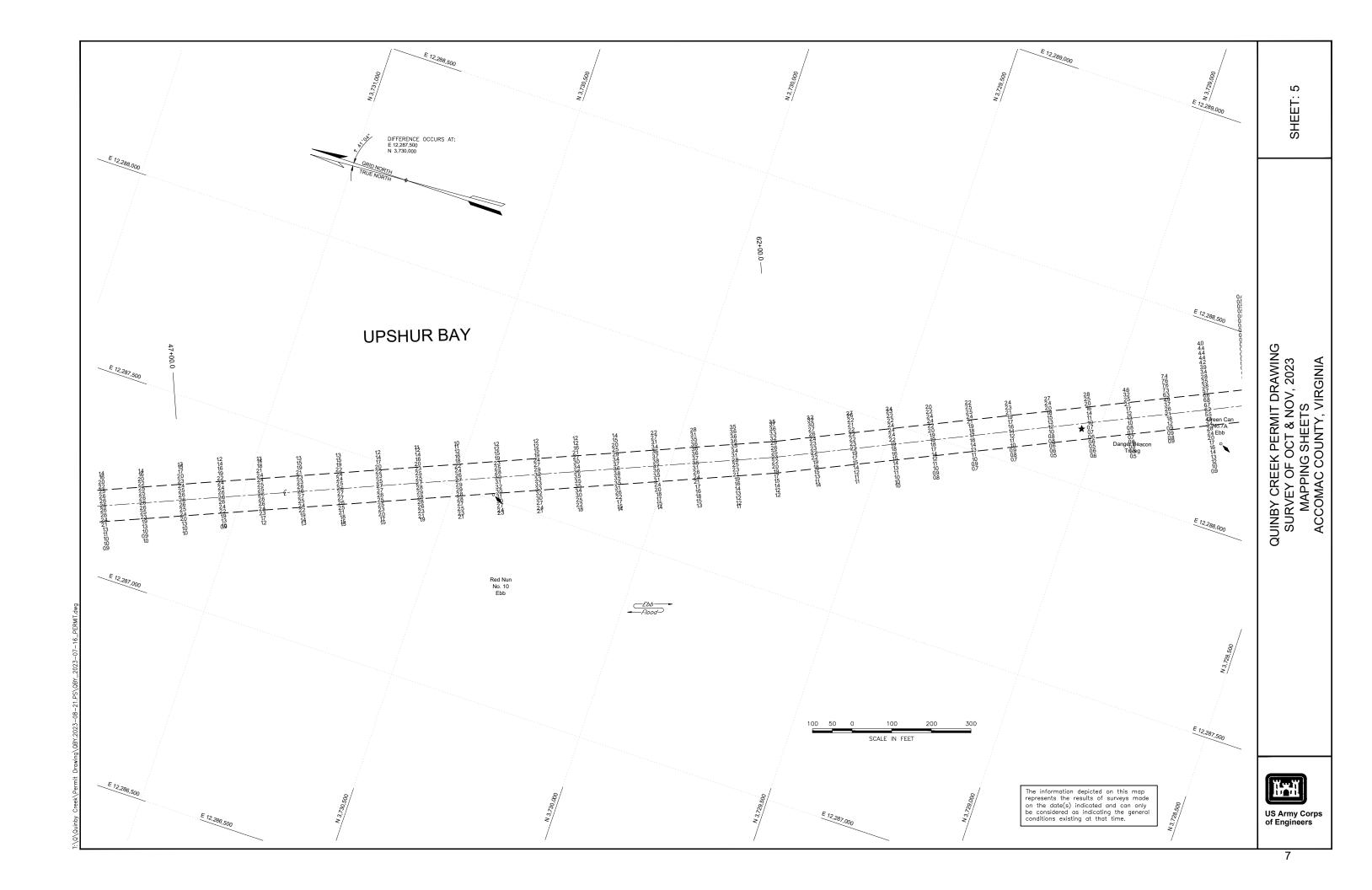
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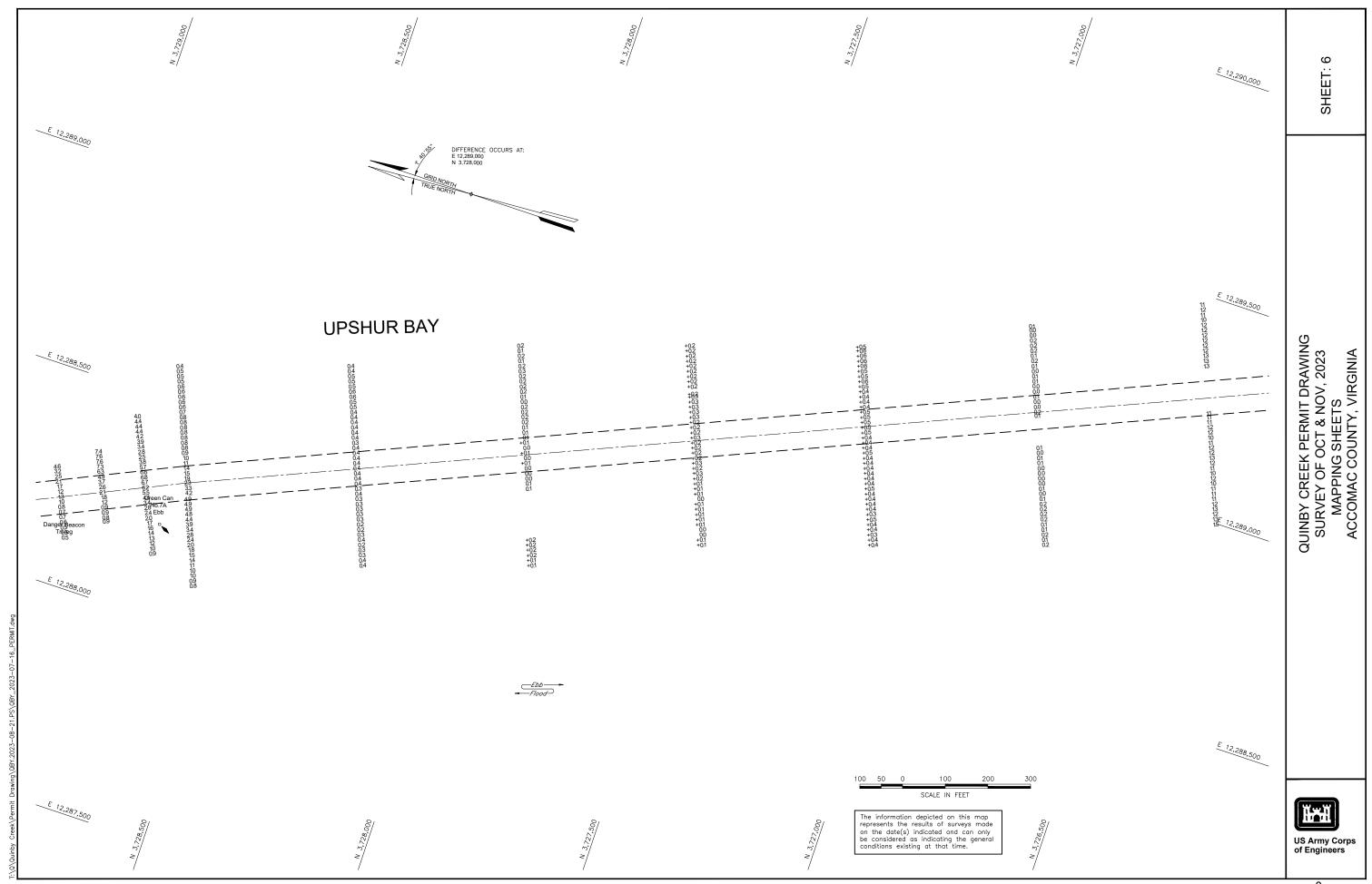


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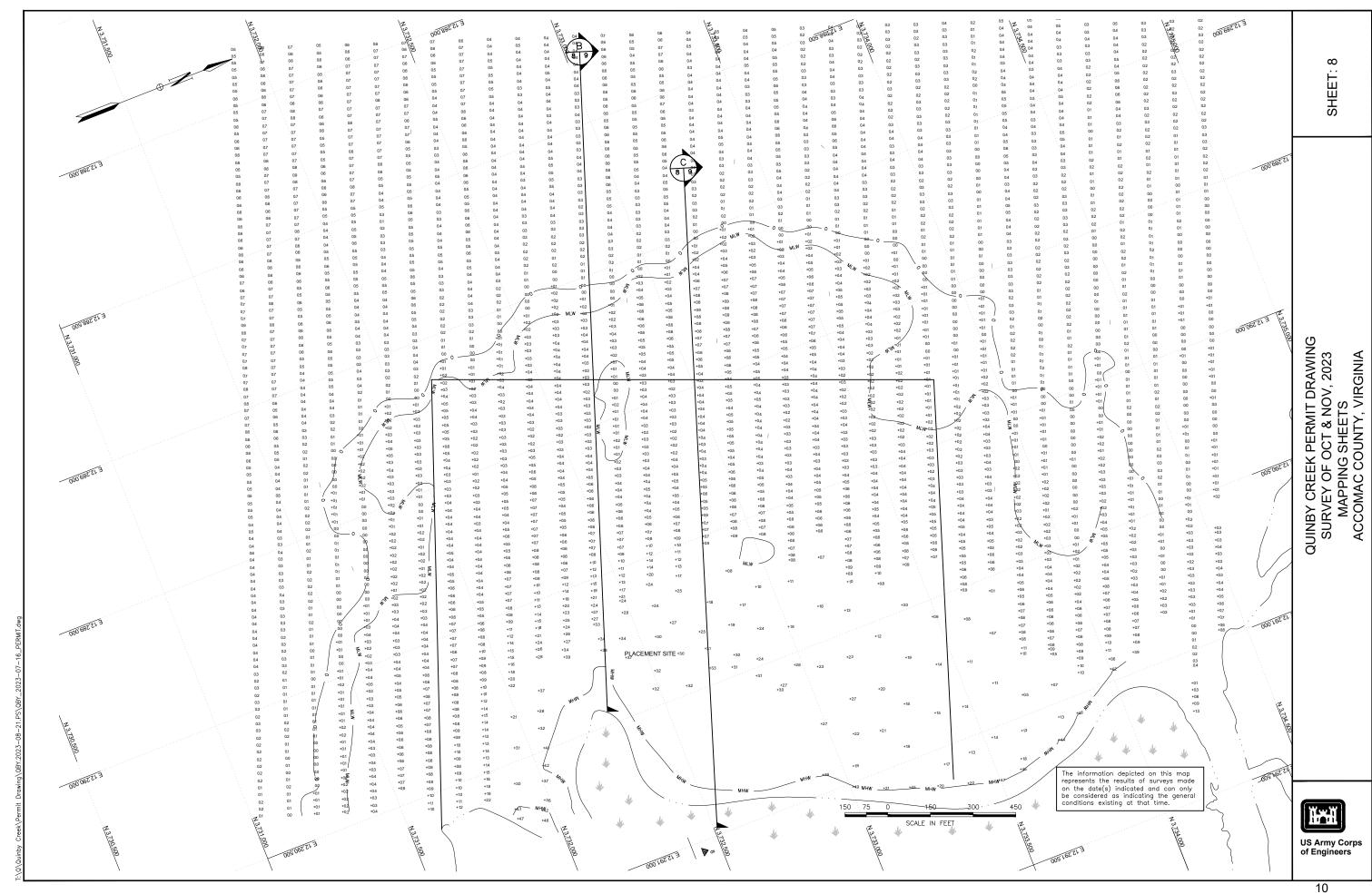


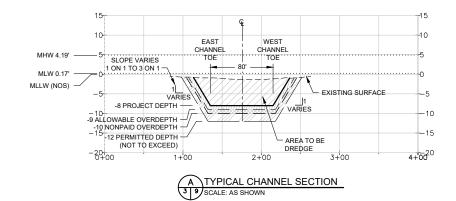


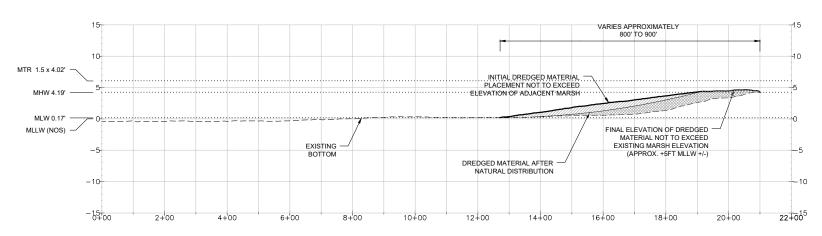






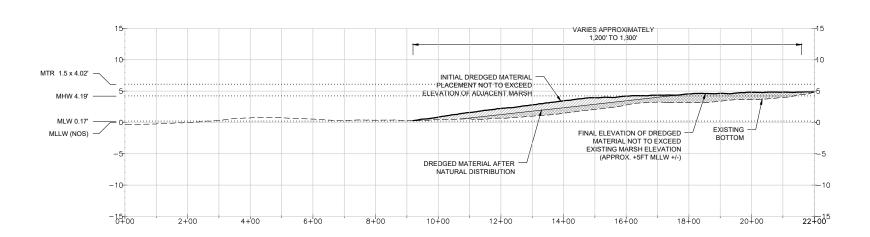






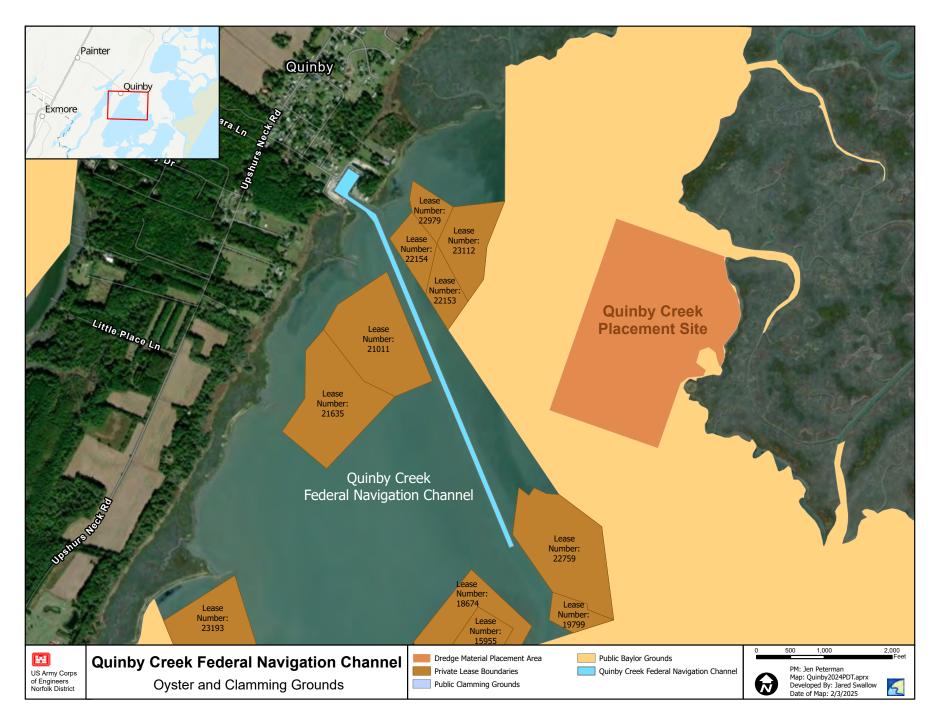
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8 9 SCALE: AS SHOWN









USACE-Norfolk District Quinby Creek Federal Navigation Project Project Data Sheet July 2024

# QUINBY CREEK FEDERAL NAVIGATION PROJECT ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA PROJECT DATA SHEET

## **Project Location and Description**

Quinby Creek Federal Navigation Project, located on the Atlantic Ocean side of Virginia's Eastern Shore within the Town of Quinby, approximately 32 miles north of Cape Charles, provides a channel 8 feet deep and 80 feet wide in Upshur Bay to a point 600 feet bayward from Quinby Landing, thence 60 feet wide to Quinby Landing, a total distance of 6,900 feet and a turning and mooring basin of 8 feet deep, 200 feet wide and 400 feet long opposite the harbor landing. The project was Congressionally authorized by the Rivers and Harbor Act of 17 May 1950.

## **Project Purpose**

The Quinby Creek Federal Navigation Project provides safe navigation for mostly commercial waterman and recreational vessels including aquaculture interests traveling in and out of the harbor landing into Upshur Bay and Quinby Inlet. A public dock, boat ramp, and numerous boat slips are located within the harbor at Quinby.

## **Dredged Material Management**

Maintenance dredging will be performed by hydraulic cutterhead method and remove approximately 225,000 cubic yards of dredged material from the channel and deposited via pipeline into our previously permitted overboard placement site surrounding Peeler Point. The project will be dredged to a maximum depth of -12 feet mean lower low water (MLLW) including advanced maintenance and allowable overdepth. Historical data coupled with current shoaling rates and channel alignment estimate the need for maintenance dredging every 5 to 7 years. The channel was last dredged in February 2017. There are no known

pollutants that exist in the Quinby Creek sediments and no reason to believe other contaminant sources are within the project vicinity.

The long-term dredged material management plan is to continue overboard placement in an unconfined manner adjacent to Peeler Point. Material has been placed at this location since the early 1970s by using the material beneficially to protect the existing marsh from erosion and creating additional acres of intertidal bottom for wetland growth.

From: Emily A. Hein Gorman, Claire (MRC) To: Cc: MRC - jpa Permits; Advisory 24-1891 Quinby Creek Dredging Subject:

Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2025 11:28:28 AM

### Good morning, Claire,

We reviewed the US Army Corps of Engineers' Quinby Creek Dredging project in Accomack County (VMRC #24-1891). The project includes maintenance dredging of the channel and turning basin to -8 ft MLW (not to exceed -12 ft MLW) with the dredged material placed on a nearby non-vegetated tidal wetland. The material will be unconfined during placement. If a turbidity curtain is not able to be utilized effectively, we recommend implementation of a time of year restriction on dredged material placement to be protective of nearby shellfish resources (clams and oysters) during their reproductive and recruitment life stages. To be most protective, we recommend the restriction extend from May 1 through September 30; however, a condensed time of June 1 through September 30 would be reasonable if the longer window is deemed impracticable.

As discussed on site, it would be helpful to inform future dredged material management projects to collect aerial imagery of the spoil site before and after placement. Please let me know when we can coordinate those flights.

Let me know if you have any questions or require additional information.

Best,

**Emily** 

**Emily Hein** Assistant Director for Advisory Services VIMS Research and Advisory Services Virginia Institute of Marine Science William & Mary www.vims.edu/oras eahein@vims.edu 804-684-7482



Book time to meet with me

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2	REVEL WALKER	01/26/2025 00:05:13 AM	OPPOSE

PLEASE RECONSIDER USING THE HISTORICAL SITE TO PLACE THE SPOIL FROM THIS PROJECT. I GROW CLAMS AND OYSTERS ON LEASE NUMBER 22759 AND THE PRODUCTS I HARVEST FROM THAT LEASE HAVE THE WORSE SHELF LIFE OF ANYWHERE ELSE I GROW CLAMS. WHEN I ATTENDED THE PANEL DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING THIS PROJECT, IT WAS STATED THAT THE CHANNEL FILLS IN QUICKLY BECAUSE THE SEDIMENT IS PLACED TO THE NORTH OF THE CHANNEL, AND IT GET BLOWN BACK INTO THE CHANNEL BY THE STRONG NORTH-EASTERLY WINDS. I BELIEVE THIS IS ALSO THE CAUSE OF THE POOR RETURN ON THE GROUNDS I HOLD. I RECALL THAT IT WAS SUGGESTED A NEW SPOIL SITE AT THE SOUTH END OF THE BAY REPLACE THE HISTORICALLY USED SITE AT THE NORTH END. I BEG THE COMMISSION AND THE ARMY CORPSE TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT THIS PROPOSAL. THANK YOU, REVEL WALKER

From: Pruhs, Robert S CIV USARMY CENAO (USA)

To: Owen, Randy (MRC)

Cc: Turner, Christopher W CIV USARMY CENAO (USA); Gorman, Claire (MRC)

Subject: Quinby Creek Federal Navigation Project, Objection from Leaseholder and VIMS recommendation

**Date:** Monday, March 17, 2025 3:32:51 PM

#### Randy,

Thanks for the discussion last week about Quinby Creek. This email is a follow up to our phone conversation (Wednesday, March 12, 2025) regarding the objection from the nearby shellfish lease holder and VIMS subsequent recommendation for a TOYR as a result of the nearby shellfish resources.

I have followed up with USACE Office of Counsel and have been advised that if the Commission requires a TOYR or other operational control that alters the USACE project it will present a conflict with USACE authority under Rivers and Harbors Act, Section 408 (33USC408). I believe you indicated that you are obligated to present the leaseholder objection and VIMS recommendation to the Commission. I'm not certain if you have discretion as to what VMRC habitat division recommends but would like to request your consideration to not "recommend" either the TOYR or the turbidity curtain. If the Commission does vote to require conditions that may include requirements that alter the federal project we will need to work with VMRC to resolve an apparent conflict between the state authority and the USACE authority.

Let me know if you think we need to discuss further before the Commission hearing. Chris Turner is planning to be at the Commission hearing on behalf of the USACE project.

Robert Pruhs Chief, Technical Support Section Operations Branch, Norfolk District (757)201-7130 (office) From: Beth Nunnally

To: <u>Howell, Beth (MRC)</u>; <u>Julie Floyd</u>

Cc: Gorman, Claire (MRC)

Subject: RE: [External Sender] JPA: 20241891 in Accomack County, Applicant: Army Corps of Engineers

**Date:** Tuesday, August 13, 2024 11:51:34 AM

This application will not be required to be heard by the Accomack County Wetlands Board. Thanks.

Beth Nunnally Environmental Planner II Environmental Programs Office County Of Accomack 23282 Courthouse Ave. P. O. Box 686 Accomac, VA 23301 757-787-5728

From: VMRC JPA <beth.howell@mrc.virginia.gov>

Sent: Thursday, August 8, 2024 6:56 AM

To: Julie Floyd <jfloyd@co.accomack.va.us>; Chontese Ridley <cridley@co.accomack.va.us>; Beth

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Subject: [External Sender] JPA: 20241891 in Accomack County, Applicant: Army Corps of Engineers

## **New Joint Permit Application Notice**

Virginia Marine Resources Commission, Habitat Management Division, would like to notify you the following new permit application:

Please click the link below for full application details.

Application: 20241891

**Applicant:** Army Corps of Engineers

**Locality:** Accomack County

Project Description: Dredge Quinby Creek Channel

Date Received: August 8, 2024

**Engineer:** Claire Gorman

After reviewing the application, please reply to this email and indicate one of the following:

**X** Does not involve wetlands. A letter will be forwarded to the applicant advising that

no permit will be required from this Board.
Does involve wetlands and a permit will be required. A public hearing has been tentatively scheduled for at
Does involve wetlands but a permit will not be required because
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Site inspection conducted on
X No site inspection conducted.
Should you have any questions regarding this permit application, please do not
hesitate to contact Claire Gorman at (757) 247-2285 or Claire.Gorman@mrc.virginia.gov
Reth Howell

Viewing application and related documents requires Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Safari, or Microsoft Edge.

Virginia Marine Resources Commission

Email: <u>beth.howell@mrc.virginia.gov</u>

Phone: (757) 247-2252

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DATE: JANUARY 27, 2025

TO: CLAIRE GORMAN, VMRC

FROM: ALLISON TILLETT, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW COORDINATOR

SUBJECT: MRC 24-1891, QUINBY CREEK FEDERAL NAVIGATION CHANNEL DREDGING PROJECT

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THERE ARE NO STATE NATURAL AREA PRESERVES UNDER DCR'S JURISDICTION IN THE PROJECT VICINITY.

UNDER A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES VDACS AND THE DCR, DCR REPRESENTS VDACS IN COMMENTS REGARDING POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON STATE-LISTED THREATENED AND ENDANGERED PLANT AND INSECT SPECIES. THE CURRENT ACTIVITY WILL NOT AFFECT ANY DOCUMENTED STATE-LISTED PLANTS OR INSECTS.

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MEMORANDUM<br /> <br /> <br /> <br /> <br /> <br /> TO: CLAIRE GORMAN, VMRC<br /> <br /> <br /> <br /> FROM: ALLISON TILLETT, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW COORDINATOR <br /> <br /> <br /> <br /> SUBJECT: MRC 24-1891, QUINBY CREEK CHANNEL FEDERAL NAVIGATION PROJECT<br/>br /> <br /> <br /> <br /> OIVISION OF PLANNING AND RECREATION RESOURCES<br /> <br/><br/> <br/> <br/> <br/> > cr /> <br/> > DCR'S DIVISION OF PLANNING AND RECREATIONAL RESOURCES (DCR-PRR) ADMINISTERS THE VIRGINIA SCENIC RIVERS (VIRGINIA CODE § 10.1-200), STATE TRAILS PROGRAMS (VIRGINIA CODE §10.1-204), AND THE STATE PARK MASTER PLANNING PROCESS (VIRGINIA CODE §10.1-200.1). DCR-PRR DEVELOPS THE VIRGINIA OUTDOORS PLAN (VOP). THE STATE'S COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE PLAN (VIRGINIA CODE §10.1-200) AND ADMINISTERS THE STATE-ASSISTANCE SIDE OF THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND (LWCF). THE VOP RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF SCENERY, NATURAL LANDSCAPES, AND ACCESS TO HERITAGE<br /> <br /> <br /> <br /> THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION'S DIVISION OF NATURAL HERITAGE (DCR) HAS SEARCHED ITS BIOTICS DATA SYSTEM FOR OCCURRENCES OF NATURAL HERITAGE RESOURCES FROM THE AREA OUTLINED ON THE SUBMITTED MAP. NATURAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ARE DEFINED AS THE HABITAT OF RARE, THREATENED, OR ENDANGERED PLANT AND ANIMAL SPECIES, UNIQUE OR EXEMPLARY NATURAL COMMUNITIES, AND SIGNIFICANT GEOLOGIC FORMATIONS. < br /> <br /> <br /> <br /> ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION CURRENTLY IN BIOTICS, NATURAL HERITAGE RESOURCES HAVE NOT BEEN DOCUMENTED WITHIN THE SUBMITTED PROJECT BOUNDARY INCLUDING A 100 FOOT BUFFER. THE ABSENCE OF DATA MAY INDICATE THAT THE PROJECT AREA HAS NOT BEEN SURVEYED, RATHER THAN CONFIRM THAT THE AREA LACKS NATURAL HERITAGE RESOURCES. IN ADDITION, THE PROJECT BOUNDARY DOES NOT INTERSECT ANY OF THE PREDICTIVE MODELS IDENTIFYING <br/>VINDER A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES (VDACS) AND THE DCR, DCR REPRESENTS VDACS IN COMMENTS REGARDING POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON STATE-LISTED THREATENED AND ENDANGERED PLANT AND INSECT SPECIES. THE CURRENT ACTIVITY WILL NOT AFFECT ANY DOCUMENTED STATE-LISTED PLANTS OR INSECTS.<br /> <br /> <br /> <br /> NEW AND UPDATED INFORMATION IS CONTINUALLY ADDED TO BIOTICS. PLEASE RE-SUBMIT PROJECT INFORMATION AND MAP FOR AN UPDATE ON THIS NATURAL HERITAGE INFORMATION IF THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT CHANGES AND/OR SIX MONTHS HAS PASSED BEFORE IT IS UTILIZED.<br /> <br /> <br /> <br /> THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES (VDWR) MAINTAINS A DATABASE OF WILDLIFE LOCATIONS, INCLUDING THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES, TROUT STREAMS, AND ANADROMOUS FISH WATERS THAT MAY CONTAIN INFORMATION NOT DOCUMENTED IN THIS LETTER. THEIR DATABASE MAY BE ACCESSED AT HTTPS://SERVICES.DWR.VIRGINIA.GOV/FWIS/ OR CONTACT LEE BRANN AT LEE.BRANN@DWR.VIRGINIA.GOV.<br /> <br /> <br /> <br /> <br /> <br /> PARKS<br /> <br /> <br /> <br /> CR'S DIVISION OF STATE PARKS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ACQUIRING AND MANAGING, STATE PARKS. PARK DEVELOPMENT AND MASTER PLANNING ARE MANAGED BY THE DIVISION OF PLANNING AND RECREATION RESOURCES. MASTER PLANS ARE REQUIRED PRIOR TO A PARKS OPENING AND ARE UPDATED EVERY TEN YEARS (VIRGINIA CODE ÂŞ 10.1-200 ET SEQ.).<br/>br /> <br/> DIVISION OF DAM SAFETY AND FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT<br/>br /> <br /> <br /> <br /> DAM SAFETY

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## Leonard Clark, VMRC VMRC #22-1645, NTC #24-06

- 1. Habitat Management Evaluation for March 25, 2025. (Pages 1)
- 2. Habitat Management Evaluation dated January 28, 2025. (Pages 2 3)
- 3. Joint Permit Application drawings dated-received August 9, 2022. (Pages 4 7)
- 4. York County Wetlands Board permit approval dated October 13, 2022. (Page 8)
- 5. VMRC no permit necessary issued dated October 28, 2022. (Page 9)
- VMRC notices to comply sent by certified mail and served by MPO Hodges August 22, 2024.
   (Pages 10 - 22)
- 7. After-the-fact request dated-received September 30, 2024. (Pages 23 28)
- 8. Agent's repairs to bulkhead tie-ins dated-received November 15, 2024. (Pages 29 32)
- 9. Letters of finding sent on January 31, 2025. (Pages 33 38)
- 10. Marine contractor Matt McQuillen email March 6, 2025. (Page 39)

## **HABITAT MANAGEMENT DIVISION EVALUATION**

**LEONARD CLARK**, #22-1645, NTC #24-06. Commission reconsideration of this after-the-fact request to retain a 100-foot vinyl bulkhead constructed in York County without VMRC authorization and the civil charges assessed against the responsible marine permitting agent and contractor.

On January 28, 2025, the Commission considered the unauthorized installation and backfill of a replacement bulkhead over state-owned submerged bottomlands serving 1124 Wormley Creek Road, situated along Wormley Creek in York County. During that hearing, the Commission assessed civil charges to both the agent and contractor and agreed to continue processing the after-the-fact application request, including a newspaper advertisement and adjoining property owner notices. The request to retain the bulkhead was advertised in the local newspaper, and the neighbors were notified as part of our standard public interest review requirements. No protests were received.

On February 28, 2025, the marine permitting agent, Mr. Randy Carnell, paid his assessed civil charge of \$3,000.00. Staff believes Mr. Carnell has fulfilled his obligations and recommends no further enforcement action per his involvement as the authorized agent.

Accordingly, staff now recommends approval of the after-the-fact permit be issued to Mr. Clark necessary to retain the 100-foot vinyl bulkhead. Mr. Leonard Clark has agreed to pay a triple permit fee of \$900.00 and a triple royalty of \$600.00 for the filling of 200 square feet at \$1.00 per square foot. Should the Commission concur, staff will prepare and send the draft permit immediately to the applicant for their signature and payment of the aforementioned triple fees.

The contractor, Mr. Matt McQuillen, emailed staff on March 7, 2025, to accept responsibility for his role in the violation. Mr. McQuillen has requested the Commission allow him to pay the assessed \$9,000.00 civil charge in a series of payments in lieu of further enforcement actions. Staff seeks further Commission guidance regarding this request, as we have no history of marine contractors approved to pay civil charges in such a manner.

## **HABITAT MANAGEMENT DIVISION EVALUATION**

**LEONARD CLARK**, #22-1645, NTC #24-06, requests after-the-fact approval to retain a 100-foot vinyl bulkhead that was constructed approximately two (2) feet channelward of an existing failing bulkhead serving 1124 Wormley Creek Road situated along Wormley Creek in York County.

## **Narrative**

On July 13, 2022, Mr. Clark's agent, Randy Carnell, Living Shorelines Design, LLC, submitted a joint permit application (JPA) requesting to repair the existing deteriorating bulkhead. As proposed in the original application request, the work would involve "patching" the section of the failed bulkhead and leaving the functional sections of the bulkhead on either side of the "patch" as-is. Importantly, the application stated that "the bulkhead patch will be in the same footprint as the existing."

Based on the agent's commitment to repair the bulkhead in the same footprint of the existing structure, VMRC issued its No Permit Necessary letter on October 28, 2022. The letter clarified that a permit was not needed provided the repairs resulted in "no additional channelward encroachment within the waterway," as detailed in the application drawings dated received October 3, 2022, from Livings Shorelines LLC.

#### **Issues**

On July 11, 2024, VMRC staff conducted a routine compliance inspection of the Clark property. During the inspection, it was determined that the bulkhead repair was constructed approximately two (2) feet channelward of the original wall. Following a second inspection scheduled with Mr. Clark, the agent and York County, Living Shorelines LLC advised in writing and in revised project drawings that:

- Living Shorelines LLC was the general contractor and that Mr. Matt McQuillen, the subcontractor, constructed the wall.
- That additional unforeseen conditions resulted in a field-based decision to construct the repairs in front of the existing southern and northern portions of the bulkhead.

This field decision made by Living Shorelines LLC and Mr. McQuillen resulted in the unauthorized construction of the bulkhead over the Commonwealth's state-owned submerged lands without the required VMRC permit. In light of this discovery and documentation offered by the permit agent, VMRC staff issued its Sworn Complaint and Notice to Comply on (NTC) August 22, 2024, for the unlawfully constructed wall. The Notice was sent via certified mail to Mr. Clark, the agent and to Mr. McQuillen. The agent and Mr. McQuillen were further served with the NTC by VMRC marine police.

## <u>Issues (cont'd)</u>

A third and fourth on-site inspection was conducted by VMRC staff, in response to the applicant and his structural engineer's request to meet onsite to review the integrity of the wall as constructed. Based on the engineer's position that the wall was constructed without the required return walls, which are standard for any bulkhead construction, Living Shorelines LLC agreed to return to the site and construct the returns. The agent advised that he was no longer utilizing Mr. McQuillen, the subcontractor.

On November 19, 2024, VMRC staff met with the applicant's representatives and Mr. Carnell to inspect the recently constructed return walls. The property owner indicated that they were satisfied with the returns.

## **Summary and Recommendation**

The unauthorized construction of shoreline erosion control structures by marine contractors working throughout Tidewater has unfortunately increased over the past few years. We are very concerned that Mr. McQuillen and the agent, Living Shorelines LLC, chose to proceed with the unlawful construction of the wall beyond their stated intentions of repairing the wall in the existing structure's footprint. Had a phone call been made prior, VMRC staff could have initiated its standard public interest review required to issue the eventual permit that is required for the wall as now constructed.

Staff does agree that the unauthorized bulkhead and backfill should now be permitted, however, with appropriate civil charges and triple permit fees as outlined in the Commission's civil charge matrix and in keeping with §28.2-1213 of the Virginia Code. Both the marine agent and marine contractor are experienced and fully aware of the state's regulatory application and permit process. It appears in this situation that the contractor nor the agent would have contacted York County or VMRC staff if a compliance inspection had not occurred.

In light of both parties' decision to proceed without the required VMRC authorization, staff recommends after-the-fact approval of the bulkhead as constructed with a \$3,000.00 civil charge assessed to the agent Living Shorelines LLC, and a \$9,000.00 civil charge assessed to the contractor Mr. Matt McQuillen, in accordance with the Commission's civil charge matrix.

Staff also recommends a triple permit fee of \$900.00 be required, including a triple royalty in the amount of \$600.00 for the filling of 200 square feet at \$1.00 per square-foot. Should the marine agent and marine contractor not agree to the recommended civil charges, staff recommends that the Commission require the immediate removal of the unauthorized bulkhead section installed over state-owned submerged lands.

# Project scope: BULKHEAD REPAIR

Repair 75LF of a failed section of bulkhead. The bulkhead is on a steep embankment. Most areas of the bulkhead are functional and serviceable. The bulkhead patch will be in the same footprint as the existing

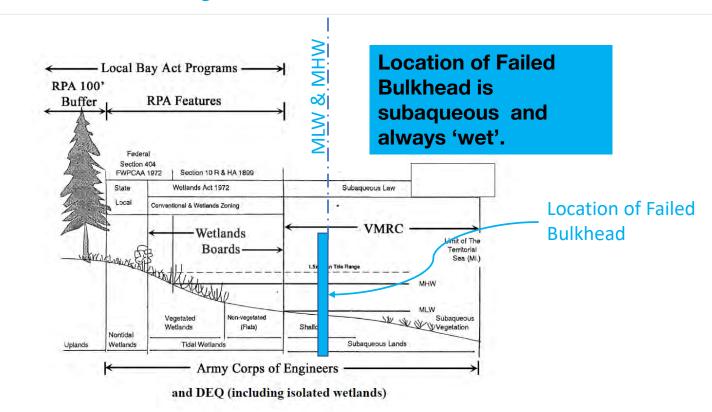
- Drive EVERLAST Vinyl ESP 3.1 Sheet Piles 50 Year Manufacturer Warranty
- Weepholes installed per manufacturer specs 1' higher than mean high tide
- 8in Tip 2.5 CCA Butt Pilings installed in Front of Vinyl Bulkhead driven to refusal at 6' spacing
- 2x8 2.5 CCA Pressure Treated Top & Mid Wailers
- 20in wide 2x6in Treated Top Cap
- Backfill with clean fill dirt

Access via land and sea with barge. Pilings driven with vibratory earth compacting hammer on excavator.



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## 1124 Wormley Creek Bulkhead





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## YORK COUNTY WETLANDS BOARD



## Wetlands Permit Number 22-44 (VMRC 22-1645) Granted October 13, 2022

Pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 28.2 of the Code of Virginia and the York County Wetlands Ordinance, the York County Wetlands Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board, grants unto Leonard Clark (Applicant), and Randolph Carnell (Agent), hereinafter referred to as the Permittee, permission to undertake the following described project:

**LOCATION:** 

1124 Wormley Creek Drive, Yorktown VA

**DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:** 

Replace 100 linear feet of a failed section of bulkhead along the shoreline of Wormley Creek at 1124 Wormley Creek Drive.

For a more complete description of such project, reference is hereby made to the Permittee's application for a wetlands permit, received by York County on July 13, 2022, and which application is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

This permit is approved subject to following terms and conditions:

The application received by York County on July 13, 2022 will be revised as per drawings received on October 3, 2022. The revised drawings and information will supersede any conflicting previously dated information.



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Marine Resources Commission
380 Fenwick Road
Travis A. Voyles
Building 96
Acting Secretary of Natural and
Historic Resources
Fort Monroe, VA 23651

Jamie L. Green Commissioner

October 28, 2022

Mr. Leonard Clark c/o Mr. Randy Carnell 1124 Wormley Creek Road York County, VA livingshorelinesllc@gmail.com len23692@yahoo.com

Re: VMRC #2022-1645

Dear Mr. Clark:

This will acknowledge receipt of your request to replace 100 linear feet of an existing failed, timber bulkhead at property (1124 Wormley Creek) situated along Wormley Creek in York County.

Provided the new bulkhead will be in same footprint as the current bulkhead, with no additional channelward encroachment within the waterway, as detailed in the revised drawings dated received October 3, 2022, and the previous VMRC permit # 86-0662, your proposal is deemed "maintenance and repair" pursuant to Section 28.2-1209 of the Code of Virginia. No further authorization from this agency will be required.

For your information, you may need further authorization from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and York County prior to commencing your project. This letter and attached drawings were forwarded to both agencies.

If you have any future plans to expand the existing bulkhead, you must first complete a Joint Permit Application and submit it to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission for review. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (757) 247-2250.

Sincerely,

Lauren Chartrand

Environmental Engineer

LRC/bf HM Enclosure

cc: USACOE

York County Wetlands Board

Applicant/Agent

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### NOTICE TO COMPLY

August 22, 2024

### **CERTIFIED MAIL**

Mr. Matt McQuillen 1803 Dandy Loop Road Yorktown, VA 23692

Re:

Notice to Comply #24-06

VMRC #2022-1645

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Bradley Reams of my staff at (757) 247-8120 or <a href="mailto:bradley.neams@mrc.virginia.gov">brad.reams@mrc.virginia.gov</a>.

Notice ordered by **Randal D. Owen** on August 22, 2024.

Randal D. Owen Chief, Habitat Management Division

#### RDO/br:lra

cc:

Commissioner, Jamie Green Assistant Attorney General, Kelci Block York County Wetlands Board Applicant, Mr. Leonard Clark Agent, Living Shorelines LLC, Mr. Randy Carnell, Jr.



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Living Shorelines LLC Attn: Mr. Randolph Carnell, Jr. 513 Dandy Loop Road Yorktown, VA 23692

Re:

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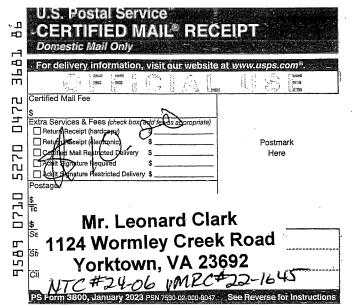
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VMRC – Habitat Mngt.
380 Fenwick Rd, Bldg 96
Fort Monroe, VA 23651
Attn: Mr. Brad Reams

VMRC # 24 - 06

TO:

**Mr. Bradley Reams** Environmental Engineer Habitat Management (757) 262-6448

SUBJECT: NTC 24-06 JPA20221645

September 27th, 2024

Mr. Reams,

Regarding the 'Notice to Comply' NTC 24-06 related to JPA20221645 please see the attached documentation for the Bulkhead Replacement at 1124 Wormley Creek Drive in Yorktown VA. This letter is requesting after the fact authorization for the already completed bulkhead replacement.

After investigating the final position of the new bulkhead, the data appears to show that the bulkhead was installed directly in front of the remaining portions of the bulkhead that still existed at the start of construction. When the JPA20221645 was submitted on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the main sections of the bulkhead area to be replaced were already destroyed and missing. This resulted in the inability to record benchmarks on the eventually approved layout plan.

Eleven months after the JPA was initiated, the bulkhead experienced accelerated failure due to numerous, major winter storms. The result was only three remaining reference points for the new replacement bulkhead footprint: the southern bulkhead, the start of the spine of the existing dock, and the remaining northern bulkhead. Furthermore, additional unforeseen conditions were discovered when driving the sheet piles in the assumed, same footprint. Subsurface debris from the failed bulkhead prevented correct installation of the pilings and vinyl sheets. They were not able to be driven to correct depths and without damaging the material. Using best practice, an onsite field change was required and implemented to install the ends of the bulkhead directly in front of the existing southern and northern portions of the bulkhead. This prevented interference between sub surface debris and new bulkhead material installation.

Best efforts were made onsite to install the new bulkhead in the same footprint. Any deviation from the permitted footprint that may have occurred was not done intentionally, or for personal or financial gain. The goal was to construct a properly installed seawall that will endure the test of time and protect the shoreline for years to come.

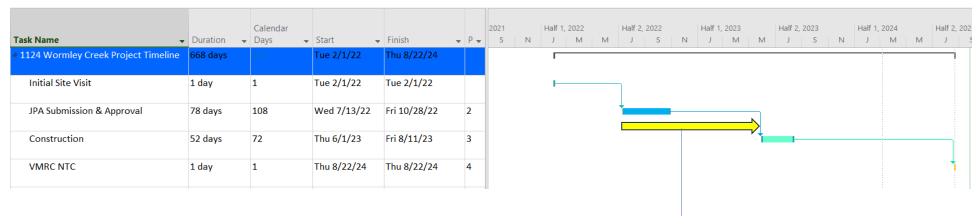
Very Respectfully,

Randolph W. Carnell Jr.

Owner, BSME

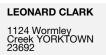
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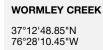
## **Project Timeline**



JPA20221645 was initiated in July of 2022 and start of construction commenced eleven months later in June of 2023. During this period, the bulkhead continued to be subjected to numerous nor'easters which accelerated its rapid failure on the main area of repair. When construction started, it was unclear exactly where the original bulkhead was located. Only three points remained above the mudline for construction reference (See drawing LS09272024A).







AGENT
Randy Carnell
757.620.9530

## **Preconstruction Aerial 9/28/2022**



Areas of the bulkhead that were destroyed by the time construction started and were no longer existing as reference points for replacement bulkhead position.



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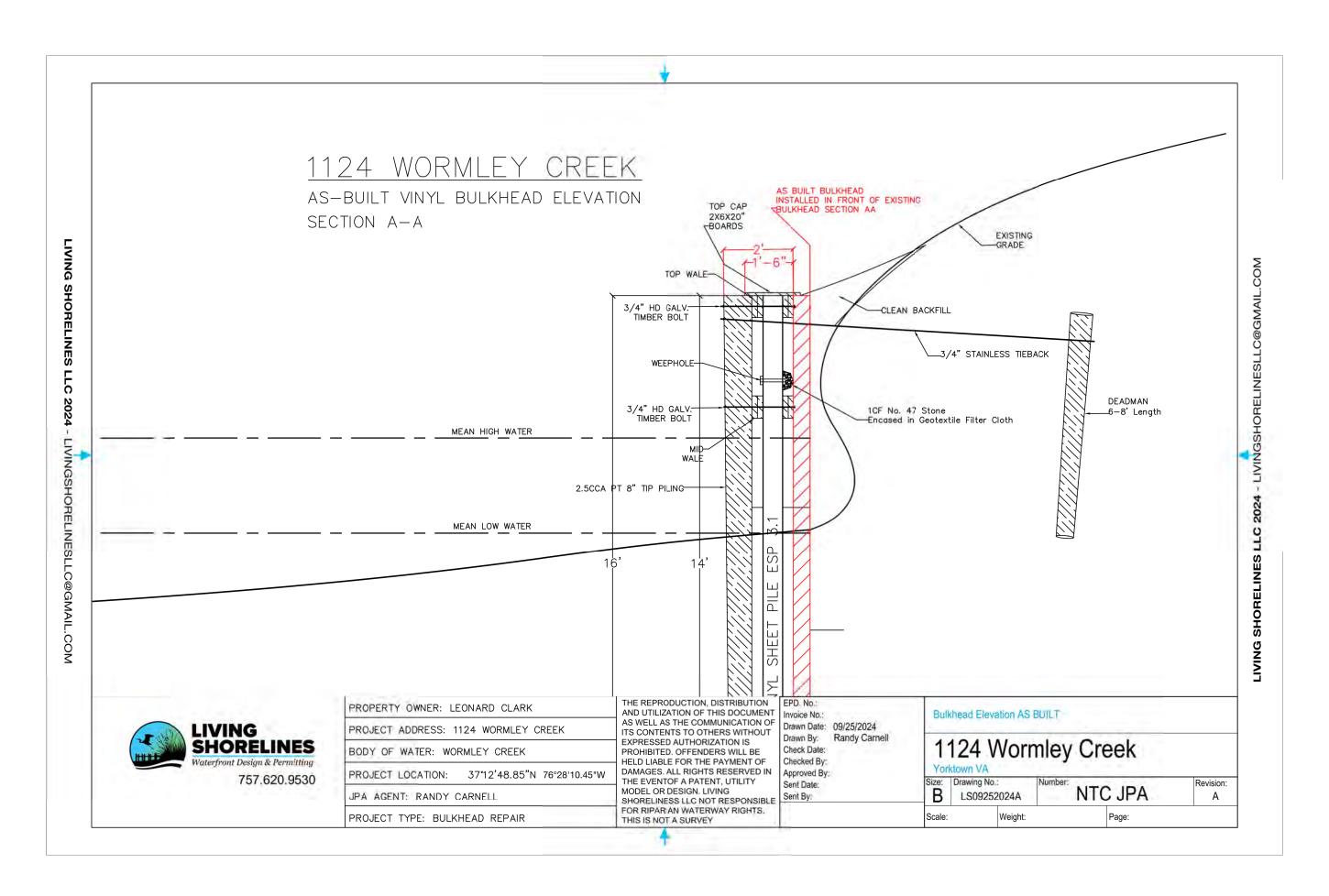
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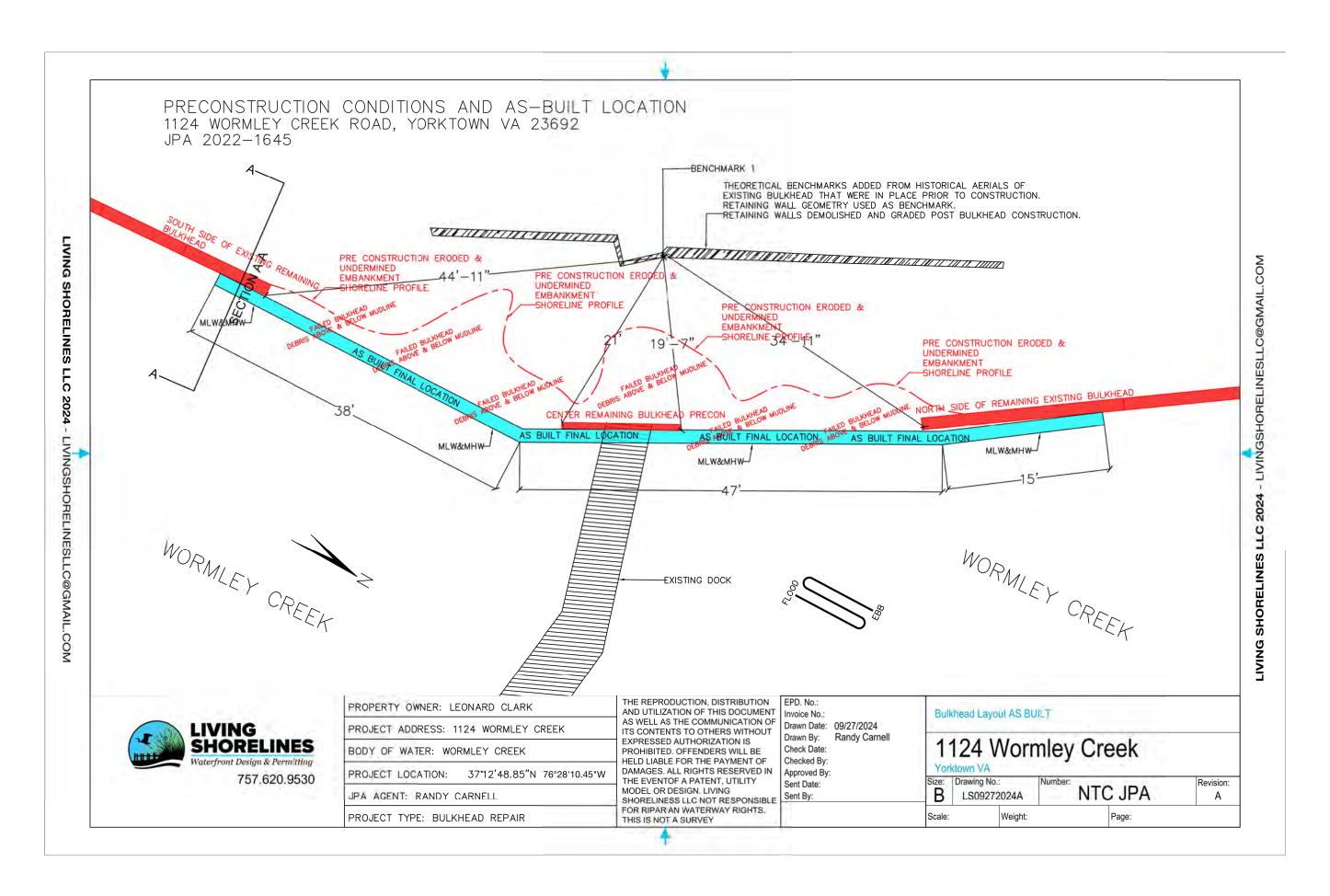
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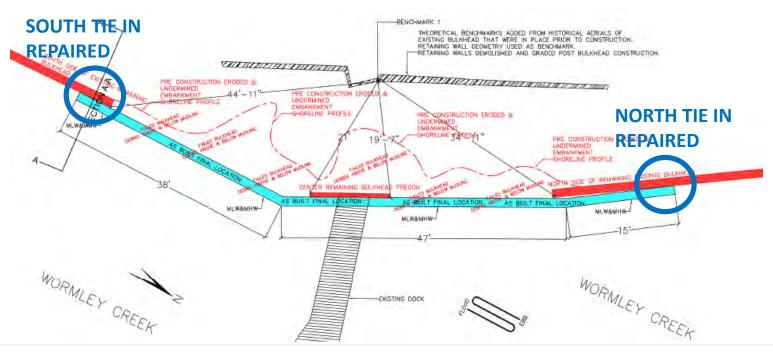
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# **Bulkhead Tie-in Repair**

The North and South ends of the new bulkhead were properly tied into the existing bulkhead on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024.





LEONARD CLARK 1124 Wormley Creek YORKTOWN 23692

**WORMLEY CREEK** 37°12'48.85"N

76°28'10.45"W

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# **Bulkhead Tie-in Repair (South End)**

PREVIOUS CONDITION TIE-IN SOUTH END (VMRC PHOTO)











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1124 Wormley Creek YORKTOWN 23692

**WORMLEY CREEK** 

37°12'48.85"N 76°28'10.45"W

**AGENT** 

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# **Bulkhead Tie-in Repair (North End)**

PREVIOUS CONDITION TIE-IN NORTH END (VMRC PHOTOS)









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11/15/2024

# **Bulkhead Tie-in Repair (North End)**

**NEW CORRECTED CONDITION TIE-IN NORTH END 11/13/2024** 





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January 31, 2025

Mr. Leonard Clark 1124 Wormley Creek Road Yorktown, VA 23692 Alanclark65@gmail.com

Re: VMRC #2022-1645

Dear Mr. Clark:

This is to inform you that the Marine Resources Commission, at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 28, 2025, considered your after-the-fact request to retain the unauthorized installation and backfill of a replacement bulkhead over state-owned submerged bottomlands, located at 1124 Wormley Creek Road, situated along Wormley Creek in York County.

The Commission reviewed a staff presentation and heard testimony from your authorized agent, Mr. Randy Carnell, and his attorney, Mr. Michael Ware. After careful deliberation and considering all of the factors contained in §28.2-1205.A and §28.2-1213 of the Code of Virginia, the Commission voted to assess civil charges to both your agent, Mr. Carnell, and your contractor, Mr. Matt McQuillen. Furthermore, the Commission agreed to continue processing your after-the-fact application request, including the preparation of a newspaper advertisement and adjoining property owner notices (these are currently being prepared by Commission staff). Once those notices have expired, and the civil charge payments have been received, staff will consider issuing the after-the-fact permit including triple permit fees and triple royalties. \*Please note that if the civil charge payments are not received, or if protests are filed pursuant to the public notices, this matter will again be presented to the Commission for action.

Please be advised that any person aggrieved by a decision of the Marine Resources Commission has the right of judicial review. Part 2A of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia applies to judicial appeal of Commission decisions reviewable in accordance with the Administrative Process Act. As provided by Rule 2A:2, you have 30 days from the date of service of this decision within which to initiate an appeal of this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with:

Ms. Michelle Guilford, Agency Secretary Virginia Marine Resources Commission Building 96, 380 Fenwick Road Fort Monroe, Virginia 23651

An Agency of the Natural Resources Secretariat
<a href="https://www.mrc.virginia.gov">www.mrc.virginia.gov</a>
Telephone (757) 247-2200 Information and Emergency Hotline 1-800-541-4646

In the event that this decision is served on you by mail, three days are added to the 30-day period.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact me at (757) 247-2251 or <a href="mailto:randy.owen@mrc.virginia.gov">randy.owen@mrc.virginia.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

Randal D. Owen

Randal D. Owen Chief, Habitat Management

RDO/br:lra HM

cc: Jamie Green, Commissioner

Kelci Block, Assistant Attorney General

Schempf & Ware, PLLC, Attn: Michael B. Ware

Agent

Marine Resources Commission
Building 96
380 Fenwick Road
Fort Monroe, Virginia 23651

Jamie L. Green Commissioner

January 31, 2025

### **CERTIFIED MAIL**

Mr. Randolph W. Carnell 513 Dandy Loop Road Yorktown, VA 23692 <a href="mailto:livingshorelinesllc@gmail.com">livingshorelinesllc@gmail.com</a>

Re: VMRC #2022-1645

Dear Mr. Carnell:

This is to inform you that the Marine Resources Commission, at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 28, 2025, considered your role as the authorized agent for the unauthorized installation and backfill of a replacement bulkhead over state-owned submerged bottomlands, located at 1124 Wormley Creek Road, situated along Wormley Creek in York County.

The Commission reviewed a staff presentation and heard testimony from you and your attorney, Mr. Michael Ware. After careful deliberation and after considering all of the factors contained in §28.2-1213 of the Code of Virginia, the Commission voted to assess a \$3,000.00 civil charge to you as the authorized agent for this violation. Please remit this payment to our office within 30 days. If the payment is not received within 30 days, this matter will be referred to the Office of the Attorney General to seek civil penalties pursuant to §28.2-1213 of the Code of Virginia.

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Applicant

Marine Resources Commission
Building 96
380 Fenwick Road
Fort Monroe, Virginia 23651

Jamie L. Green

January 31, 2025

### **CERTIFIED MAIL**

Mr. Matt McQuillen 1010 Dandy Loop Road Yorktown, VA 23692 vamarineconstructionllc@gmail.com

Re: VMRC #2022-1645

Dear Mr. McQuillen:

This is to inform you that the Marine Resources Commission, at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 28, 2025, considered your role as the marine contractor for the unauthorized installation and backfill of a replacement bulkhead over state-owned submerged bottomlands, located at 1124 Wormley Creek Road, situated along Wormley Creek in York County.

The Commission reviewed a staff presentation and heard testimony from the authorized agent, Mr. Randy Carnell, and his attorney, Mr. Michael Ware. After careful deliberation and after considering all of the factors contained in §28.2-1213 of the Code of Virginia, the Commission voted to assess a \$9,000.00 civil charge to you as the marine contractor for this violation. Please remit this payment to our office within 30 days. If the payment is not received within 30 days, this matter will be referred to the Office of the Attorney General to seek civil penalties pursuant to §28.2-1213 of the Code of Virginia.

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Schempf & Ware, PLLC, Attn: Michael B. Ware

Applicant

 From:
 Reams, Brad (MRC)

 To:
 MRC - jpa Permits

 Subject:
 FW: 2022-1645 Leonard Clark

 Date:
 Friday, March 7, 2025 8:40:11 AM

### Contractor

From: Matt McQuillen <vamarineconstructionllc@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, March 6, 2025 2:52 PM

**To:** Reams, Brad (MRC) < Brad.Reams@mrc.virginia.gov>

**Subject:** 2022-1645 Leonard Clark

Good afternoon Mr. Reams hope all is well. I wanted to reach out regarding the above case. As I don't agree with the findings I do have to accept it and want to move forward. With that being the case are there any options for payments to be made to clear this matter up?

Thank you. Matt McQuillen 757-342-8887

### YANKEE POINT MARINA, LLC, #24-2369

- 1. Habitat Management Evaluation March 25, 2025. (Page 1 2)
- 2. Revised JPA application dated received February 5, 2025. (Pages 3 9)
- 3. Revised project drawings dated received March 6, 2025. (Pages 10 21)
- Protestant comments from Mr. Ken Knull received December 13, 2024, January 8, 2025, and March 13, 2025. (Pages 22 – 39)
- 5. Dry hydrant email from Todd Patterson on March 13, 2025. (Page 40)
- 6. Lancaster County wetlands board permit March 13, 2025. (Will be available at the Commission Meeting)
- 7. VIMS comments received March 2025. (Will be available at the Commission Meeting)

### **HABITAT MANAGEMENT DIVISION EVALUATION**

YANKEE POINT MARINA, LLC, #24-2369, requests authorization to construct a replacement boat ramp, temporary cofferdam, new tending pier and dry hydrant at their existing marina at 1303 Oak Hill Road along Myer Creek in Lancaster County. The project is protested by a nearby property owner.

### **Narrative**

Yankee Point Marina is a full-service boatyard and marina located in the Merry Point area of Lancaster County, situated along the Myer Creek, with 101 slips for monohulls and catamarans. The marina has a 40-ton travel lift, mechanic and carpentry shop, and associated upland amenities include a restaurant, swimming pool, ship store, and 180 boat parking area for vehicles and vessel storage.

On August 5, 2024, VMRC received an application requesting authorization to replace an existing boat ramp with a 16-foot by 85-foot reinforced concrete ramp, a 6-inch by 33-foot PVC pipe for a dry hydrant, and a 30-foot by 4-foot floating tending pier with a helix anchor. The tending pier will be able to pivot away from the ramp to provide greater width to accommodate catamaran vessels.

The existing boat ramp will be removed and disposed of at an approved upland site. Construction of the replacement boat ramp will require the temporary use of two (2) 90-foot vinyl "naval style" walls with a cofferdam located at the channelward end of the ramp to pump the ramp area dry. The navy walls and cofferdam will be immediately removed after construction. The new ramp configuration will eliminate the use of three (3) existing wet slips.

The dry hydrant is needed for emergency firefighting and will be available to the public.

### **Issues**

VMRC staff conducted a standard public/agency interest review for this proposal. Adjacent property owners were notified, and a public notice was advertised in The Rappahannock Record.

An adjacent property owner, Mr. Ken Knull, is protesting the project. Mr. Knull, the former owner of the marina, believes the proposed ramp will adversely affect the river current and sediment flow around the boat ramp's location, leading to increased sediment accumulation adjacent to his property. Mr. Knull's property is located approximately 675 feet southeast of the existing ramp.

### **Issues (cont'd)**

Staff asked the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) to review the project in light of Mr. Knull's concerns. Their review will be provided at the Commission hearing.

On March 13, 2025, the Lancaster County Wetlands Board approved the boat ramp portion of the project and its impacts to intertidal wetlands. The proposed new tending pier is exempt from the Board's jurisdiction.

On January 28, 2025, the Department of Health Division of Shellfish Safety provided comments. They noted that the project is located in a condemned shellfish growing area and confirmed that the project is acceptable and will not increase the size of the existing shellfish closure. On February 19, 2025, the Department of Health Office of Environmental Health Services said that the project is acceptable.

### **Summary/Recommendations**

Staff does not believe the tending pier, dry hydrant, and the expansion of the boat ramp replacement will adversely impact the marine environment, nor do we feel that the replacement ramp will lead to increased sedimentation in the marina or in the vicinity of the protestant's property.

Accordingly, after evaluating the project's merits against the opposition's concerns and considering all of the factors contained in §28.2-1205 of the Code of Virginia, staff recommends approval of the new tending pier, concrete boat ramp, and dry hydrant as proposed. This is a full-service vessel repair facility and is exempt from royalties in accordance with §28.2-1206.B of the Code of Virginia.

### **Part 1 - General Information (continued)**

1.	pplicant's legal name* and complete mailing address: Contact Information:					
	YANKEE POINT MARINA, LLC	Home	(	)		
	1303 OAK HILL RD.	Work	(804	) 462-7635		
	LANCASTER, VA 22503	Fax	(	)		
	LANCASTER, VA 22505	Cell	(	)		
			todd@y	vankeepointmarina.com		
	State Corporation Commission Name and ID Number (if applicable)					
2. Property owner(s) legal name* and complete address, if different from applicant: Contact Information						
	Zach and Luke Enterprises, LLC 1303 Oak Hill Rd Lancaster, VA 22503	Home	(	)		
		Work	(	)		
		Fax	(	)		
		Cell		)296-1553		
		e-mail	todd@y	vankeepointmarina.com		
	State Corporation Commission Name and ID Number (	if applic	able)			
3.	Authorized agent name* and complete mailing	Contac	t Infor	mation:		
	address (if applicable):	Home	(	)		
	MAC BROS, LLC	Work	(	)		
	388 SCOGGINS CREEK TRAIL	Fax	(	)		
	HARTFIELD, VA 23071	Cell	(804	) 517-6753		
	HARTI ILLD, VA 2007 I	e-mail	bryan.m	nacbros@gmail.com		
	State Corporation Commission Name and ID Number (					
	f multiple applicants, property owners, and/or agents, each must nature page.	t be listed	l and ea	ach must sign the applicant		
4	Provide a <u>detailed</u> description of the project in the space	e helow	inclu	ding the type of project its		
т.	dimensions, materials, and method of construction. Be					
	be accessed and whether tree clearing and/or grading w					
	the project requires pilings, please be sure to include the					
	diameter, and method of installation (e.g. hammer, vibr					
	needed, provide a separate sheet of paper with the proje	ect descr	iption.	•		
	PROPOSED 30' X 4' FLOATING DOCK WITH HELIX ANCHOR SO THE DOCK CAN BE TURNED NORTHWARD WHEN NEEDED FOR LARGE BOAT ENTRY. PROPOSED 16' X 85' CONCRETE BOAT RAMP TO REPLACE THE EXISTING DEFUNCT BOAT RAMP.  SET UP TEMPORARY VINYL NAVY WALLS AND COFFERDAM 5' CHANNELWARD FROM THE END OF THE BOAT RAMP AND PUMP THE RAMP DRY. CONSTRUCT NEW BOAT RAMP AS DETAILED ON PLAN VIEW AND REMOVE NAVY WALLS AND COFFERDAM AFTER CONSTRUCTION. EXISTING UTILITIES ARE PROPOSED TO BE LOWERED IN PLACE TO PROVIDE CLEARANCE FOR THE NEW RAMP.  EXISTING PUMP HOUSE PROPOSED TO BE MOVED 45' +/- TO THE EAST BESIDE THE EXISTING TRAVEL LIFT IN ORDER TO ACCOMODATE NEW RAMP FOOTPRINT. PROPOSED TO PLACE A DRY HYDRANT BESIDE THE EXISTING TRAVEL LIFT WITH PIPE FLANKING THE FLOATING DOCK TO DEEP WATER.					
	TOTAL SQ. FOOTAGE OF PROPOSED BOAT RAMP = 1360 SQ. FT. TOTAL SQ. FOOTAGE OF PROPOSED FLOATING DOCK = 120 SQ. FT.					
	(0.033 ACRES)					
	MATERIALS TO CONSIST OF: BOAT RAMP: 1' DEEP 4000PSI FIBER REINFORCED CONCRETE, 1' OF #5 REBAR O/C, 1' OF TEMPORARY VINYL NAVY WALLS: VINYL SHEET PILES C-LOC 9000 OR EQUAL, 10" BUTT TI NUTS, AND WASHERS.					
	ACCESS TO THE PROJECT WILL BE GAINED BY LAND THROUGH OAK HILL ROAD WHICH PROVIDES DIRECT ACCESS TO THE PROJECT SITE, AND BY WATER THROUGH CORROTO WHICH PROVIDES DIRECT ACCESS TO THE PROJECT SITE. PROPOSED EQUIPMENT TO CONSIST OF:  DUMP TRUCK, EXCAVATOR, BARGE WITH VIBRATORY HAMMER, CEMENT TRUCK, CENTRIFUGAL PUMP, AND HAND TOOLS.  TOTAL NUMBER OF TREATED 10° BUTT TIMBER PILINGS = 46	DMAN RIVER				

This plan complies with all applicable county ordinances and state regulations to the best of my knowledge. - Bryan McDearmon

## **Part 1 - General Information (continued)**

5.	Have you obtained a contractor for the project? X Yes* No. *If your answer is "Yes" complete the remainder of this question and submit the Applicant's and Contractor's Acknowledgment Form (enclosed)				
	Contractor's name* and complete mailing address:  DOCKS OF THE BAY	Contact Information: Home () Work (804 ) 438-9200			
	422 Chesapeake Dr PO Box 1160	Fax ( )			
	White Stone, VA 22578	Cell ()			
	State Corporation Commission Name and ID Number	email info@docksofthebay.com (if applicable) \$1080383			
* I1	f multiple contractors, each must be listed and each must sign t	he applicant signature page.			
	List the name, address and telephone number of the newspaper having general circulation in the area of the project. Failure to complete this question may delay local and State processing.				
	Name and complete mailing address:	Telephone number			
	Rappahannock Record	(804 <sup>1</sup> ) 435-1701			
	PO Box 400 Kilmarnock, VA				
7.					
	Street Address (911 address if available) 1303 OAK HILL RD.				
	Lot/Block/Parcel#_PARCEL: 26-18				
	SubdivisionCity / County LANCASTER	ZIP Code <sup>22503</sup>			
	Latitude and Longitude at Center Point of Project Site (Decimal Degrees):				
	37.693832° /76.489885°	(Example: 36.41600/-76.30733)			
	If the project is located in a rural area, please provide driving directions giving distances from the best and nearest visible landmarks or major intersections. <i>Note: if the project is in an undeveloped subdivision or property, clearly stake and identify property lines and location of the proposed project. A supplemental map showing how the property is to be subdivided should also be provided.</i>				
	FROM THE LANCASTER COURTHOUSE 8265 Mary Ball Rd, Lancaster, VA 22503 Continue to VA-3 W/Mary Ball Rd 55 sec (0.1 mi)				
	Continue on VA-3 W/Mary Ball Rd. Take VA-201 S/White (15 min (11.3 mi) Drive to State Rte 610 3 min (1.2 mi) 1303 Oak Hill Rd, Lancaster, VA 22503	Chapel Rd and VA-354 S to State Rte 610			
8.	What are the <i>primary and secondary purposes of and t</i> primary purpose <u>may</u> be "to protect property from eros purpose <u>may</u> be "to provide safer access to a pier."				
	THE PRIMARY PURPOSE IS TO PROVIDE SAFER ACCESS TO THE WATER BY REPLACING THE FAILING BOAT RAMP. THE SECONDARY PURPOSE IS TO				

PROTECT THE BOAT RAMP AREA.

## **Part 1 - General Information (continued)**

9.	Proposed use (check one):									
	Single user (private, non-commercial, residential)  Multi-user (community, commercial, industrial, government)									
	With-user (community, commercial, muustral, government)									
10.	Describe alternatives considered and the measures that will be taken to avoid and minimize impacts, to the maximum extent practicable, to wetlands, surface waters, submerged lands, and buffer areas associated with any disturbance (clearing, grading, excavating) during and after project construction. Please be advised that unavoidable losses of tidal wetlands and/or aquatic resources may require compensatory mitigation.									
	Project would be accessed by land along the paved/gravel surface of Oak Hill Rd. and by barge from Corrotoman River with as little as possible disturbance to the area while being worked on and accessing the site. Use only the necessary equipment along with keeping foot traffic to a minimum. Note: traffic would occur on the paved/gravel surface of Oak Hill Rd. Also, project would be accessed by barge through Corrotoman River.									
11.	Is this application being submitted for after-the-fact authorization for work which has already begun or been completed?Yes _xNo. If yes, be sure to clearly depict the portions of the project which are already complete in the project drawings.									
12.	Approximate cost of the entire project (materials, labor, etc.): \$\frac{260,000}{260,000}  Approximate cost of that portion of the project that is channelward of mean low water: \$\frac{145,000}{2}									
13.	Completion date of the proposed work: December2027									
14.	Adjacent Property Owner Information: List the name and complete <b>mailing address</b> , including zip code, of each adjacent property owner to the project. (NOTE: If you own the adjacent lot, provide the requested information for the first adjacent parcel beyond your property line.) Failure to provide this information may result in a delay in the processing of your application by VMRC.									
	APO TO THE SOUTHEAST:									
	CORLISS SAUNDERS BRENT & JAMES A. BRENT, JR. PARCEL: 26-17B 133 SAUNDERS LN. LANCASTER, VA 22503									
	APO TO THE NORTHEAST:									

JOHN F. & LAURIE A. PAXTON

9628 SEVEN SISTERS DR.

PARCEL: 26-16A

ASHLAND, VA 23005

#### Part 2 - Signatures

1. Applicants and property owners (if different from applicant). NOTE: REQUIRED FOR ALL PROJECTS

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT: The Department of the Army permit program is authorized by Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, and Section 103 of the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972. These laws require that individuals obtain permits that authorize structures and work in or affecting navigable waters of the United States, the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States, and the transportation of dredged material for the purpose of dumping it into ocean waters prior to undertaking the activity. Information provided in the Joint Permit Application will be used in the permit review process and is a matter of public record once the application is filed. Disclosure of the requested information is voluntary, but it may not be possible to evaluate the permit application or to issue a permit if the information requested is not provided.

CERTIFICATION: I am hereby applying for all permits typically issued by the DEQ, VMRC, USACE, and/or Local Wetlands Boards for the activities I have described herein. I agree to allow the duly authorized representatives of any regulatory or advisory agency to enter upon the premises of the project site at reasonable times to inspect and photograph site conditions, both in reviewing a proposal to issue a permit and after permit issuance to determine compliance with the permit.

In addition, I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

YANKEE POINT MARINA, LLC	
Applicant's Legal Name (printed/typed)	(Use if more than one applicant)
Applicant's Signature	(Use if more than one applicant)
10/2/2024	
Date	
Zach and Luke Enterprises, LLC	
Property Owner's Legal Name (printed/typed) (If different from Applicant)	(Use if more than one owner)
Property Owner's Signature	(Use if more than one owner)
10/2/2024	
Date	

## Part 2 – Signatures (continued)

to act on my behalf and take all actions nece standard and special conditions attached.	tify that I (we) have authorized MAC BROS, LLC  (Agent's name(s)) ssary to the processing, issuance and acceptance of this permit and any and a sitted in this application is true and accurate to the best of our knowledge.
(Agent's Signature)	(Use if more than one agent)
(Date)	
(Applicant's Signature) 10/2/2024	(Use if more than one applicant)
(Date)	
3. Applicant's having contractors (if applic	cable)
or applications starting continuerous (if applied	
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Date

#### Part 3 – Appendices

Please complete and submit the appendix questions applicable to your project, and attach the required vicinity map(s) and drawings to your application. If an item does not apply to your project, please write "N/A" in the space provided.

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**Appendix A:** (TWO PAGES) **Projects for Access** to the water such as private and community piers, boathouses, marinas, moorings, and boat ramps. Answer all questions that apply.

#### 1. Briefly describe your proposed project.

PROPOSED 30' X 4' FLOATING DOCK WITH HELIX ANCHOR SO THE DOCK CAN BE TURNED NORTHWARD WHEN NEEDED FOR LARGE BOAT ENTRY.
PROPOSED 16' X 85' CONCRETE BOAT RAMP TO REPLACE THE EXISTING DEFUNCT BOAT RAMP.
SET UP TEMPORARY VINYL NAVY WALLS AND COFFERDAM 5' CHANNELWARD FROM THE END OF THE BOAT RAMP AND PUMP THE RAMP DRY.
CONSTRUCT NEW BOAT RAMP AS DETAILED ON PLAN VIEW AND REMOVE NAVY WALLS AND COFFERDAM AFTER CONSTRUCTION.
EXISTING UTILITIES ARE PROPOSED TO BE LOWERED IN PLACE TO PROVIDE CLEARANCE FOR THE NEW RAMP.
EXISTING PUMP HOUSE PROPOSED TO BE MOVED 45' +/- TO THE EAST BESIDE THE EXISTING TRAVEL LIFT IN ORDER TO ACCOMODATE NEW RAMP FOOTPRINT.
PROPOSED TO PLACE A DRY HYDRANT BESIDE THE EXISTING TRAVEL LIFT WITH PIPE FLANKING THE FLOATING DOCK TO DEEP WATER.

#### 2. For private, noncommercial piers:

NOTE: All proposals for piers, boathouses and shelter roofs must be reviewed by the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (Commission or VMRC), however, pursuant to § 28.2-1203 A 5 of the Code of Virginia a VMRC permit may not be required for such structures (except as required by subsection D of § 28.2-1205 for piers greater than 100 feet in length involving commercially productive leased oyster or clam grounds), provided that (i) the piers do not extend beyond the navigation line or private pier lines established by the Commission or the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), (ii) the piers do not exceed six feet in width and finger piers do not exceed five feet in width, (iii) any L or T head platforms and appurtenant floating docking platforms do not exceed, in the aggregate, 400 square feet, (iv) if prohibited by local ordinance open-sided shelter roofs or gazebo-type structures shall not be placed on platforms as described in clause (iii), but may be placed on such platforms if not prohibited by local ordinance, and (v) the piers are determined not to be a navigational hazard by the Commission. Subject to any applicable local ordinances, such piers may include an attached boat lift and an open-sided roof designed to shelter a single boat slip or boat lift. In cases in which open-sided roofs designed to shelter a single boat, boat slip or boat lift will exceed 700 square feet in coverage or the open-sided shelter roofs or gazebo structures exceed 400 square feet, and in cases in which an adjoining property owner objects to a proposed roof structure, permits shall be required as provided in § 28.2-1204.

#### Part 3 – Appendices (continued)

5. Describe the type of construction and **all** materials to be used, including source of backfill material, if applicable (e.g., vinyl sheet-pile bulkhead, timber stringers and butt piles, 100% sand backfill from upland source; broken concrete core material with Class II quarry stone armor over filter cloth).

NOTE: Drawings must include construction details, including dimensions, design and all materials, including fittings if used.

TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BOAT RAMP & FLOATING DOCK.

#### PROPOSED MATERIALS TO CONSIST OF:

BOAT RAMP: 1' DEEP 4000PSI REINFORCED CONCRETE, 1' OF #5 REBAR O/C, 1' OF #57 STONE AND FABRIC.

TEMPORARY VINYL NAVY WALLS: (VINYL SHEET PILES C-LOC 9000 OR EQUAL, 10" BUTT TIMBER PILES, 2"X8" TREATED LUMBER SALT CAP TYP., 5/8 GALV. HARDWARE.

FLOATING DOCK: POLY FLOATS, ALUMINUM FRAME, IPE, PROCELL OR EPI/AZEK DECKING.

5.	Core (inner layer) material	pounds per stone Class size pounds per stone Class size
7.	For <b>beach nourishment</b> , included following:	ding that associated with breakwaters, groins or other structures, provide the
	Volume of material	cubic yards channelward of mean low water cubic yards landward of mean low water cubic yards channelward of mean high water cubic yards landward of mean high water
	Area to be covered	square feet channelward of mean low water square feet landward of mean low water square feet channelward of mean high water square feet landward of mean high water square feet landward of mean high water
	Method of transportation a     BARGE, DUMP TRUCK, EXCAVA	DR
	• 1 1	etative stabilization measures to be used, including planting schedule, dditional guidance is available at

NO TREE CLEARING IS REQUIRED FOR THIS PROJECT AND NO VEGETATED WETLANDS PRESENT AT THIS PROJECT SITE LOCATION

http://www.vims.edu/about/search/index.php?q=planting+guidelines:



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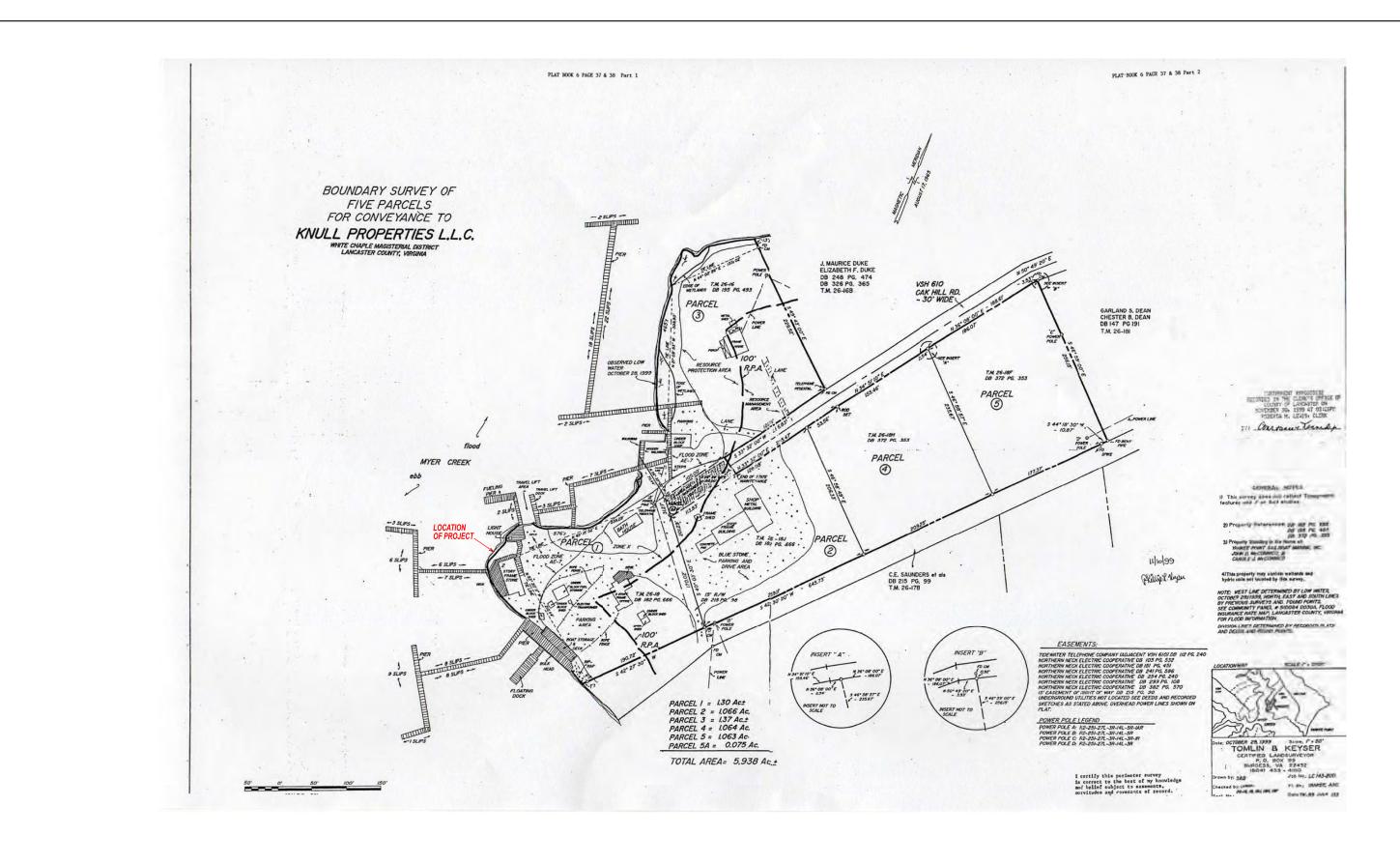
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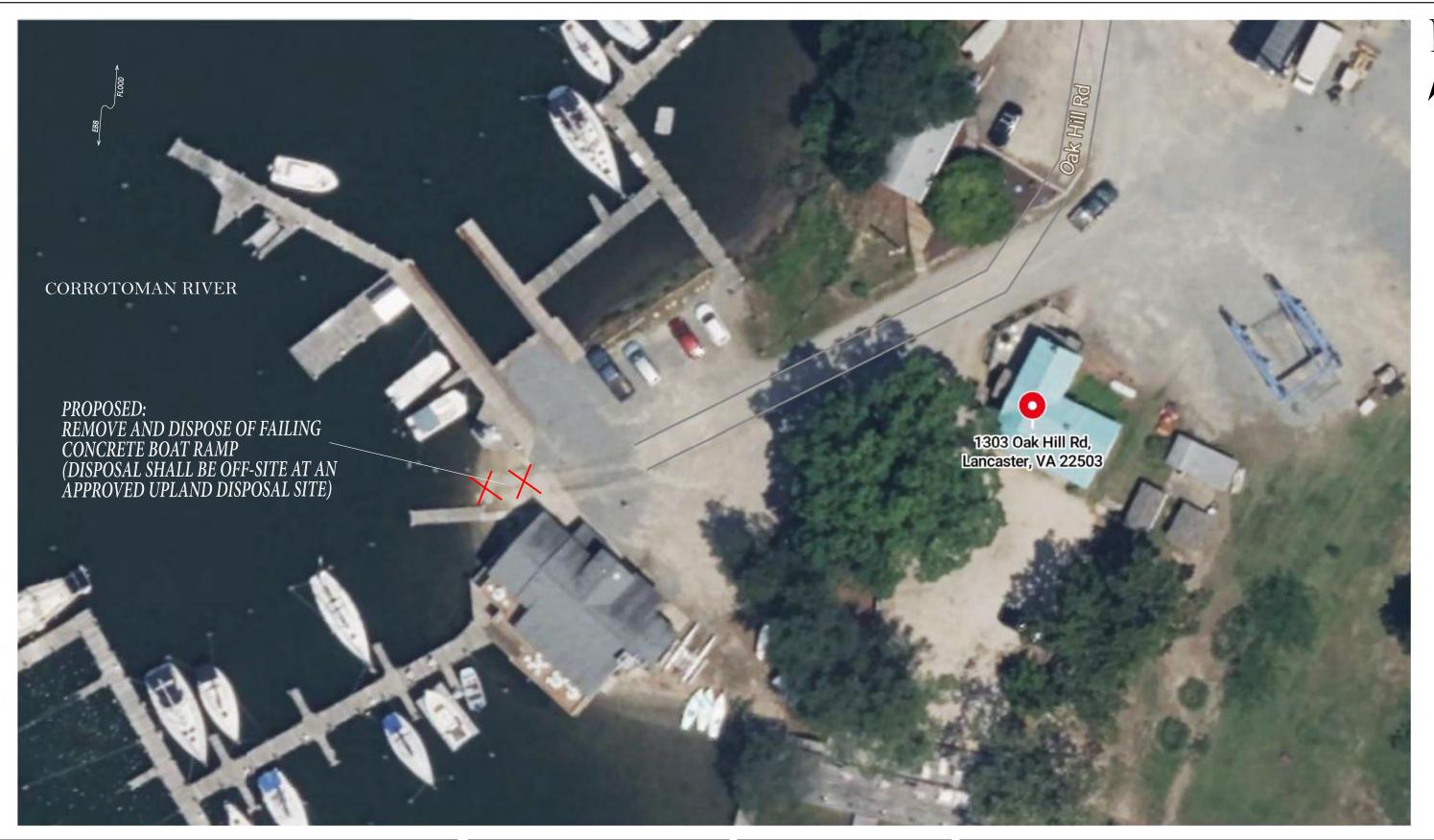
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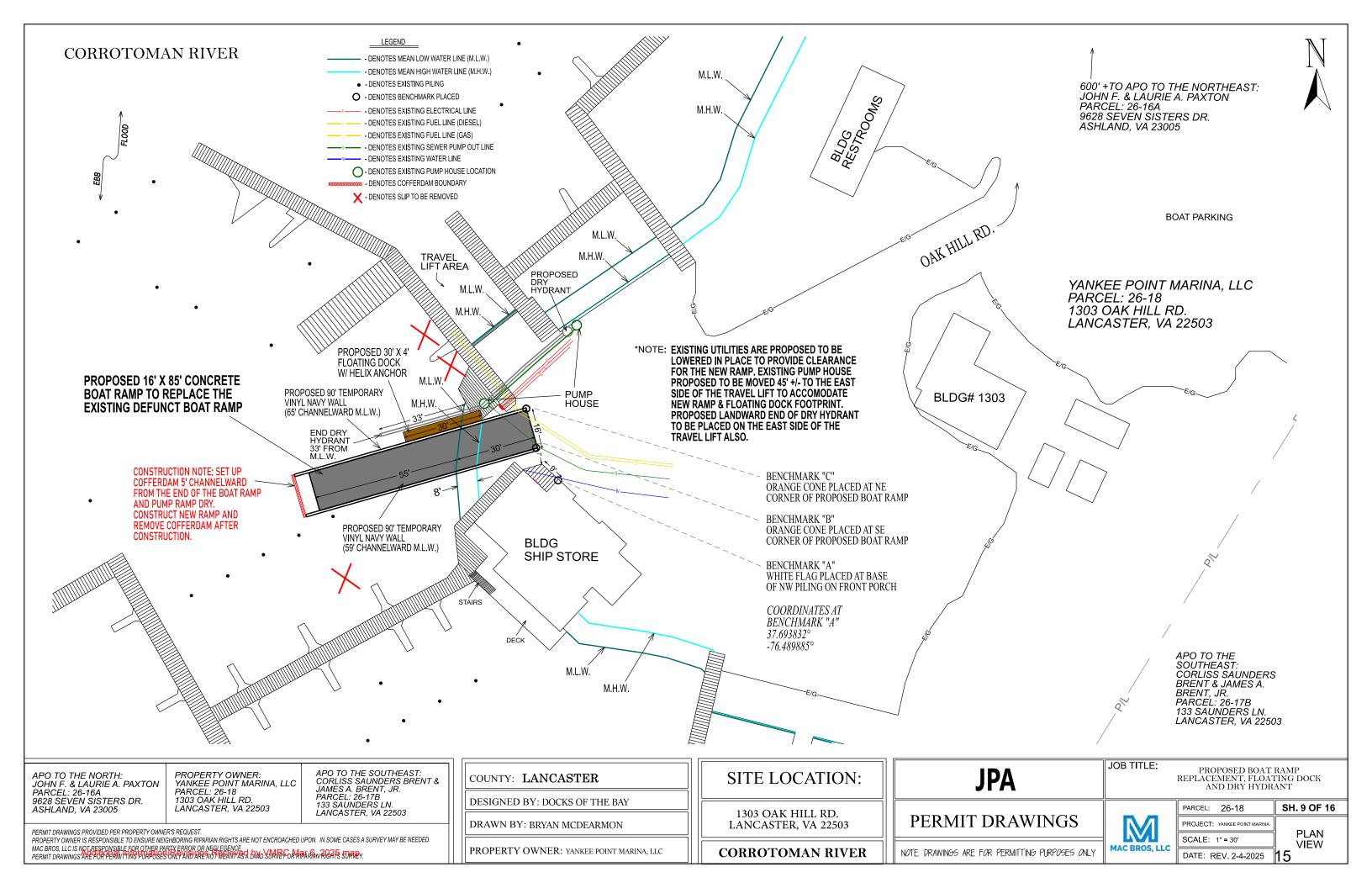
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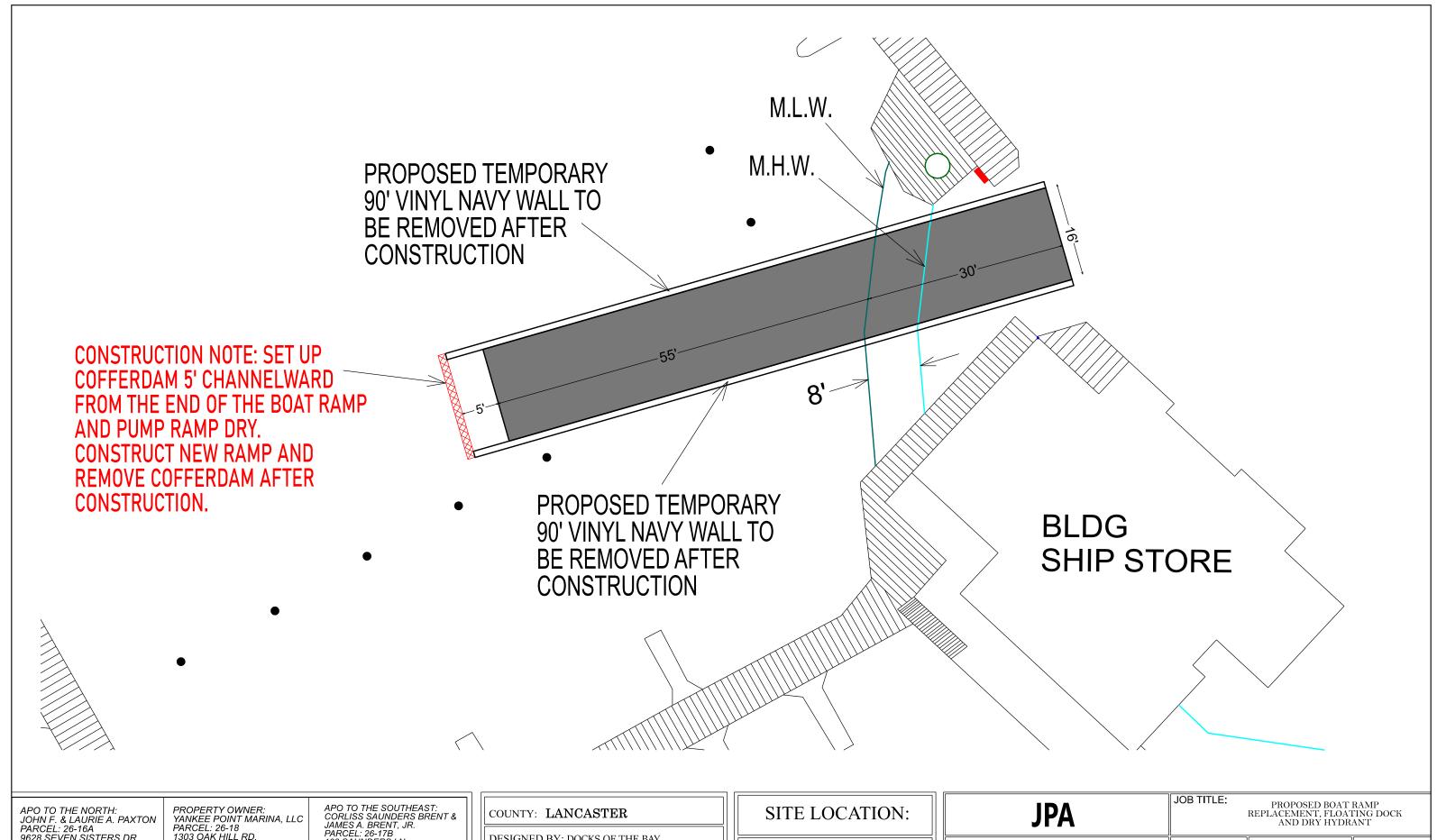
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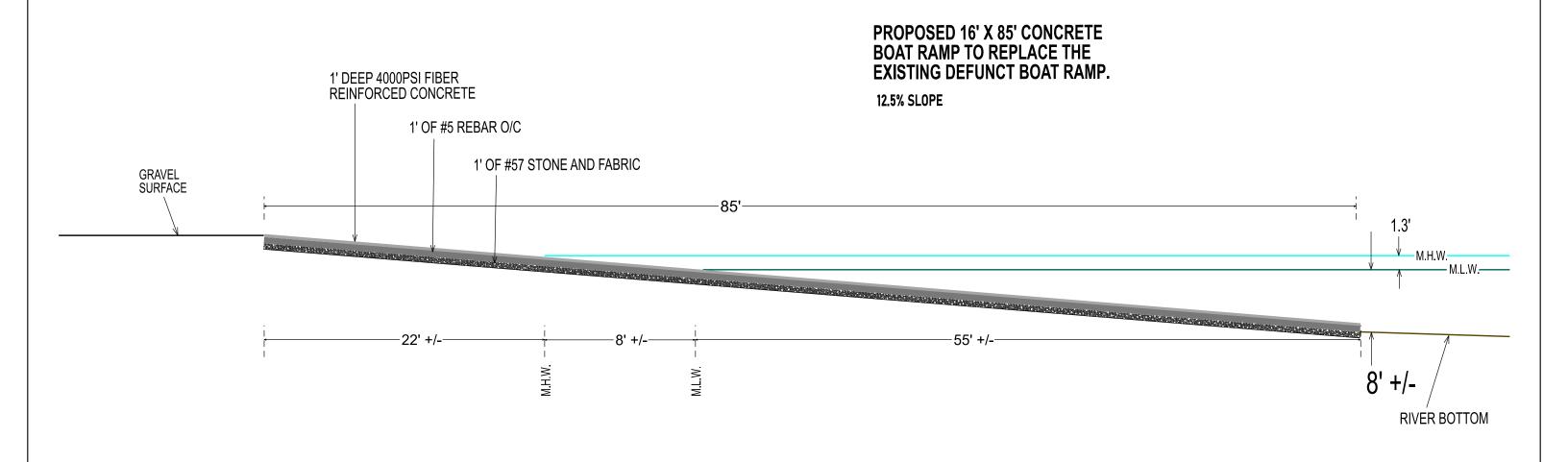


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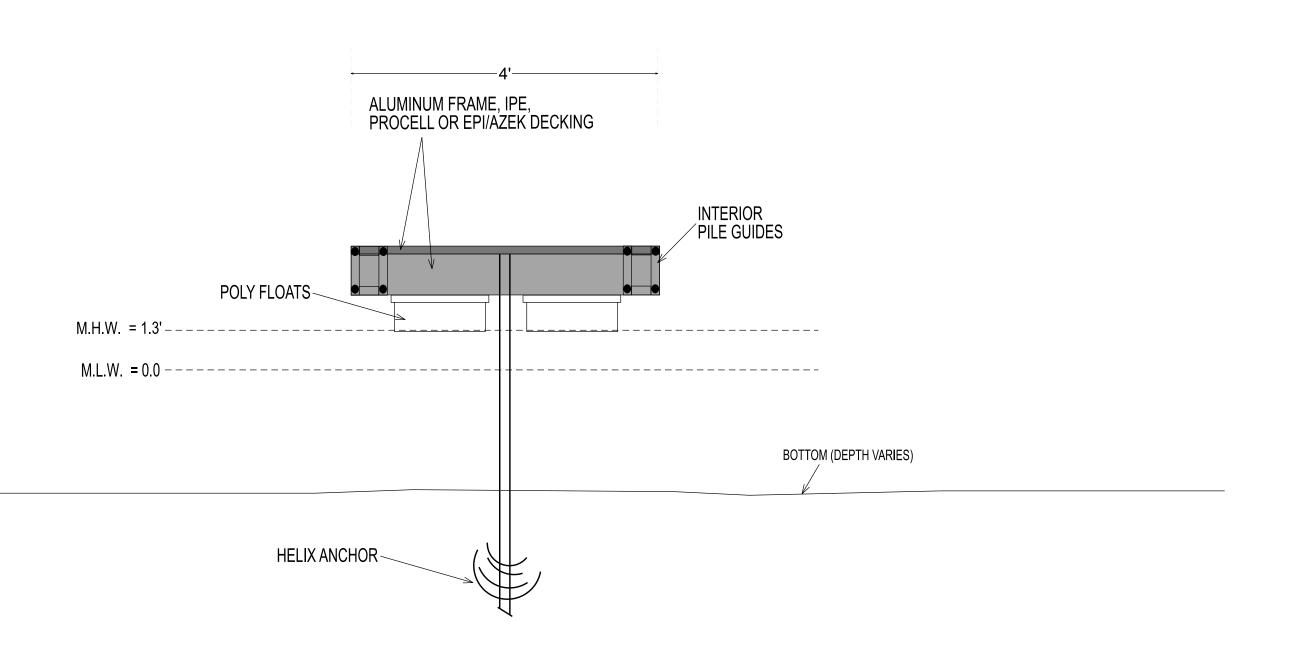
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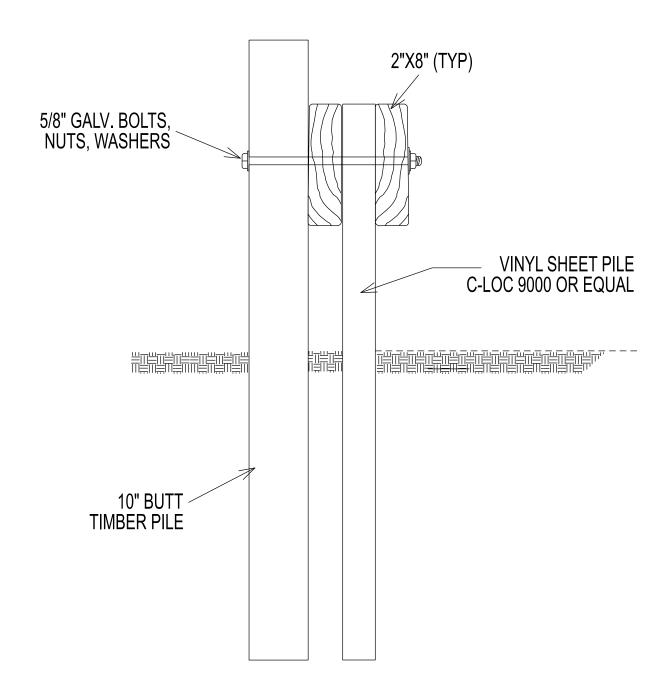
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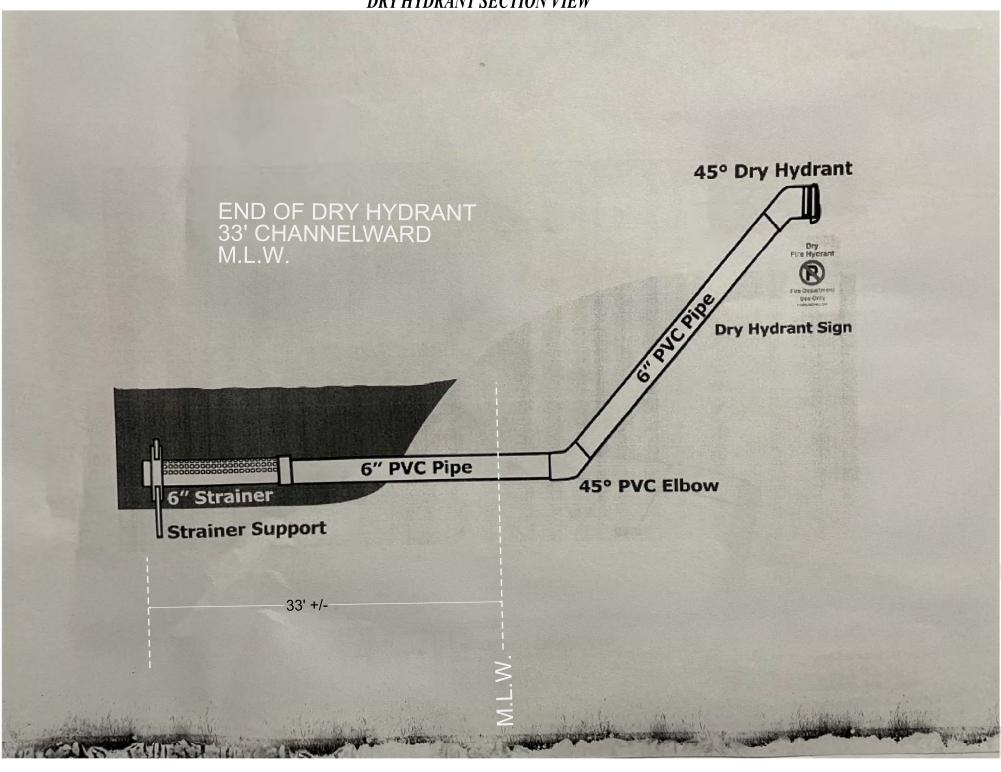
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### Virginia Marine Resources Commission Habitat Management Public Comments Application Number 20242369

Print Date: Thursday March 20 2025 09:59

Number	Name	Received	Position
1	KENNETH M KNULL	12/13/2024 11:49:49 AM	OPPOSE

1 THE PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE EXISTING SMALL BOAT RAMP WILL INTERFERE WITH THE NATURAL CURRENT FLOW OF MYER CREEK AT THE SITE. THE NATURAL CURRENT HAS PREVENTED THE NEED FOR DREDGING OF THE ADJACENT HAUL OUT SLIP AND HAS NOT CAUSED THE SOUTHWARD BAY BETWEEN MY PROPERTY AT 135 IDLEWOOD LANE, LANCASTER OR THE OTHER THREE PROPERTIES BETWEEN US. THERE DOES NOT SEEM TO BE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING ALTERED CURRENT FLOW OR RAMIFICATIONS TO BOTTOM SILTING OR SAND MOVEMENT IN EITHER THE APPLICATION TO THE COE OR TO VMRC. I BELIEVE THIS TO BE A SIGNIFICANT ERROR THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED. THE PROPOSED RAMP WILL FIRST INTERFERE WITH THE CURRENT FLOW AT APPROXIMATELY 50 FEET FROM THE SHORELINE/HEAD OF THE PROPOSED RAMP. THAT WOULD MEAN THAT 35' OF RAMP WOULD BE INTERFERING WITH THE NATURAL FLOW. THAT HAS TO CAUSE A CHANGE IN SEDIMENT MOVEMENT. 2 IT IS A FACT THAT THE APPLICANT HAS, WITHOUT THE APPROPRIATE PERMITS ALREADY INSTALLED "MANY" TRUCKLOADS OF GRAVEL IN THIS LOCATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A LARGER RAMP FOR THE HAULING OF LARGE CATAMARANS. EVIDENCE OF THIS CAN BE CLEARLY SEEN BY A QUICK GOOGLE EARTH PICTURE OF THE STORAGE YARD SHOWING NO LESS THAN FOUR LARGE CATAMARANS THAT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN SAFELY HAULED ON THE CURRENT SMALL BOAT RAMP APPROXIMATELY 8' X 30'.



Date: January 5, 2025

To: Lancaster County Wetlands Board

Cc: Ms. Olivia Hall, Director of Planning and Land Use, Lancaster Country

Ms. Nancy Davis, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Ms. Khadijah Payne, VMRC

From: Kenneth M. Knull, 135 Idlewood lane, Lancaster, VA 22503

Subject: Objection to Approval of JPA NOA-2024-02598, VMRC #24-2369 Application for Construction of Replacement Boat Ramp at Yankee Point Marina at 1303 Oak Hill Road. Lancaster, VA 22503

#### Dear Board Members,

As a nearby property owner and past owner of Yankee Point Sailboat Marina for over 22 years, I must object to the issuance of a permit for the proposed application. I do so on the following grounds:

The Application purpose itself is grossly in error and misleading. The application reads
"The purpose is to provide safer access to the water by <u>replacing</u> the failing boat ramp.
The secondary purpose is to protect the boat ramp area."

a. In fact, the existing ramp is a group of 6 reinforced concrete slabs held together by steel channel and is approximately 3" x 10' x 30' (300 square feet in area) on the creek bottom. At the end of the existing ramp, the bottom drops off to between 4' and 6.5' that is kept open by the natural current flow.

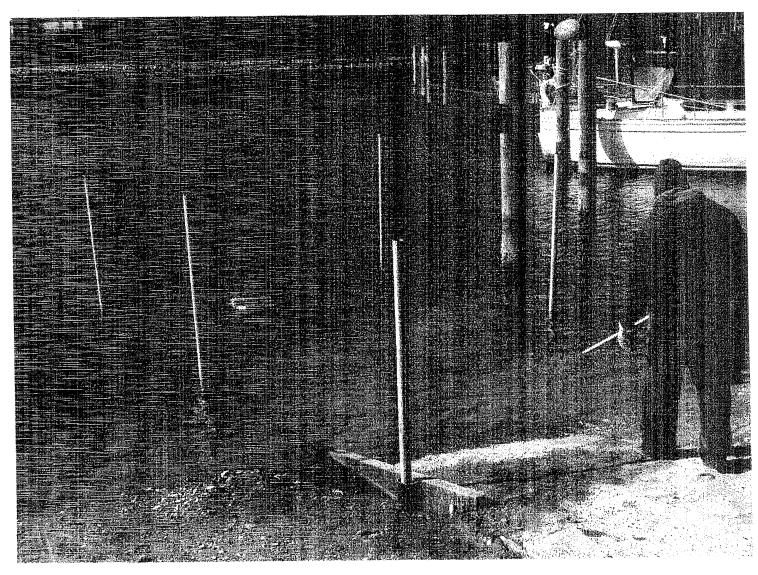
b. The "replacement" structure is to be a 1 foot thick, 14' x 85' concrete ramp or 1,190 square feet built up on fill gravel to support the structure.

c. An almost 5 times increase in size is not a "replacement" it is a new construction of a much larger structure.

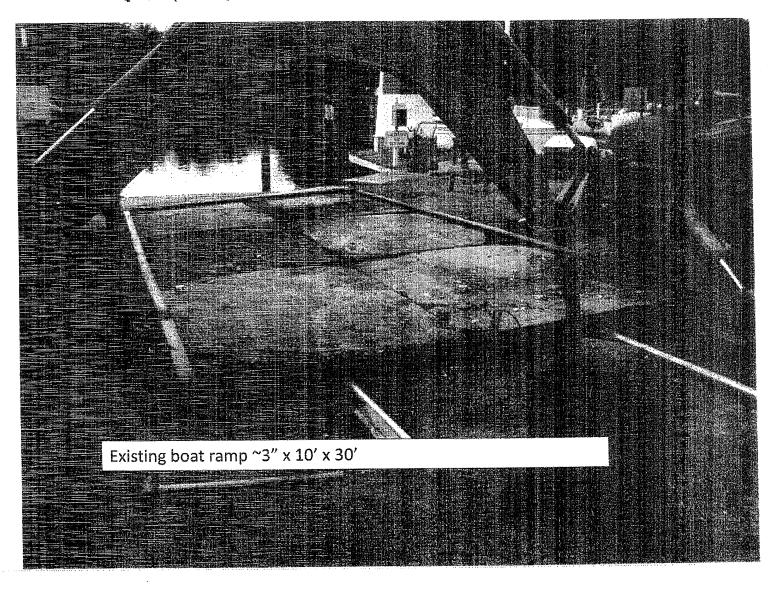
d. It is understandable that the Army COE did not object initially to this permit because so much information was not presented in the application. The existing ramp was not described and the bottom contour was not addressed at all. Further the current flow indicator would make one think that the current was not an issue at all. I would hope that the additional information I am providing will spark the ACOE to readdress this issue.

2. The existing natural current flows around the point where the proposed new ramp will be constructed. This flow has always kept the marina's haul-out slip free from the need to dredge and has kept the small bay just to the South of the point navigable to the four properties in this area. The proposed new ramp and the permanent vinyl jetty on either side do not meet the JPA Scope of Activities (JPA Section II.B.3 as it will without a doubt will present a "LOSS" as defined in the Joint Permit Application Section IV Definitions, as "... permanent discharge of dredged or fill material that change an aquatic area to dry land or increase the bottom elevation of a water body". The new ramp plans also violate the JPA General Conditions in JPA Section VI.28 in that they will cause the "obstruction of high flows: Discharges of dredged or fill material must not permanently restrict or impede the passage of normal or expected high flows". It will alter the natural flow of the current

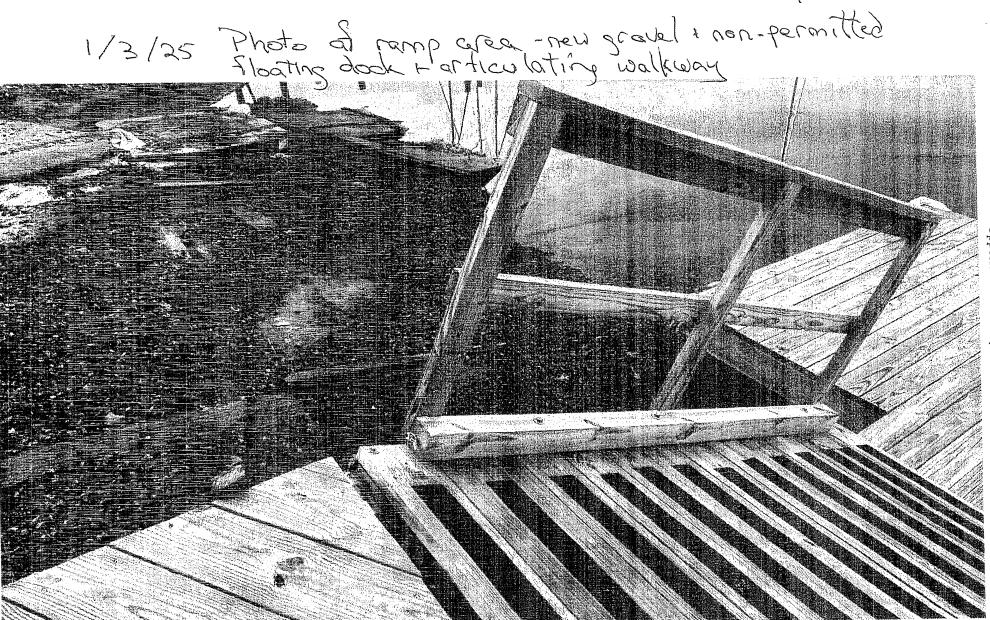
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# Six(1) pre-poured carrete slabs contained in steel change



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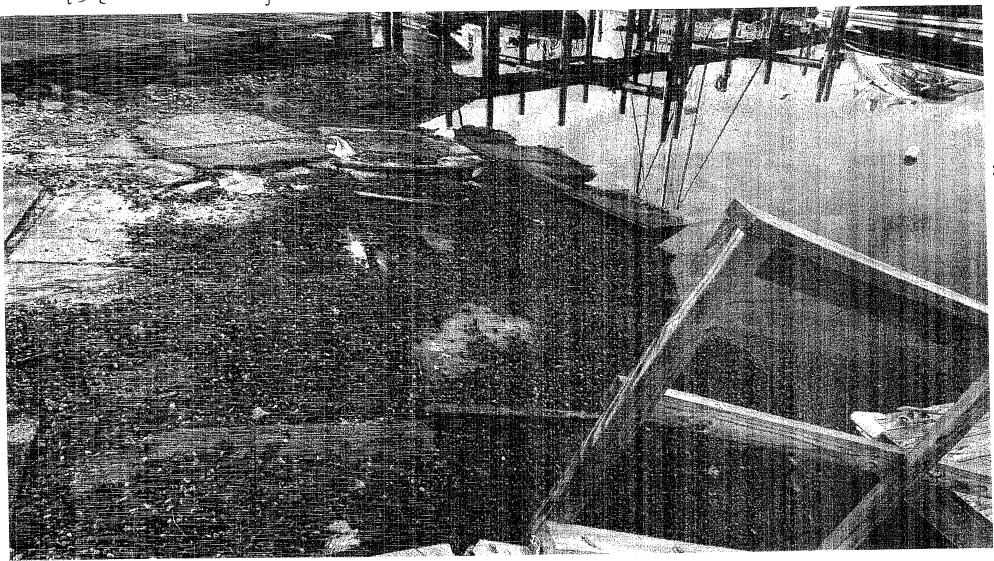
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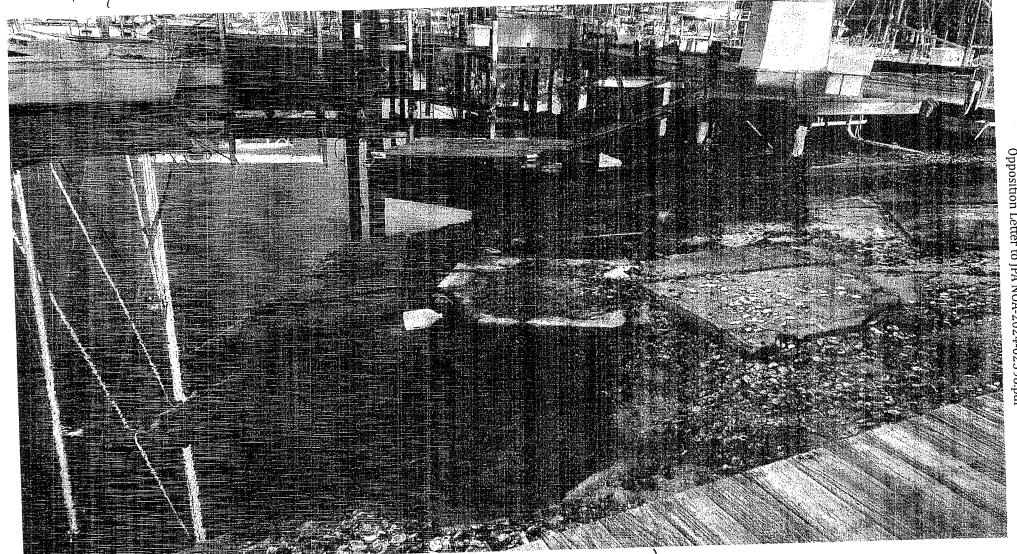
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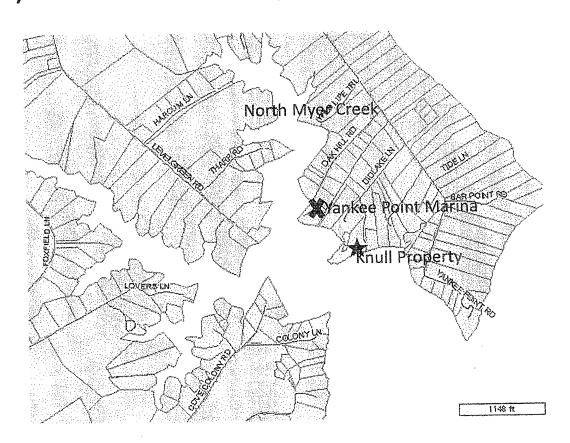




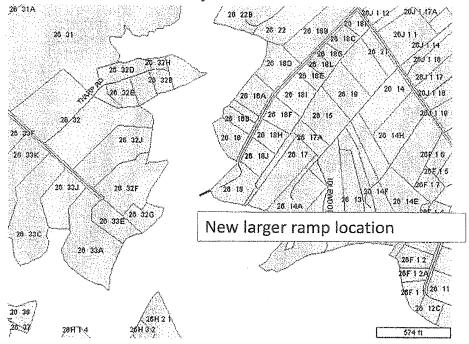
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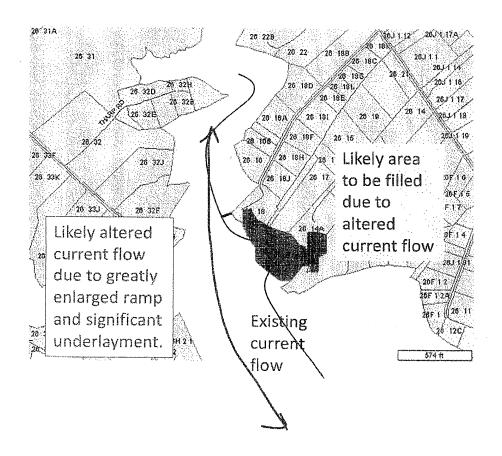
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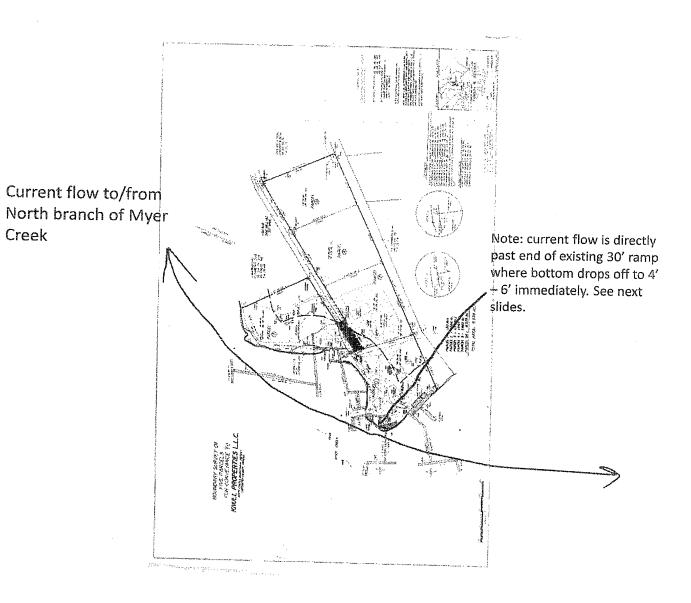


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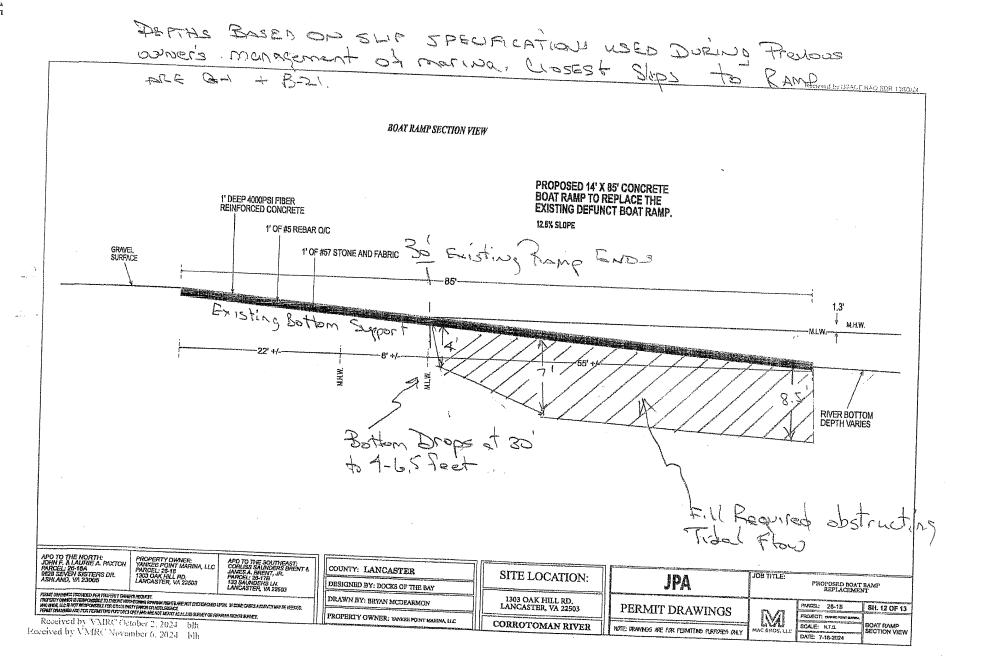


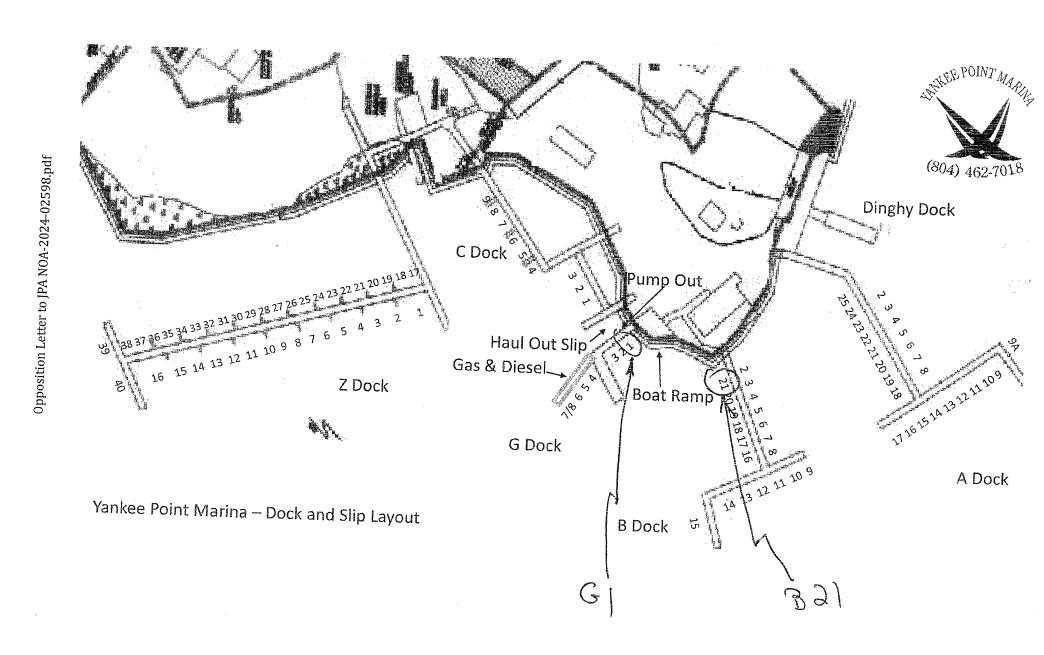
## Ramp is directly in high volume area of tidal flow





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To: MRC - jpa Permits

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Construction of Replacement Boat Ramp at Yankee Point Marina at 1303 Oak Hill Road, Lancaster, VA 22503

**Date:** Thursday, March 13, 2025 12:59:54 PM

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## protestant 24-2369

From: Ken Knull <kenknull2@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2025 11:12 AM

To: Olivia Hall <ohall@lancova.com>; Nancy.P.Davis@usace.army.mil; Reams, Brad (MRC)

<brad.reams@mrc.virginia.gov>

**Subject:** Revision to Additional Objection toto Approval of JPA NOA-2024-02598, VMRC #24-2369 Application for Construction of Replacement Boat Ramp at Yankee Point Marina at 1303 Oak Hill Road, Lancaster, VA 22503

Please see the remarks I made today (added to the end of yesterday's objection) made at today's Wetlands Board Meeting. I have tried to provide an alternative to the proposed site that will have no adverse effects on the surrounding wetlands or waterways.

I have a survey of the property and am willing to answer any questions that anyone may have.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Best Regards,

Ken Knull

Date: March 12, 2025

To: Lancaster County Wetlands Board

Cc: Ms. Olivia Hall, Director of Planning and Land Use, Lancaster Country

Ms. Nancy Davis, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Mr. Brad Reams, VMRC

From: Kenneth M. Knull, 135 Idlewood lane, Lancaster, VA 22503

Subject: Additional <u>Objection to Approval of JPA NOA-2024-02598</u>, VMRC #24-2369 Application for Construction of Replacement Boat Ramp at Yankee Point Marina at 1303 Oak Hill Road, Lancaster, VA 22503

Dear Board Members,

As a nearby property owner and past owner of Yankee Point Sailboat Marina, I must object to the issuance of a permit for the proposed application. I do so on the following grounds:

I believe this application to be deficient in that the full dimensions of the proposed major enlargement of the boat ramp are not disclosed. Specifically, it does not indicate the volume of materials that will be introduced to the site which will potentially affect the flow of Myer Creek tide-currents.

The two-dimensional drawing does not include any mention of the depth of water at the land side of the ramp, at the point 30' from the beginning of the old ramp (although Mr. Patterson did, in his remarks to the Wetlands board's first review admit that the water depth at that point is 8') or at the waterside end of the 85' ramp. Additionally, there is no dimension of the depth of the ramp to the MLW line at the end of the 85' ramp. Consequently, neither the Wetlands Board nor the Army Corps of Engineers nor VMRC board could form an informed opinion of the effects that this ramp could have on the surrounding waters. I submit that this information is both critical and readily available since without it, it would be impossible for the applicant to obtain quotes for this project from contractors. I request that this information be provided prior to proceeding.

All of my previous objections remain in effect.

Best Regards,

Ken Knull

135 Idlewood Lane, Lancaster, VA 22503

Plat/Parcel Number 26-14C

Phone: 804-761-2608

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#### 24-2369

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**To:** Reams, Brad (MRC) <br/>
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Subject: FW: Dry Hydrant

Good morning Brad,

I just received official word that the dry hydrant is indeed for the county to use.

Please see the below message from Todd

Thank you sir, have a good morning!

Bryan McDearmon Mac Bros, LLC Cell: 804-517-6753

Email: bryan.macbros@gmail.com



From: Todd Patterson < todd@yankeepointmarina.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, March 13, 2025 7:16 AM

**To:** bryan.macbros@gmail.com

**Subject:** RE: Dry Hydrant question from VMRC 3-12-25

It is for the counties use

#### **Thanks**

#### C. Todd Patterson

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## Westminster-Canterbury on Chesapeake Bay #2024-2475

- 1. Habitat Management Evaluation dated March 25, 2025 (Pages 1-3)
- **2.** Original application drawings dated-received October 11, 2024 (Pages 4-9)
- **3.** Revised application drawings dated-received January 24, 2025 (Pages 10-15)
- **4.** Application materials City of Virginia Beach acknowledgment of pier easement dated-recevied December 30, 2024 (Page 16)
- **5.** Letters of opposition dated-received December 13, 2024 February 20, 2025 (Pages 17-24)
- City of Virginia Beach Department of Public Works comment dated-received December 18, 2024 (Pages 25-26)
- 7. Virginia Department of Health comments dated-received December 20, 2024, and February 20, 2025 (Pages 27-31)
- **8.** City of Virginia Beach Wetlands Board permit dated-received March 19, 2025 (Pages 32-35)
- 9. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers PASDO permit dated-received March 11, 2025 (Pages 36-39)

#### **HABITAT MANAGEMENT DIVISION EVALUATION**

WESTMINSTER-CANTERBURY ON CHESAPEAKE BAY, #24-2475, requests authorization to remove a failed timber pier and construct a new concrete pier for the exclusive use of Westminster-Canterbury residents as part of the proposed Westminster-Canterbury on Chesapeake Bay campus expansion situated at property off Ocean Shore Avenue along the Chesapeake Bay in the City of Virginia Beach.

#### **Narrative**

The project site is located north of Shore Drive and east of the Lesner Bridge and Lynnhaven Inlet adjacent to the former Lynnhaven Fish House property. The applicant is requesting to construct a 230-foot-long by 20-foot-wide concrete pier in the same alignment as the existing dilapidated timber pier. The pier will have a variable clearance above the beach substrate of approximately 10 to 15 feet and will be more than three (3) feet higher than the clearance of the existing pier that will be removed. The landward extent of the pier will connect to a pavilion platform previously approved by the City's wetlands board (VMRC #2023-2775) on February 22, 2024. Once constructed, the pier will be for the exclusive use of Westminster-Canterbury residents.

Since the submittal and processing of the original application, the City of Virginia Beach nourished the beach in the vicinity of the pier proposal (VMRC #2020-2310). A new survey was completed in December 2024; revised drawings dated received December 10, 2024, using the updated survey profiles depict the entire pier structure located over nourished beach. As of March 15, 2025, however, approximately one-third ( ), or about 7 to 8 pile bents of the of the e isting pier is positioned channelward of mean low water (MLW) due to the net east to west littoral drift patterns known for the nourished area.

In accordance with §28.2-1200.1.B.3 of the Code of Virginia pertaining to the conveyance of state-owned bottomlands, ownership of state-owned submerged lands shall not be conveyed for areas lawfully filled for public beach nourishment projects. Therefore, the portion of the pier to be constructed channelward of mean low water, as surveyed in July 2024, requires a Commission permit.

As part of the Commission's public/agency review process, staff notified adjacent riparian property owners and the Virginia Department of Health (VDH). A project advertisement was also published in the Virginian Pilot.

#### <u>Issues</u>

Commission staff received a total of seven (7) comments in opposition; five (5) from nearby property owners, and two (2) from a homeowner association president. Per their correspondence, their objections are that the pier is unnecessary development; would be visually unsightly and lead to larger crowds on the beach; would increase beach erosion; would limit access beneath and to the west of the pier during construction; and would degrade the quality of life for nearby residents. Concerns were raised regarding the inability for the public to access the pier (the existing, failed timber pier was previously part of the former Lynnhaven Fish House property and despite being privately owned, was open to the public for a fee). Additional objections pertain to issues with the broader construction of the 22-story campus expansion; the property owners' history of poor construction practices (e.g., failure to promptly clean up debris after a storm); and issues with our agency's public notification process. One comment was received with no specific position but questioned the impacts to overall public beach use during construction.

The pier will cross a beach parcel owned by the City of Virginia Beach. The City has provided a signed notice indicating their awareness and agreement to the construction and operation of the proposed pier. Additionally, a permit was issued by the City's wetlands board for the encroachment over beach habitat. The Virginia Department of Health had no concerns with the proposal. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued their permit for this work on November 21, 2024.

#### **Summary/Recommendations**

The protestants' concerns regarding the broader expansion and overall construction of the Westminster-Canterbury facility are outside of the purview of the Commission and left to the local government. The pier will have a final minimum clearance of over 10 feet allowing for pedestrian passage beneath the pier. The applicant has also indicated that the pier will be constructed in phases so that public beach access west of the pier will be maintained throughout construction. Additionally, the City of Virginia Beach has authorized the pier encroachment through city-owned property. The portion of the proposed pier and impacts over state-owned submerged lands appears to be appropriately designed.

While staff is sensitive to the protests of the nearby residents, as proposed, the pier will not exceed the footprint of the existing timber pier that has existed since at least the late 1950s. Therefore, staff feels that the project will not cause an increase of impacts to state-owned submerged lands or adjacent beaches. Any environmental impacts associated with the construction of the pier are anticipated to be minimal and temporary.

#### **Summary/Recommendations (cont'd)**

Accordingly, after evaluating the merits of the project against the concerns expressed by those in opposition and after considering all the factors contained in §28.2-1205(A) of the Code of Virginia, staff recommends approval as submitted with an assessed royalty of \$3,940.00 for the encroachment over 3,940 square feet of state-owned submerged lands at a rate of \$1.00 per square foot.

## WCCB PIER REPLACEMENT

## PERMIT APPLICATION DRAWINGS

#### DRAWING INDEX



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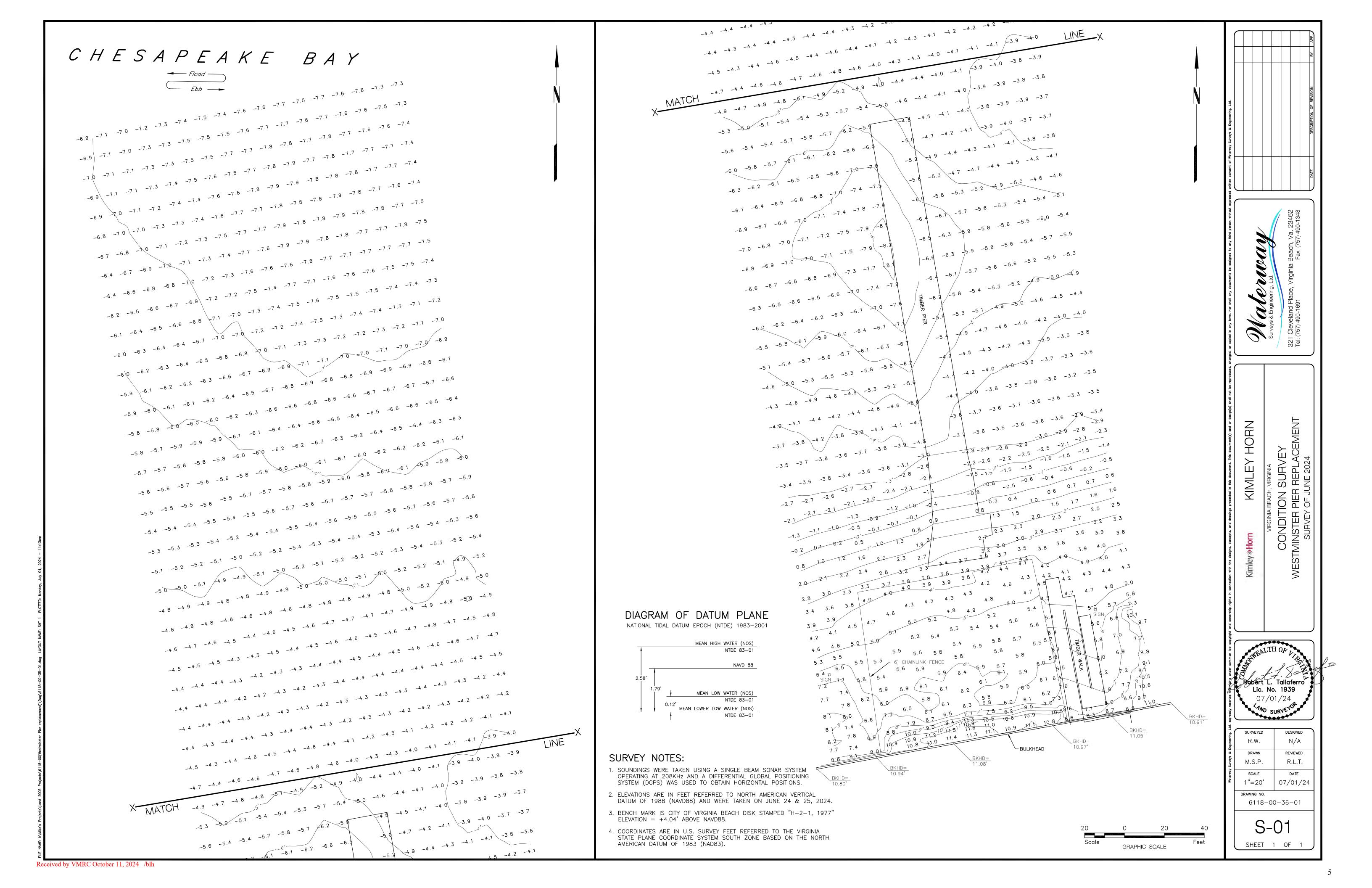
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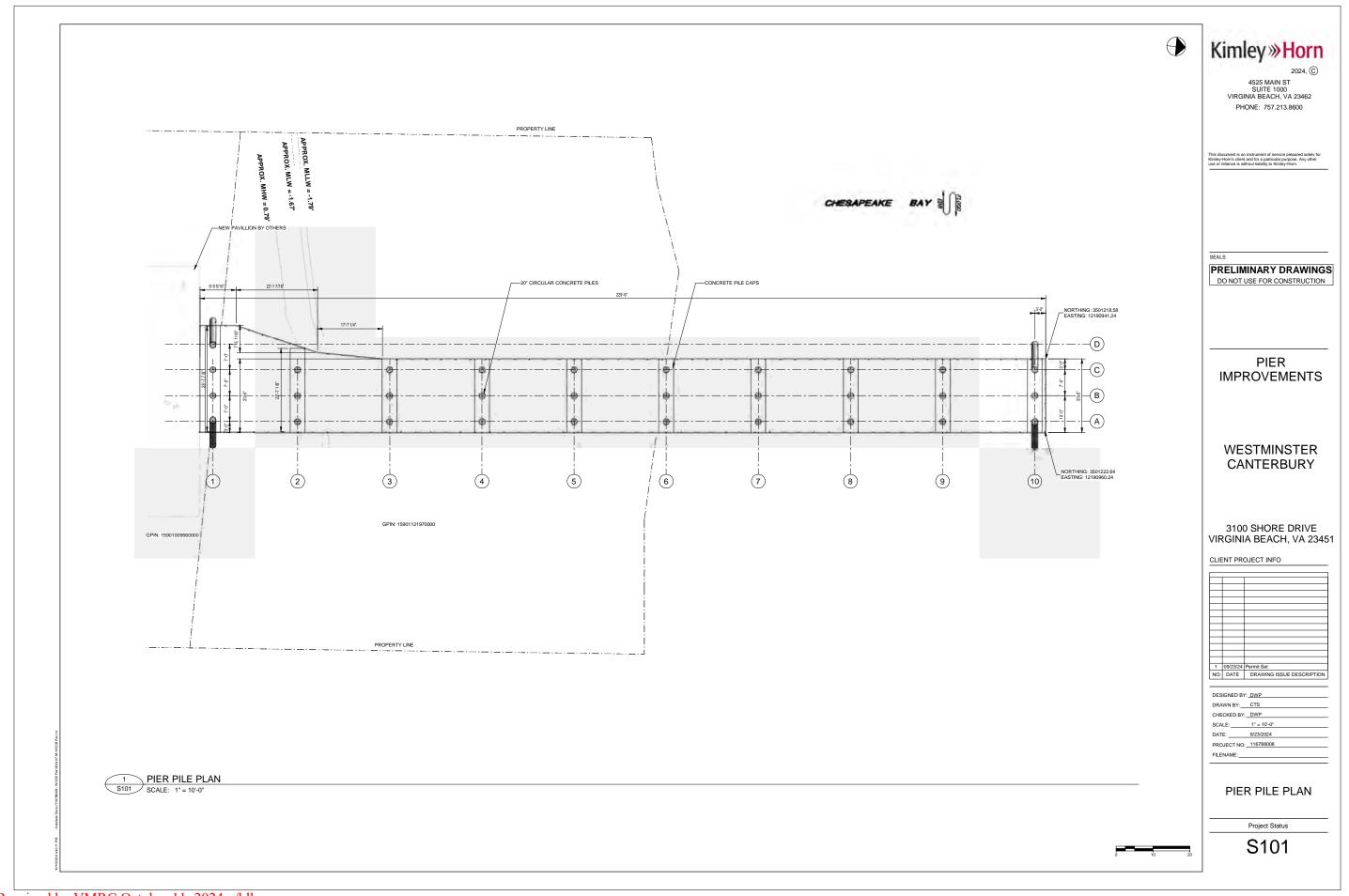
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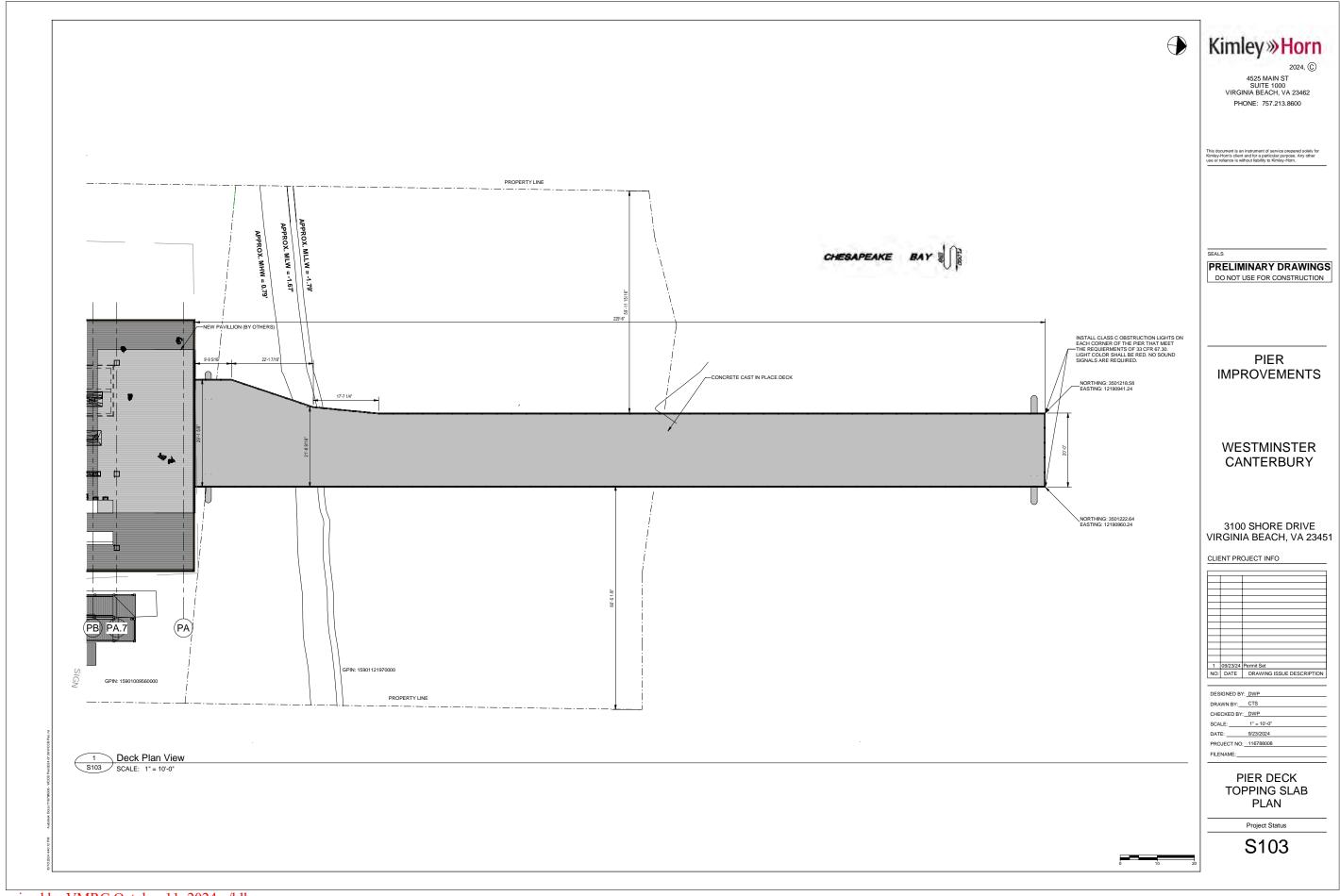
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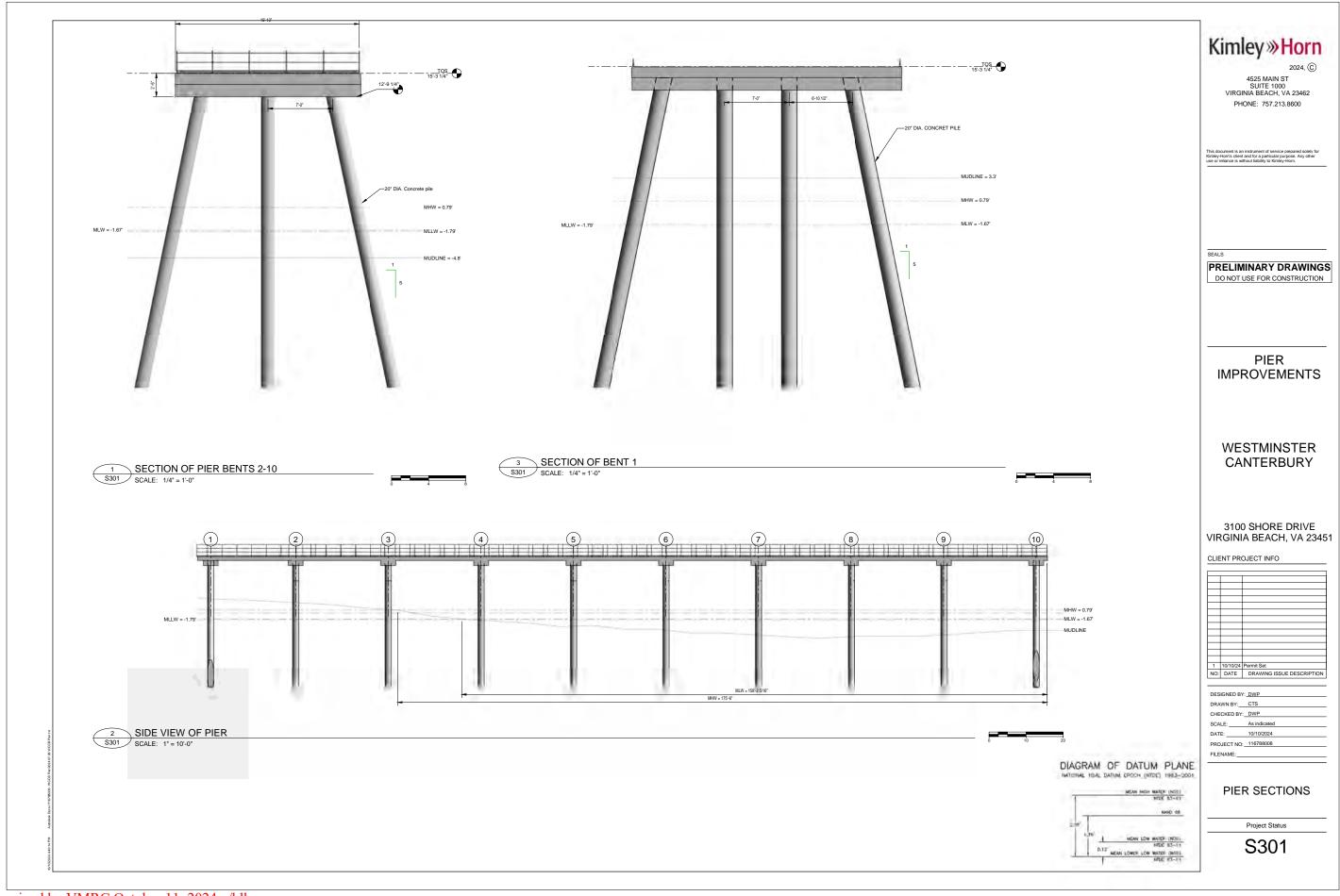
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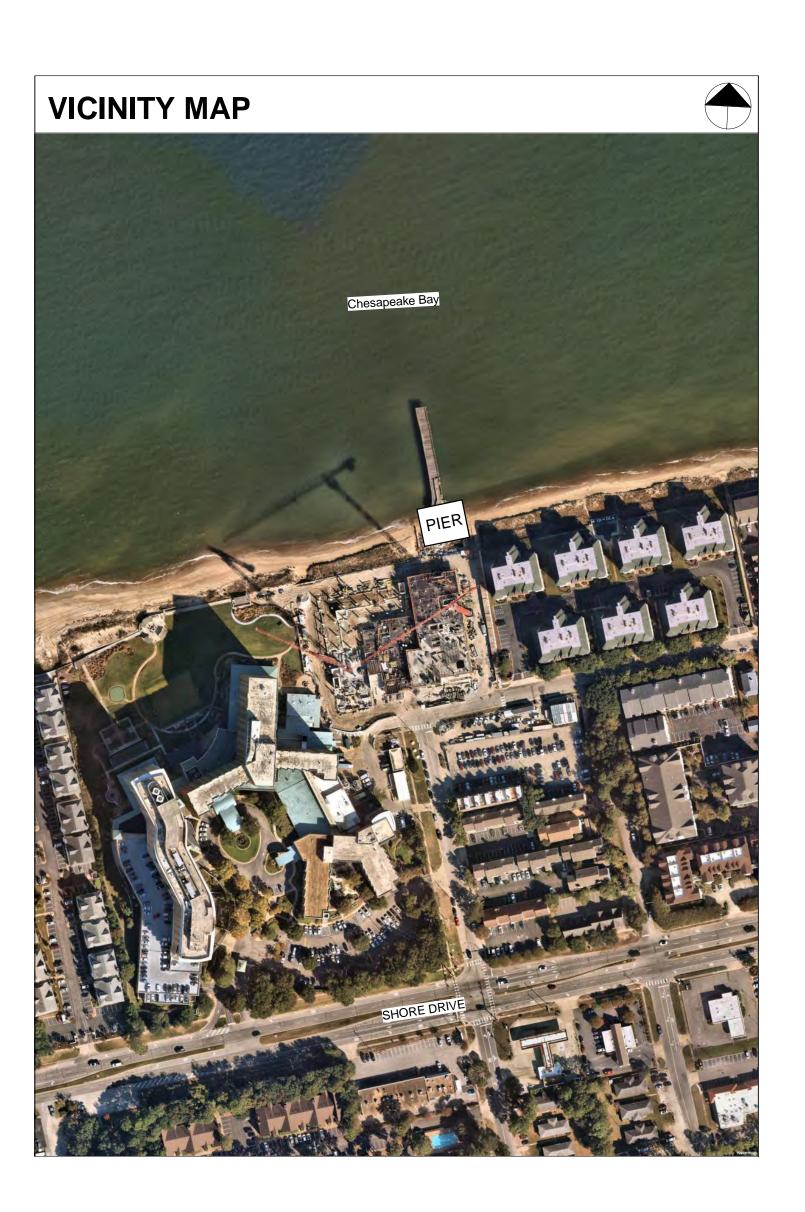
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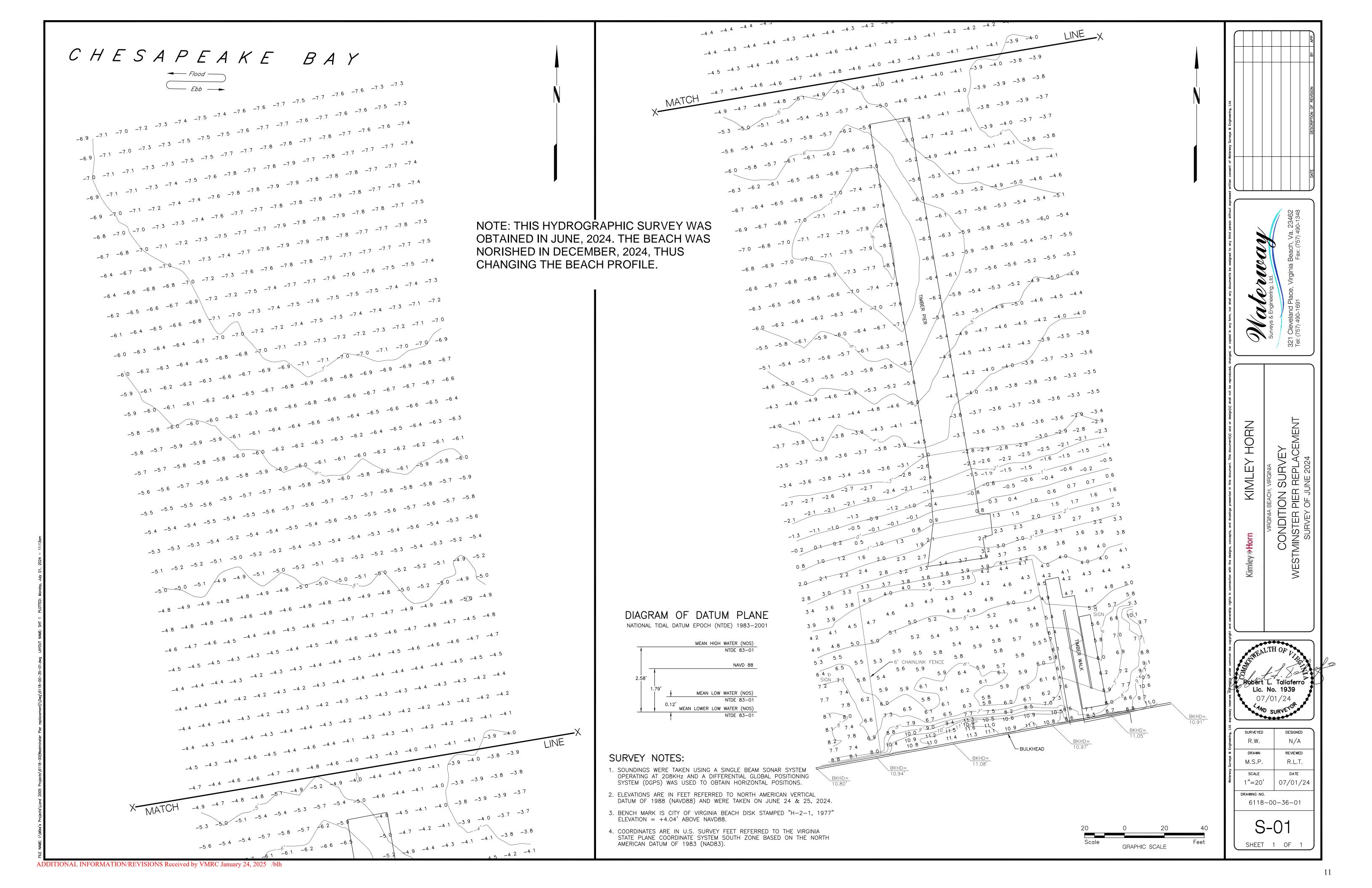
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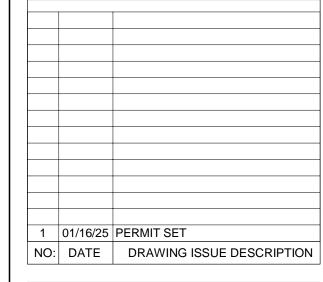
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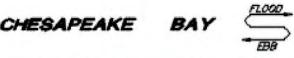
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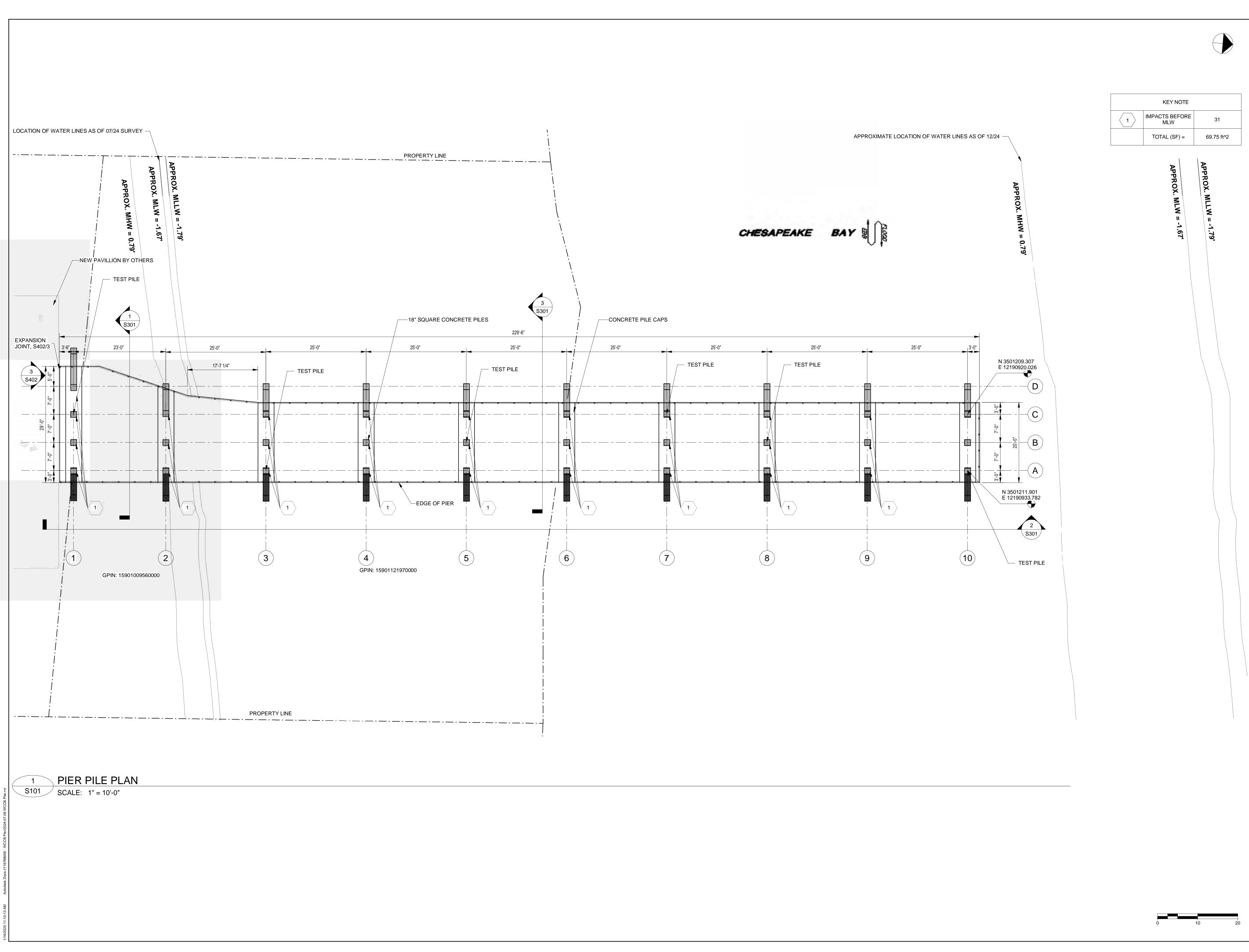




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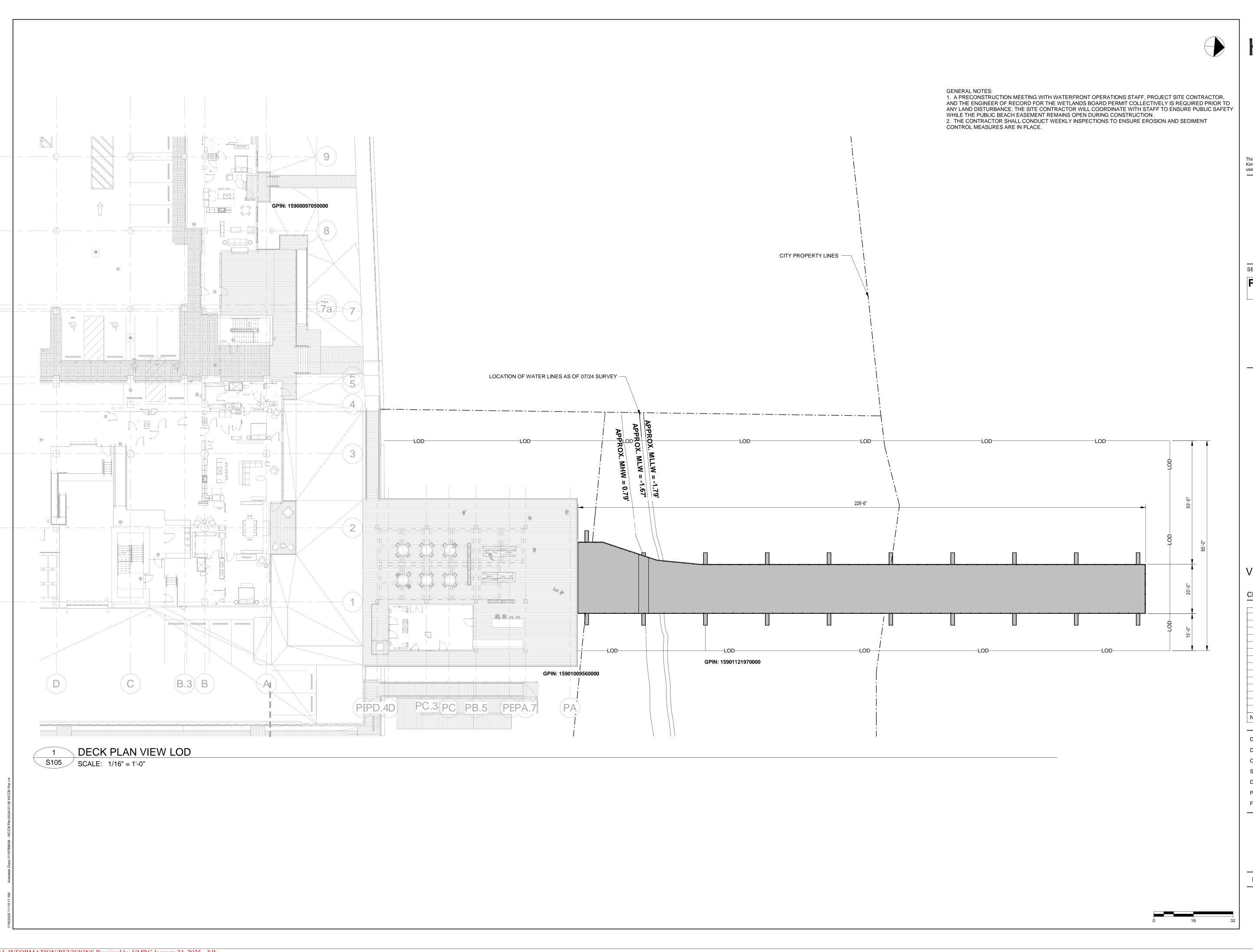
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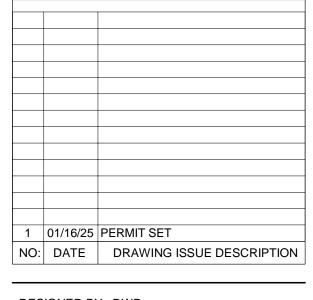
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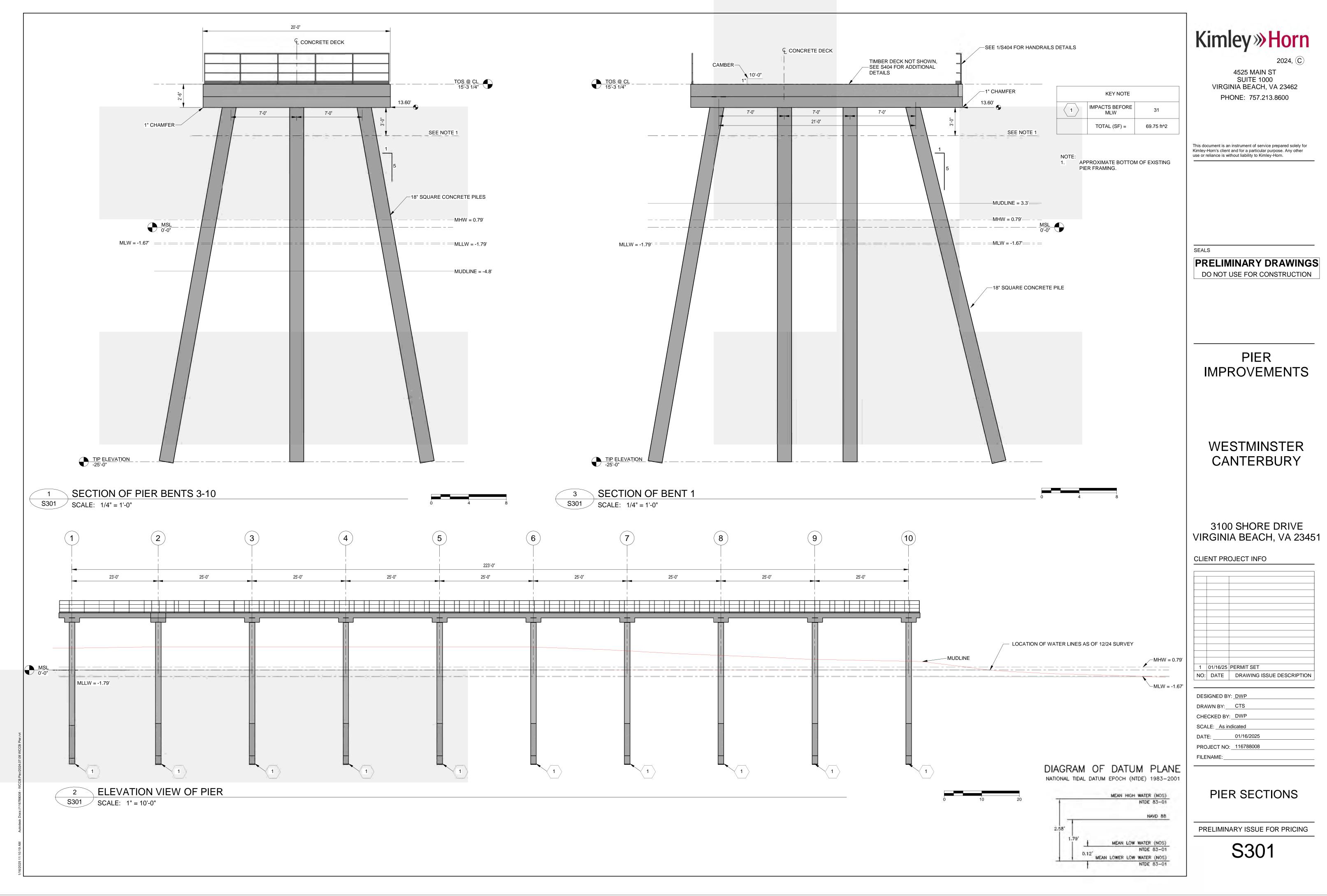
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/REVISIONS Received by VMRC January 24, 2025 /blh

The City signs for the sole purpose of acknowledging that the JPA for this private project to replace the existing pier is the exercise by the Applicant of easement rights as reserved in the deed to the City for Parcels C-C, 1-A, and D-D, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach in Deed Book 1480, Page 609 and corrected in Deed Book 1521, Page 789, and appears to be wholly within the Applicant's easement rights.

WITNESS the following signatures and seals:

#### CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

ATVEST:

City Clerk / Authorized Designee

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH, to wit:

The foregoing instrument was signed, sworn to and acknowledged before me this \(\lambda \) day of \(\text{December}\), 2024, by \(\text{Amondo.}\) (. \(\text{Torrest}\), City Manager / Authorized Designee of the City Manager of the City of Virginia Beach, on its behalf.

My Commission Expires: 11-30-2025
My Registration Number: 7 914567

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH, to wit:

Lauren Elizabeth Hopkins NOTARY PUBLIC Commonwealth of Virginia Reg. # 7914587 My Commission Expires November 30, 20**25** 

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged and sworn to before me this 18th day of December, 20 24, by Amenda Brines, City Clerk / Authorized Designee of the City Clerk of the City of Virginia Beach, on its behalf.

My Commission Expires: 11-20-2025
My Registration Number: 79457

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Lucia g wmtlow
City Attorney

IOTARY PUBLICuren Elizabeth Hopkins
NOTARY PUBLIC
Commonwealth of Virginia
Reg. # 7914587
My Commission Expires November 30, 2025

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Department of Planning

Print Date: Wednesday March 19 2025 07:43

Number	Name	Received	Position
1	LISA LEIDIG	12/13/2024 02:58:24 AM	OPPOSE

LYNNSHORE CONDOMINIUMS HOA OPPOSES THIS.

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2	LINDA L GIESEN	02/10/2025 15:06:32 PM	OPPOSE

WHAT A WASTE OF TIME. WESTMINISTER GOT APPROVAL TO BUILD 22 STORY ADDITION-OVER THE LIMIT OF ANYTHING ELSE N BEACH. THEY WILL GET WHAT THEY WANT AS MONEY TALKS.

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3	LISA LEIDIG	02/13/2025 11:10:13 AM	OPPOSE

MY COMMUNITY OPPOSES THE PROJECT FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS - FIRST - IT IS NOT NECESSARY DEVELOPMENT - THIS IS A PRIVATE PIER ACROSS A PUBLIC BEACH WITH USAGE RESTRICTED TO WESTMINSTER-CANTERBURY RESIDENTS. BEFORE THE EXISTING PIER WAS DEMOLISHED, THE RESIDENTS OF WESTMINSTER-CANTERBURY DID NOT UTILIZE IT EVEN WHEN OPEN. TO NEGATIVELY IMPACT THE THOUSANDS THAT USE THE BEACH FOR THE WANTS OF A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE DOES NOT MEET THE CRITERIA OR DEFINITION OF NECESSARY - IT IS A WANT. THE MORE LIKELY POSSIBILITY OF DESTRUCTION OF COASTAL DUNES AND BEACHES SHOULD OVERRIDE THE REQUEST TO REBUILD THE PIER. DURING THE CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION OF THE REMAINING PIER, THE BAY AND COASTAL BEACH ENVIRONMENT WILL BE NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS ENTERING THE WATER. THE SAFETY OF THOSE USING THE BEACHES WILL ALSO BE IMPACTED WITH CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS ENTERING THE WATERWAY. THIS ALSO IMPACTS THE BEACH ACCESSIBILITY AS IT WILL CREATE A WORK ZONE AROUND THE PIER WHERE PROTECTIVE GEAR AND CLOTHING ARE NECESSARY - HOW WILL BEACHGOERS GO EAST OR WEST OF THE PIER DURING CONSTRUCTION SAFELY? THIS BEACH HAS HEAVY TRAFFIC FROM BOTH RESIDENTS AND VISITORS, SO ACCESSIBILITY AND SAFETY IS A MAJOR CONCERN. IT IS OUR OPINION THAT THIS PERMIT SHOULD BE DENIED AS IT DOES NOT ENHANCE QUALITY OF LIFE ALONG THE BAY, THAT WESTMINSTER CANTERBURY HAS SO FAR NOT ACTED WITH APPROPRIATE CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY IN PROTECTING THE BAY AND WILL NEGATIVELY IMPACT BOTH THE BAY AND LOCAL RESIDENTS/BEACHGOERS WHILE UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THE PIER ONCE CONSTRUCTED WILL ALSO CAUSE DOWNSTREAM EROSION ON THE BEACH WEST OF THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION. MY COMMUNITY IS LOCATED AT 2314 STARFISH ROAD, VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23451.

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4	RICHARD MALLA	02/13/2025 13:36:20 PM	OPPOSE

IN RESPONSE TO ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER HABITAT MANAGEMENT DIVISION MEMORANDUM DATED FEBRUARY 5, <br /> <br MEMORANDUM DATED FEBRUARY 5, 2025, ON FEBRUARY 10, 2025, ALLOWING ME JUST 10 <br/> <br/> /> <br/> DAYS TO REVIEW AND RESPOND. UNSATISFACTORY.<br/>
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-> cbr /> 2. THE MEMORANDUM WAS ADDRESSED TO ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS. SINCE THE PROJECT IS PROPOSED TO <br/>
- or /> ebr /> BE PARTIALLY BUILT TO ALL VIRGINIA BEACH RESIDENTS.<br/>
- sbr /> sbr /> 3. THE LINK TO REVIEW THE APPLICATION AND/OR DRAWINGS SHOULD HAVE BEEN MORE DEFINITIVE ON WHERE AND <br/>
or /> <br/>
br /> HOW TO SEARCH FOR VMRC #2024-2475. THE CORRECT LINK SHOULD HAVE BEEN <br/>
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dr /> <br/> HTTPS://WEBAPPS.MRC.VIRGINIA.GOV/PUBLIC/HABITAT. CLICK ON "I'M NOT A ROBOT.― ENTER 20242475 IN THE <br/>br /> <br/> APPLICATIONS BLOCK. ENTER<br/> <br/> 4. THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF THE MEMORANDUM STATES, "â€l.A 20-FOOT-WIDE SHARED-USE CONCRETE PIERâ€l.―. <br/> <br/>br /> <br/> WHAT DOES SHARED-USE MEAN? MERRIAM-WEBSTER SAYS, "SHARE -TO PARTAKE OF, USE, EXPERIENCE, <br /> <br /> OCCUPY, OR ENJOY WITH OTHERS.― A REVIEW OF THE WESTMINSTER-CANTERBURY APPLICATION SHOWS THE <br/>br /> <br/> FOLLOWING - PART 1-GENERAL INFORMATION, PARAGRAPH 9. MULTI-USER (COMMUNITY, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, <br/> <br/> <br/> > GOVERNMENT). A WORD SEARCH OF CLEARLY, WESTMINSTER-CANTERBURY HAS NO INTENTION OF SHARING THEIR PIER ON MY BEACH.<br/>
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- CONDOMINIUM AND NOW WESTMINSTER-CANTERBURY WANTS TO BUILD AN EXCLUSIVE MEMBERS-ONLY PIER <br/>or /> <br/>on OUR PUBLIC BEACH.<br/>or /> <br/>or /> <br/>or /> on OUR PUBLIC BEACH.<br/>or /> <br/>or /> <br/>or /> on OUR PUBLIC BEACH.<br/>or /> on OUR PUBLIC BEACH.<br/>or /> on OUR PUBLIC BEACH. HAVING THIS PIER BUILT ON CHESAPEAKE BAY

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5	DANIELLE MILLER	02/13/2025 15:10:33 PM	OPPOSE

I FEEL LIKE THAT WOULD BE UNSIGHTLY VISUALLY. I ALSO FEEL AS IF IT WILL BRING MORE PEOPLE TO A VERY PRIVATE END OF THE BEACH. WE NEVER WANTED THE NEW BUILDING DUE TO HIGHER TRAFFIC, MAKING THE BEACHFRONT OVER CROWDED AND KICKING OUT INNOCENT VA BEACH RESIDENTS TO MAKE WAY FOR ALL OF THIS. IT SHOULD BE ILLEGAL TO HAVE COME THIS FAR AND WE DON€™T WANT A GIANT PIER LITTERING THE VIEW OF OUR BEAUTIFUL BAY.

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6	SANDRA EDWARDS	02/14/2025 15:11:15 PM	OPPOSE

LYNNHAVEN BEACH CONDOMINIUMS HOA DID NOT RECEIVE NOTICE. WE ONLY BECAME AWARE OF THIS APPLICATION AND COMMENT OPPORTUNITY ON 2/13/2024 AND THAT WAS THRU ONE OF OUR OWNERS WHO SAW IT PUBLICLY AND NOT THRU ANY FORMAL NOTIFICATION PROCESS. THE FORMAL NOTICE STILL HAS NOT BEEN DELIVERED TO OUR HOA. THE OWNERS AND/OR THE HOA MAY HAVE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ONCE REVIEWED. BUT OF COURSE, TIME IS VERY LIMITED TO DO SO. PLEASE DELAY APPROVAL FOR THIS APPLICATION UNTIL ALL AFFECTED PARTIES HAVE BEEN DULY NOTIFIED. IT BOTHERS ME THAT THERE WAS NO EFFORT TO NOTIFY ALL INDIVIDUAL HOMEOWNERS OR UNIT OWNERS WITHIN THE AFFECTED ASSOCIATIONS ALONG THE BAY. THE BEACH IS A PUBLIC BEACH AND THE PUBLIC IS MORE THAN DISADVANTAGED BY BUILDING THIS PIER ONLY FOR THE USE OF WESTMINSTER RESIDENTS. THE LEGAL NOTICE THAT WILL BE PRINTED IN THE VIRGINIAN PILOT SAYS "SHARED USE". TO THE LAYMAN THIS COULD BE INTERPRETED TO MEAN "PUBLIC". YOU HAVE TO READ THE ACTUAL APPLICATION TO FIND OUT OTHERWISE.

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7	WILLIAM ALFORD	02/18/2025 14:37:02 PM	OPPOSE

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8	TERESA A LINK	02/20/2025 13:23:44 PM	NO POSITION

QUESTION IS REGARDING THE APPLICATION AND ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS. IF YOU LOOK AT THE APPLICATION, THEY DID NOT ASK THE CLOSEST ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS ON THIS DOCUMENT. THE DOCUMENT REFLECTS SEAGATE COLONY(.7MILES FROM WCCB) AND MARINERS MARK(1.0 MILES FROM WCCB) (BOTH TO THE EAST) BUT DID NOT DOCUMENT THE IMMEDIATE PROPERTY OCEAN SHORE CONDOMINIUMS WHICH ARE DIRECTLY NEXT TO THE PROJECT. NOR DID THEY INDICATE LYNNHAVEN BEACH CONDOMINIUM TO THE WEST AND ANY OF THE ADJACENT PROPERTIES ON STAR FISH ROAD. <br/>
obr /> ALSO, HOW DOES THIS IMPACT THE OVERALL PUBLIC BEACH USE

 From:
 Birge, Tiffany (MRC)

 To:
 MRC - jpa Permits

Subject: FW: JPA: 20242475 in Virginia Beach, Applicant: Westminster-Canterbury on Chesapeake Bay

Date: Wednesday, December 18, 2024 10:59:27 AM

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Please process the below correspondence as Public Works comment for 24-2475,

Westminster.

Thanks!

#### Tiffany Birge

Environmental Engineer, Habitat Management

Virginia Marine Resources Commission Building 96, 380 Fenwick Road Ft. Monroe, VA 23651

Tiffany.birge@mrc.virginia.gov, 757-247-2254

From: James D. White <jawhite@vbgov.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2024 10:57 AM

**To:** Birge, Tiffany (MRC) <tiffany.birge@mrc.virginia.gov>; Smigo, Margaret (VDH) <margaret.smigo@vdh.virginia.gov>; Wood, Adam (VDH) <Adam.wood@vdh.virginia.gov>

Subject: RE: JPA: 20242475 in Virginia Beach, Applicant: Westminster-Canterbury on Chesapeake

Bay

The proposed project is acceptable.

Jim White, P.E.

Coastal Program Administrator (Acting)





**From:** VMRC JPA <Tiffany.Birge@mrc.virginia.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2024 5:23 PM

**To:** Smigo, Margaret (VDH) <margaret.smigo@vdh.virginia.gov>; Adam.wood@vdh.virginia.gov;

James D. White <jawhite@vbgov.com>

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Please click the link below for full application details.

Application: 20242475

**Applicant:** Westminster-Canterbury on Chesapeake Bay

Locality: Virginia Beach Project Description: Pier

Date Received: October 18, 2024

Engineer: Tiffany Birge

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WAS A FIELD INVESTIGATION OF THE PROPOSAL PERFORMED BY A MEMBER OF YOUR AGENCY? YES / NO

DATE OF INVESTIGATION:_	
NAME OF INVESTIGATOR:	
COMMENTS:	

From: Birge, Tiffany (MRC)
To: MRC - jpa Permits

Subject: FW: JPA: 20242475 in Virginia Beach, Applicant: Westminster-Canterbury on Chesapeake Bay

**Date:** Friday, December 20, 2024 2:08:11 PM

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Please process the below email as VHD-DSS comment for 24-2475, Westminster-Canterbury.

Thanks!

Tiffany Birge

Environmental Engineer, Habitat Management

Virginia Marine Resources Commission Building 96, 380 Fenwick Road Ft. Monroe, VA 23651

Tiffany.birge@mrc.virginia.gov, 757-247-2254

From: Wood, Adam (VDH) <Adam.Wood@vdh.virginia.gov>

Sent: Friday, December 20, 2024 2:05 PM

**To:** Birge, Tiffany (MRC) < Tiffany. Birge@mrc.virginia.gov>

Subject: Re: JPA: 20242475 in Virginia Beach, Applicant: Westminster-Canterbury on Chesapeake

Bay

Good Afternoon,

This project will not cause any change in shellfish classification areas.

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Very Respectfully



Growing Area Manager

Virginia Department of Health

Division of Shellfish Safety

Cell: (804) 839-2809

Office: (804) 577-4007

www.vdh.virginia.gov/shellfish





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Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2024 5:22 PM

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Date: Thursday, February 20, 2025 8:23:56 AM

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Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 5:30 PM

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Subject: RE: JPA: 20242475 in Virginia Beach, Applicant: Westminster-Canterbury on Chesapeake

Bay

Thank you Tiffancy, approval below.

### **Margaret Smigo**

Waterborne Hazards and Marina Programs Manager

Office of Environmental Health Services Division of Shellfish Safety and Waterborne Hazards

Phone: (804)731-1352

HAB Hotline: (888) 238-6154 <a href="https://www.SwimHealthyVA.com">www.SwimHealthyVA.com</a>

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Virginia Department of Health 109 Governor Street Richmond, VA 23219



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DATE OF INVESTIGATION: 2/19/25
NAME OF INVESTIGATOR: MSMIGO

COMMENTS: NO COMMENT

Should you have any questions regarding this permit application, please do not hesitate to contact me at (757) 247-2254 or Tiffany.Birge@mrc.virginia.gov

Tiffany Birge
Environmental Engineer
Virginia Marine Resources Commission

Phone: (757) 247-2254

Email: Tiffany.Birge@mrc.virginia.gov

Viewing application and related documents requires Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Safari, or Microsoft Edge.

#### PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Planning Administration 2875 Sabre Street, Suite 500 Virginia Beach, VA 23452

March 19, 2025

Sent via email only:

Kailey Martinez permits@waterfrontconsulting.net

Mark Borst mark.borst@wcbay.com

Subject: Wetlands/Waterfront Construction Approval for 2024-WTRA-00214, Proposed Pier

for Westminster-Canterbury on Chesapeake Bay at 2350 Starfish Road

Dear Ms. Martinez,

The referenced application has been reviewed and approved with the following conditions:

- 1. An on-site pre-construction meeting will be required. The contractor must contact Waterfront Operations at (757) 385-8246 to schedule the pre-construction meeting, 48-hours prior to mobilizing to the site. Please be advised that no land disturbance or construction activities may commence until after the pre-construction meeting and required building permit has been obtained and appropriately displayed on site.
- 2. Land disturbance shall be limited to the area necessary to provide for the construction of the proposed improvements only.
- 3. Erosion & sediment (E&S) measures shall be properly installed prior to any land disturbance and shall remain in place until such time as vegetative cover is established for all areas denuded during construction.
- 4. All disturbed or denuded areas shall be stabilized in accordance with the Virginia Erosion and Sediment Control Law and Regulations. Permanent or temporary soil stabilization measures shall be applied to all disturbed / denuded area(s) and vegetative cover established before submittal of the Engineer's Final Inspection Report.
- 5. Within 30 days from completion of the project, the contractor shall have the Engineer of Record complete and return the enclosed Engineer's Final Inspection Report to the Department of Planning and Community Development, Waterfront Operations Office. Please be advised that the building permit will not be closed until the report is submitted and reviewed.

(757) 385-4621 virginiabeach.gov/planning

The Wetlands Permit will expire **December 16, 2027**. In the event the project is not complete, you or the applicant must submit another Joint Permit Application.

<u>Field changes are not allowed</u>. Any changes to the project must first be shown on revised drawings, the drawings resealed by the Engineer of Record, and resubmitted to VMRC for review and approval.

Make sure that you have received all necessary authorizations, or documentation that no permit is required, from each review agency associated with the JPA process prior to obtaining a building permit for this work with the City. To apply for a building permit for this work, a record will need to be created through Accela Citizen Access at <a href="https://aca-prod.accela.com/cvb/Default.aspx">https://aca-prod.accela.com/cvb/Default.aspx</a> under the Permits tab. During the record creation, please upload the following documents.

- A copy of this letter
- The approved waterfront construction packet, including construction drawings sealed on July 1, 2024 received by VMRC January 24, 2025, sheets 1 through 6, Waterfront permit, and zoning stamp.
- All permits or approvals from the US Army Corps of Engineers (US ACOE) and VMRC.
- All necessary building permit forms to be processed and reviewed by City Staff.

Please be advised, Permits and Inspections may require additional information that could affect the release of the building permit.

A building permit may also be obtained in person. All required documents must be provided if applying for a permit in person. The Permits and Inspections office is located at 2875 Sabre Street, Suite 500. You may contact the Permits and Inspections office at (757) 385-4211, concerning the cost of the building permit.

Prior to commencing construction, you may also need a permit from the following agencies:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 803 Front Street, Norfolk, Virginia 23510
Virginia Marine Resource Commission, Habitat Management Division, 380 Fenwick Rd., Bldg. 96,
Ft. Monroe, VA 23651

If you have any questions, call (757) 385-4621.

Sincerely,

Heaven Manning Environmental Planner

cc: Virginia Marine Resource Commission – Tiffany Birge

(757) 385-4621 virginiabeach.gov/planning

# ENGINEER/SURVEYOR'S FINAL INSPECTION REPORT FOR WATERFRONT CONSTRUCTION/COASTAL PRIMARY SAND DUNE PROJECTS

#### **REVISED 02-2012**

BUILDING PERMIT NUMBER:  (If unknown contact Permits & Inspections757 385-4211)
CONTRACTOR:
Waterfront File number:
PROJECT LOCATION:
APPLICANT'S NAME:
APPLICANT'S ADDRESS:
ENGINEER/SURVEYOR OF RECORD
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT I HAVE INSPECTED THE REFERENCED PROJECT AND TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPROVED PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS I PREPARED. *ANY DEVIATIONS IN CONSTRUCTION MUST BE SUBMITTED ON REVISED PLANS TO THE VMRC FOR CONSIDERATION. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT THE WATERFRONT OPERATIONS STAFF.
THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS DIVISION AFTER ALL INSPECTIONS ARE COMPLETE AND PRIOR TO THE FINAL INSPECTION BY CITY PERSONNEL.
SIGNATURE OF ENGINEER/SURVEYOR OF RECORD DATE CERTIFYING THE ABOVE
TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF ENGINEER/SURVEYOR OF RECORD ANY ALTERATION OF THIS FORM OR ITS ENDORSEMENTS WITHOUT EXPRESS

CONSENT FROM THE ORIGINATOR SHALL INVALIDATE THIS INSTRUMENT.

## CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA WETLANDS BOARD PERMIT

TO: Construct a pier involving coastal primary sand dune and beach as shown on the plans titled: "Proposed Pier Improvements" for Westminster-Canterbury on Chesapeake Bay Sealed July 1, 2024, Sheets 1 through 6.



AT: 2350 Starfish Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

**PERMITEE: Westminster-Canterbury on Chesapeake Bay** 

ADDRESS OF PERMITEE: 3100 Shore Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

DATE APPROVED: December 16, 2024

DATE EXPIRE: December 16, 2027

**PERMIT NO: 2024-WTRA-00214** 

Chairperson of the Board or an authorized representative:

Heaven Manning
Environmental Planner

WLA form Rev. 7-2023



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS NORFOLK DISTRICT FORT NORFOLK 803 FRONT STREET NORFOLK VA 23510-1011

November 18, 2024

Eastern Virginia Regulatory Section NAO 2024-2717 / VMRC 24-2475 (Chesapeake Bay)

Mark Borst Westminster-Canterbury on Chesapeake Bay 3100 Shore Drive Virginia Beach, VA 23451

#### Dear Mark Borst:

This is in reference to the Department of the Army application (NAO 2024-2717) you submitted to remove and replace a 229.5'x20' pier on the Chesapeake Bay. Maximum encroachment channelward of MHW of 175.5'. The 229.5'x20' pier includes a 28.6' wide section on the shore portion of the pier, 31 20" piles, and a cast in place deck. All work will be performed at 3092 Ocean Shore Avenue Virginia Beach, VA 23451 (Lat/Long: 36.91338, -76.07783). Your proposed project as described above and depicted on attached drawings entitled "Pier Improvements," dated September 23, 2024 and stamped as received by our office on 10/18/2024 satisfies the terms and conditions of Norfolk District's State Programmatic General Permit for piers, aquaculture, shoreline, dredging, and other activities (23-SPGP-PASDO), Category B. For Category B, permittees must also obtain authorization from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC), Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ), and/or a Local Wetlands Board by permit, rule, or regulation prior to commencing work in Waters of the U.S. Private piers for noncommercial purposes that qualify for the statutory authorization found in Section 28.2-1203(A)5 of the Code of Virginia (no permit required from the VMRC) are covered under <u>Category B</u>. Provided that you follow the general and permit specific conditions of the 23-SPGP-PASDO and any additional special conditions that have been included below, no further authorization will be required from the Corps.

IF THE STATE OR LOCAL WETLAND BOARD DOES NOT AUTHORIZE THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY THIS IS A PROVISIONAL NOTIFICATION THAT A 23-SPGP-PASDO CATEGORY C AUTHORIZATION IS REQUIRED and you (the applicant) must certify that federally licensed or permitted activities affecting Virginia's coastal uses or resources will be conducted in a manner consistent with the Virginias' coastal zone management program (Virginia CZM program) and obtain concurrence from the DEQ, office of environmental impact review (OEIR). It is YOUR responsibility to submit a consistency certification to the OEIR for concurrence or objection, and proof of concurrence must be submitted to the Corps prior to final permit authorization. A template federal consistency certification can be found in the Federal Consistency

Manual here: https://www.deq.virginia.gov/our-programs/environmental-impact-review/federal-consistency. For more information or to obtain a list of the enforceable policies of the Virginia CZM Program, contact the DEQ-OEIR at (804) 659-1915 or e-mail: bettina.rayfield@deq.virginia.gov.

The permittee understands and agrees that, if future operations by the United States require the removal, relocation, or other alteration, of the structure or work herein authorized, or if, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Army or his authorized representative, said structure or work shall cause unreasonable obstruction to the free navigation of the navigable waters, the permittee will be required, upon due notice from the Corps of Engineers, to remove, relocate, or alter the structural work or obstructions caused thereby, without expense to the United States. No claim shall be made against the United States on account of any such removal or alteration.

If you suspect that your project may result in purposeful take of migratory birds, contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Migratory Bird Program at PermitsR5MB@fws.gov. If you are interested in voluntarily reducing impacts to migratory birds and their habitats, please consult https://fws.gov/birds/managment/project-assessment-tools-and-guidance/conservation-measures.php for conservation measures.

Enclosed is a "compliance certification" form, which must be signed and returned within 30 days of completion of the project. Your signature on this form certifies that you have completed the work in accordance with the regional permit terms and conditions.

Unless suspended or revoked, the 23-SPGP-PASDO will be in effect until September 4, 2028. Activities which have commenced (i.e., are under construction) or are under contract to commence construction in reliance upon 23-SPGP-PASDO will remain authorized provided the activity is completed within 12 months of the date of this 23-SPGP-PASDO's expiration of September 4, 2028, unless discretionary authority has been exercised on a case-by-case basis to modify, suspend, or revoke the authorization in accordance with 33 CFR 325.7(a-e). Activities qualifying for this extension that are not complete by September 4, 2029, must apply for new general and/or individual Corps permit authorization. Activities which have NOT commenced and are NOT under contract to commence construction by the September 4, 2028, expiration require a new general and/or individual Corps permit authorization.

The State Water Control Board provided unconditional §401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) for this 23-SPGP-PASDO. Therefore, the activities that qualify for this 23-SPGP-PASDO meet the requirements of the VDEQ Virginia Water Protection Permit Regulation, provided that you abide by the conditions of this 23-SPGP-PASDO. You will not be required to obtain a separate §401 WQC from VDEQ. This authorization does not relieve your responsibility to comply with local requirements pursuant to the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act (CBPA), nor does it supersede local government

authority and responsibilities pursuant to the Act. You should contact your local government before you begin work to find out how the CBPA applies to your project.

Pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) of 1972, the VDEQ Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) completed its review of the Federal Consistency Determination (FCD) for this SPGP-PASDO on June 6, 2023 and provided conditional concurrence that Category B authorizations under the 23-SPGP-PASDO are consistent with the VCP. Authorizations under this 23-SPGP-PASDO do not supersede State or local government authority or responsibilities pursuant to any State or local laws or regulations.

In granting an authorization pursuant to this permit, the Norfolk District has relied on the information and data provided by the permittee. If, subsequent to notification by the Corps that a project qualifies for this permit, such information and data prove to be materially false or materially incomplete, the authorization may be suspended or revoked, in whole or in part, and/or the Government may institute appropriate legal proceedings. Please note that you should obtain all required State and local authorizations before you proceed with the project.

If you have any questions and/or concerns about this permit authorization, please contact Rowen Schmidt via telephone at 309-386-3496 or via email at rowen.e.schmidt@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

Peter Kube Chief, Eastern Virginia Regulatory Section

Enclosure(s)

Cc: Agent Virginia Marine Resources Commission Local Wetlands Board



## CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS PERMIT

Permit Number:	NAO-2024-2717	
VMRC Number:	24-2475	
Corps Contact:	Rowen Schmidt	
Permittee Name:	Westminster-Canterbury on Chesapeake Bay	
Date of Verification: November 18, 2024		
Permit Type:	23-SPGP-PASDO	
Within 30 days of completion of the activity authorized by this permit and any mitigation required by the permit, sign this certification, and return it to the following address:  US Army Corps of Engineers - Norfolk District CENAO-WR-R Attn: Rowen Schmidt 803 Front Street Norfolk, VA 23510-1011  Or scan and send via email to rowen.e.schmidt@usace.army.mil  Please note that your permitted activity is subject to a compliance inspection by a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representative. If you fail to comply with this permit, you are subject to permit suspension, modification, or revocation.  I hereby certify that the work authorized by the above-referenced permit has been completed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the said permit and required mitigation has been completed in accordance with the permit conditions.		
Signature of Permit	tee Date	