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# Public Notice of Application for Permit

**PUBLIC NOTICE DATE:** 

24 OCT 2023

**EXPIRATION DATE:** 

09 NOV 2023

REFERENCE NUMBER:

POA-2023-00293

**WATERWAY:** 

Zimovia Strait

\*\*\*Public Notice Reissued\*\*\*

This notice was originally sent by the Alaska District Corps of Engineers Regulatory Division directly to all agencies and other interested parties who have requested to be included on our Public Notice distribution list. However, it has recently come to our attention that, through an administrative error, some public notices have been omitted from our public website beginning in August 2023. This public notice revision was unfortunately affected by the error, and therefore is now being posted to our public website to allow for a 15-day public comment period. We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused and thank you for your interest in the Corps of Engineers Regulatory Division public notices and encourage your comments on proposed projects. Interested parties are hereby notified that a Department of the Army permit application has been received for work in waters of the United States as described below and shown in the previous notice. Interested for work in waters of the United States as described below and in the previous notice.

Interested parties are hereby notified that a Department of the Army permit application has been received for work in waters of the United States as described below and shown on the enclosed project drawings.

All comments regarding this public notice should be sent to the address noted above. If you desire to submit your comments by email, you should send it to the project manager's email as listed below or to regpagemaster@usace.army.mil. All comments should include the public notice reference number listed above.

All comments should reach this office no later than the expiration date of this public notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Please contact Tyler Marye at (907) 753-5778, toll free from within Alaska at (800) 478-2712, or by email at Tyler.J.Marye@usace.army.mil if further information is desired concerning this public notice.

APPLICANT: Bill Goodale, Micony, LLC, P.O. Box 5503, Ketchikan, AK 99901

<u>AGENT</u>: Farren Linne, R&M Engineering-Ketchikan, Inc., 7180 Revilla Road, Suite 300, Ketchikan, AK 99901

<u>LOCATION</u>: The project site is located within Section 30, T. 62 S., R. 84 E., Copper River Meridian; at Latitude 56.4624 ° N., Longitude 132.3813 ° W.; in Wrangell, Alaska.

<u>PURPOSE</u>: The applicant's stated purpose is to expand the marine business building area and add boat access to the property.

PROPOSED WORK: The applicant proposes to discharge up to 5,721 cubic yards of fill into 0.206 acre of waters of the United States below the High Tide Line (HTL) of Zimovia Strait in order to construct a seawall, create additional upland space for commercial activities, and the construction a boat ramp. Additionally, two 12-inch diameter hot dip (HD) galvanized steel piles would be installed below the Mean High Water (MHW) of Zimovia Strait adjacent to the boat ramp to support a 8-foot wide by 60-foot long floating dock. The two pilings will be driven by an impact hammer, or if they cannot be driven, a drilling method. All work including pile installation would be completed from the uplands at low tide when the area is dewatered. All work would be performed in accordance with the enclosed plan (sheets 1-9), dated August 1, 2023.

<u>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</u>: According to the applicant there were four alternatives that were considered for the proposed project. The applicant states, "the first was constructing the project at another location, unfortunately none were available that met the needs of the project and operation. The second option was other methods of tideland use; however, the costs were prohibitive and there wasn't anyone available to perform the work. The third option was to use only the existing upland area at the current lot. This was not chosen as the upland area of the lot is not big enough for the buildings necessary for the operation. The fourth option was to shorten and change the location of the proposed seawall. This was not chosen as it was deemed too small of dimensions and location to construct the necessary buildings for the operation."

<u>APPLICANT PROPOSED MITIGATION</u>: The applicant proposes the following mitigation measures to avoid, minimize, and compensate for impacts to waters of the United States from activities involving discharges of dredged or fill material.

a. Avoidance: The applicant states the locations of the rock wall and dock were selected to be in the proposed location due to the nature of the project and the geometry of the site. Likewise, they state existing uplands of the lot are not big enough for the necessary buildings needed for the operation, so it is crucial for part of the project to fall in waters

of the U.S. Other locations were considered, however, none were or are available that meet the needs of this project.

- b. Minimization: The applicant states that the size of the proposed float is the smallest practical for the intended use and that the project's fill footprint within the waters of the U.S. has been designed to be the smallest practical area to limit the impact as much as possible. All machine work will occur from the upland side of the site, within the pad's footprint and will be done during low tide events to reduce potential for any disturbance beyond the fill area.
- c. Compensatory Mitigation: No compensatory mitigation is proposed for this project. The applicant states that other mitigation proposals have not been in the forefront because there isn't any environmental destruction of plant or crustacean habitat.

<u>WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION</u>: A permit for the described work will not be issued until a certification or waiver of certification, as required under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (Public Law 95-217), has been received from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The latest published version of the Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRS) has been consulted for the presence or absence of historic properties, including those listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. At this time, the Corps is unaware of the presence of cultural resources within the permit area and historic properties outside the permit area will not be directly or indirectly affected by the proposed undertaking. The permit area has been determined to be the direct footprint of the fill and structures below the HTL and the adjacent uplands for staging and movement of project specific equipment. Consultation of the AHRS constitutes the extent of cultural resource investigations by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). The Corps has made a No Historic Properties Affected (No Effect) determination for the proposed project. This application is being coordinated with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), Federally recognized Tribes, and other consulting parties. Any comments SHPO, Federally recognized Tribes, and other consulting parties may have concerning presently unknown archeological or historic data that may be lost or destroyed by work under the requested permit will be considered in our final assessment of the described work. The Corps is requesting the SHPO's concurrence with this determination.

<u>ENDANGERED SPECIES</u>: The project area is within the known or historic range of the short-tailed Albatross (*Phoebastria albatrus*), the threatened Mexico Distinct Population Segment (DPS) of humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), and the proposed sunflower sea star (*Pycnopodia helianthoides*).

We have determined the described activity would have no effect on any listed or proposed threatened or endangered species and would have no effect on any designated or proposed critical habitat, under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 844). Therefore, no consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is required. However, any comments they may have concerning endangered or

threatened wildlife or plants or their critical habitat will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, requires all Federal agencies to consult with the NMFS on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH).

The project area is within mapped EFH for the chum salmon (*Oncorhynchus keta*), pink salmon (*Oncorhynchus gorbuscha*), coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*), Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), and sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*).

We are currently gathering information regarding these species and have yet to make a determination of effect. Should we find that the described activity may adversely affect EFH for the species listed above, we will follow the appropriate course of action under Section 305(b)(2) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. Any comments the NMFS may have concerning EFH will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

TRIBAL CONSULTATION: The Corps fully supports tribal self-governance and government-to-government relations between Federally recognized Tribes and the Federal government. Tribes with protected rights or resources that could be significantly affected by a proposed Federal action (e.g., a permit decision) have the right to consult with the Corps, Alaska District, on a government-to-government basis. Views of each Tribe regarding protected rights and resources will be accorded due consideration in this process. This public notice serves as notification to the Tribes within the area potentially affected by the proposed work and invites their participation in the Federal decision-making process regarding the protected Tribal rights or resources. Consultation may be initiated by the affected Tribe upon written request to the District Commander. Any comments federal recognized tribes and other consulting parties may have concerning presently unknown archeological or historic data that may be lost or destroyed by the work under the requested permit will be considered in the Corps final assessment of the described work.

<u>PUBLIC HEARING</u>: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, reasons for holding a public hearing.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity and its intended use on the public interest. Evaluation of the probable impacts, which the proposed activity may have on the public interest, requires a careful weighing of all the factors that become relevant in each particular case. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. The outcome of the general balancing process would determine whether to authorize a proposal, and if so, the conditions under which it will be allowed to occur. The decision should reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. All factors, which may be relevant to the proposal, must be considered including the cumulative effects thereof. Among

those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. For activities involving 404 discharges, a permit will be denied if the discharge that would be authorized by such permit would not comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's 404(b)(1) guidelines. Subject to the preceding sentence and any other applicable guidelines or criteria (see Sections 320.2 and 320.3), a permit will be granted unless the District Commander determines that it would be contrary to the public interest.

The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

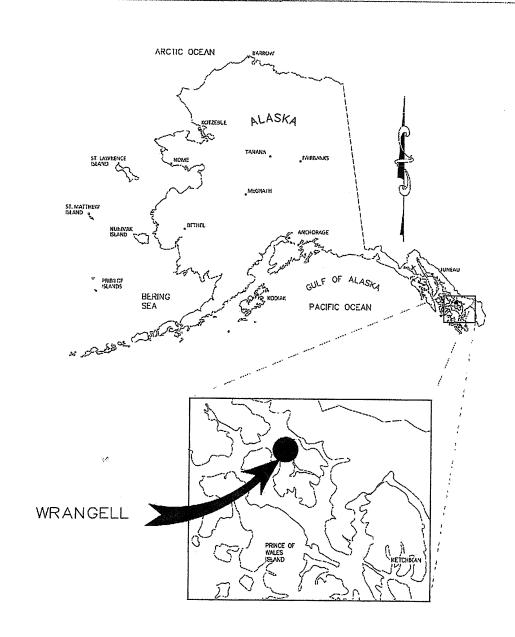
AUTHORITY: This permit will be issued or denied under the following authorities:

- (X) Perform work in or affecting navigable waters of the United States Section 10 Rivers and Harbors Act 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).
- (X) Discharge dredged or fill material into waters of the United States Section 404 Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). Therefore, our public interest review will consider the guidelines set forth under Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 230).

Project drawings are enclosed with this public notice.

District Commander U.S. Army, Corps

**Enclosures** 



## PROJECT LOCATION MAP

### MICONY EXPANSION

TITLE SHEET

APPL CANT:

BILL COODALE P.O. BOX 70" WRANGEL, AK 99929

AGENT:

R&W ENGINEERING-KETCHIKAN 7180 REVILLA RD SUITE 30C KETCHIKAN, AK 99901

### FILE NO: 232331

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CONSTRUCT A ROCK BUILD NG PAD, ROCK WALL AND, A FLOATING DOCK WITH A CONCREYE AND ALUMINUM RAMP.

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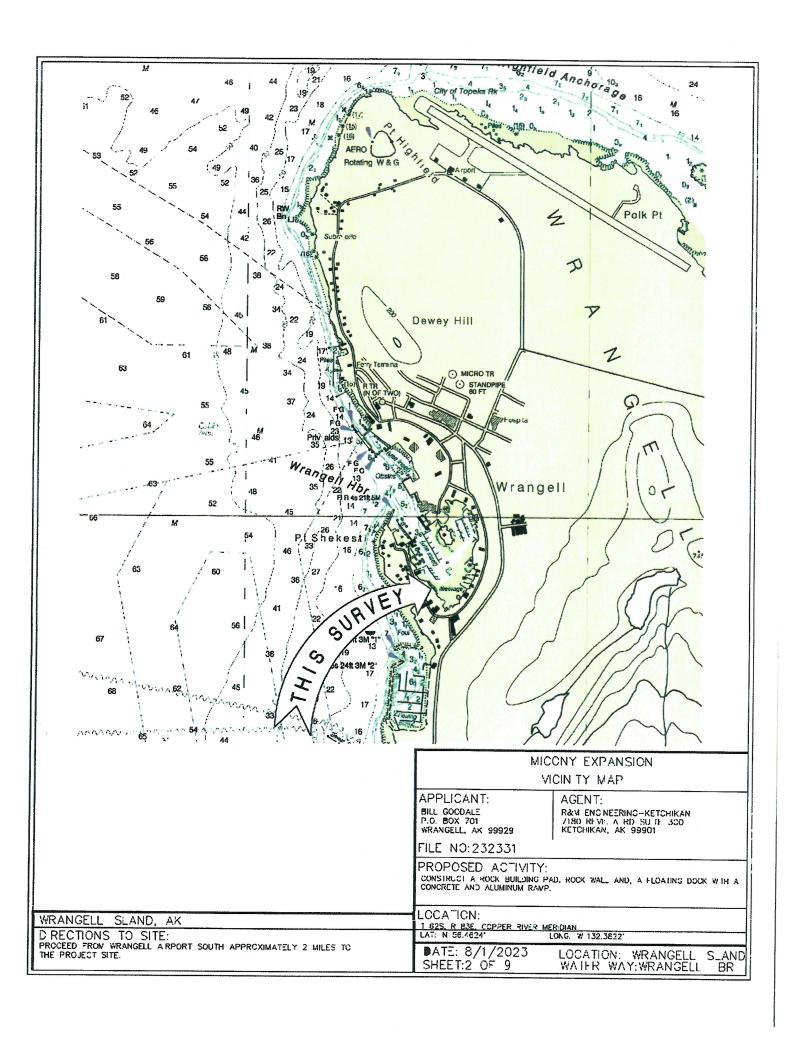
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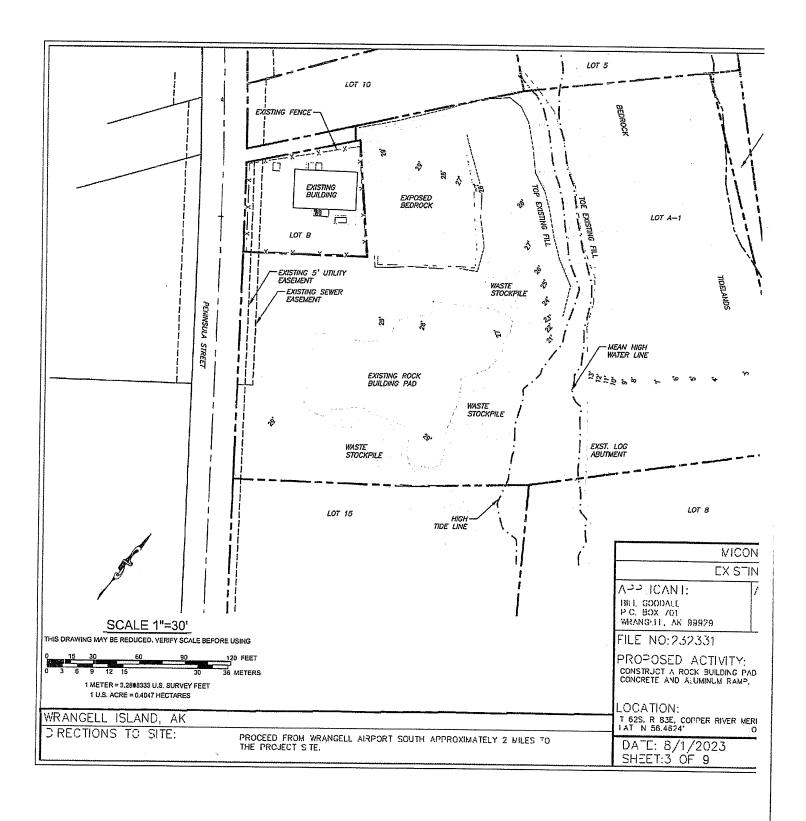
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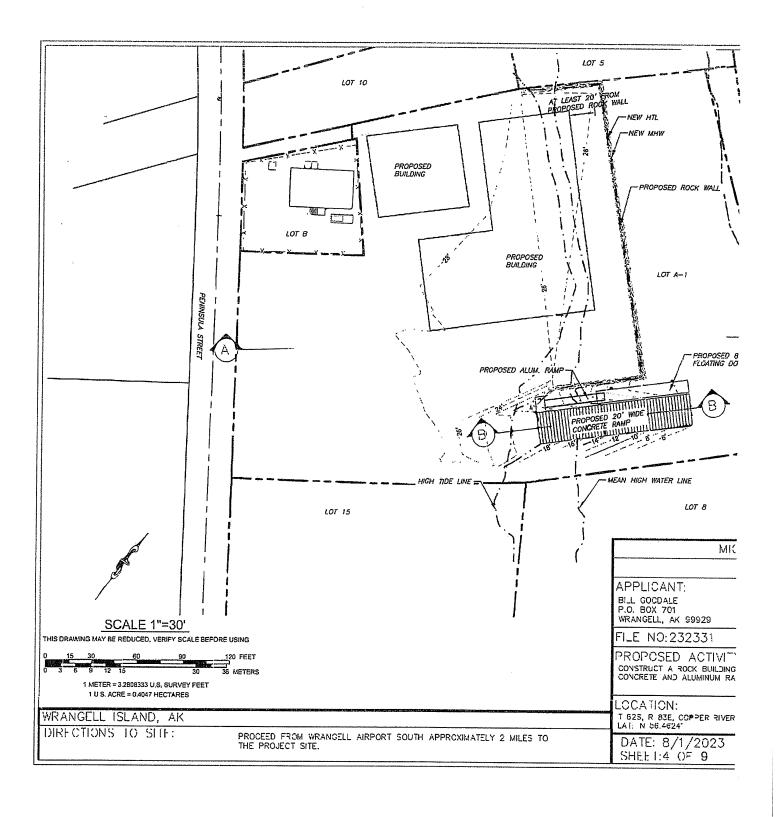
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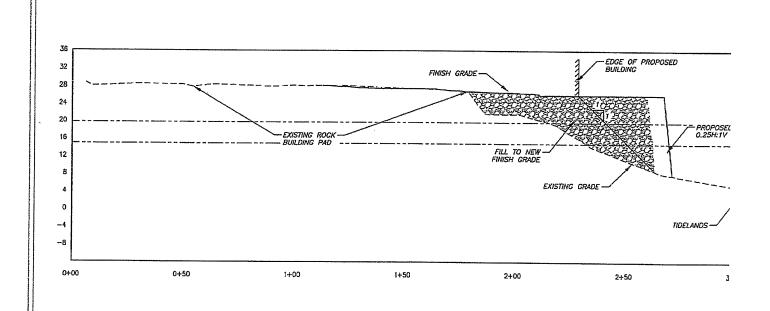
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DIRECTIONS TO SITE: PROCEED FROM WRANGELL AIRPORT SOUTH APPROXIMATELY 2 MILES TO THE PROJECT SITE.









Profile View of A-A HORIZONTAL SCALE: 1" = 10' VERTICAL SCALE: 1" = 5' VERTICAL EXAGGERATION: 2

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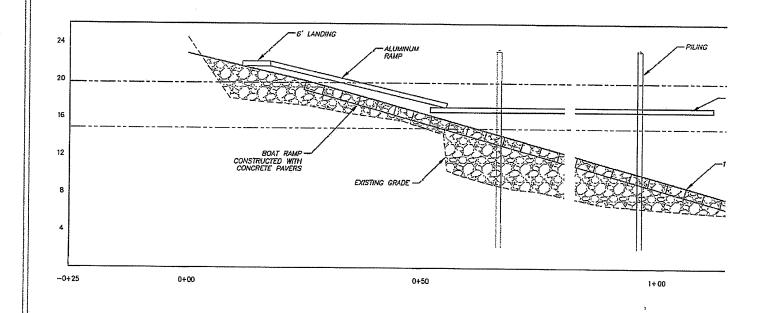
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Profile View of B-B HORIZONTAL SCALE: 1"=10' VERTICAL SCALE: 1"=5' VERTICAL EXAGGERATION: 2

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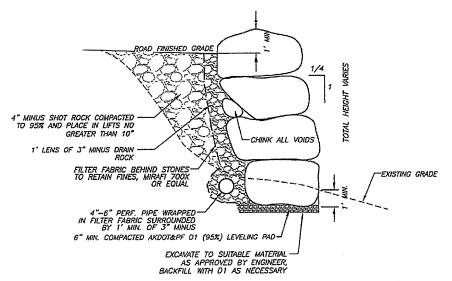
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LAT: N 56.4624\*

DATE: 8/1/2023
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### ROCKERY RETAINING WALL DETAIL NOTES:

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  1) THE LONG DIMENSION OF THE ROCKS SHALL EXTEND INTO THE EMBANKMENT TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM STABILITY.

  2) THE ROCK SHALL BE PLACED SO AS TO LOCK INTO TWO ROCKS; STAGSER JOINTS.

  3) CONSTRUCT ROCKERY OF 5 MAN TO 2 MAN ROCKS WITH DECREASING SIZE FROM BOTTOM TO TOP.

  2 MAN ROCKS 200 LBS MIN, 700 LBS MAX, SIZE 18" TO 28"

  2 MAN ROCK LOCATION TOP 3 FEET

  3 MAN ROCK LOCATION 2 TO 6 FEET FROM TOP

  4 MAN ROCKS 2000 LBS MIN, 4000 LBS MAX, SIZE 36" TO 48"

  4 MAN ROCK LOCATION 4 TO 8 FEET FROM TOP

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### STACKED ROCK RETAINING WALL SECTION

NOT TO SCALE

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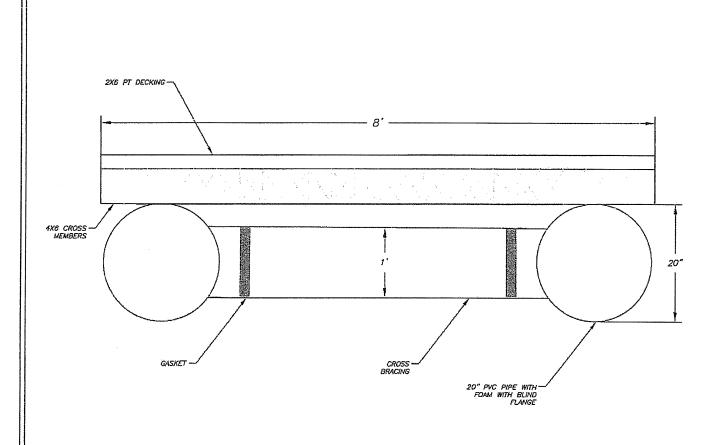
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LOCATION: WRANGELL ISLAND WATER WAY,WRANGELL HBR

WRANGELL ISLAND, AK DIRECTIONS TO SITE:
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