



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Alaska District

Public Notice of Application for Permit

Regulatory Division (1145)
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PUBLIC NOTICE DATE: JULY 16, 2008
EXPIRATION DATE: JULY 30, 2008
REFERENCE NUMBER: POA-2005-1062-M1
WATERWAY: SITKA SOUND

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.

Comments on the described work, with the reference number, 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 Mr. John Klutz at (907) 753-5553; toll free from within Alaska at (800) 478-2712, by fax at (907) 753-5567, or by email at john.r.klutz@usace.army.mil, if further information is desired concerning this notice.

APPLICANT: Alaska State Parks, ATTN: Mr. Mike Seidle, 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1340, Anchorage, Alaska 99501; 907-269-8737.

AGENT: PND Inc., ATTN: Mr. Dick Somerville, 9360 Glacier Highway, Suite 100, Juneau, Alaska 99801; 907-586-2093.

LOCATION: The project site is located within Section 3, T. 55 S., R. 63 E., Copper River Meridian; USGS Quad Map Sitka A-5; Latitude 57.228° N., Longitude -135.376° W.; Starrigavan Boat Launch Facility in Sitka, Alaska. Directions: Take Halibut Point Road north out of town to the Old Sitka area.

SPECIAL AREA DESIGNATION: The project is located within the boundaries of the Tongass National Forest.

PURPOSE: The applicant's stated purpose is to redesign a breakwater and batter boards to optimize wave protection for the boat launch.

PROPOSED WORK: To discharge 9,400 cubic yards (CY) of various clean rock materials to construct an earthen breakwater. The overall length would be 306 feet with a maximum width of 132 feet. 270 feet would be waterward of the High Tide Line. Additional work would include construction of a 160-foot pile supported wave barrier. Area of impact would be approximately 0.56-acre of waters of the U.S.

All work would be performed in accordance with the enclosed plans; sheet 1 and 2 of 6 dated June 20, 2005; sheets 3 of 6 dated August 17, 2005, sheets 4-6 of 6, revised date July 8, 2008.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Work for the previously authorized breakwater and wave barrier was never started.

The newly proposed work increases the:

- Discharge of rock materials from 5,700 CY to 9,400 CY (a 65% increase of materials);
- The overall length of the project from 240 feet to 306 feet (a 27.5% increase);
- The overall width of the project from 80 feet to 132 feet (a 65 % increase); and
- The area of impact from 0.23-acre to 0.56-acre (a 143% increase in impact area).

MITIGATION: 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: The applicant has not proposed or offered mitigation (avoidance or minimization) to compensate for the additional aquatic environment losses. The applicant is placing the proposed structures to improve the safety of the launch facility, the human environment, which has been of concern at this facility for several years.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: 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.

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT CERTIFICATION: Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone, Management Act of 1972, as amended by 16 U.S.C. 1456(c)(3), requires the applicant to certify the described activity affecting land or water uses in the Coastal Zone complies with the Alaska Coastal Management Program. A permit will not be issued until the Division of Coastal and Ocean Management, Department of Natural Resources has concurred with the applicant's certification.

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. There are no listed or eligible properties in the vicinity of the worksite. Consultation of the AHRS constitutes the extent of cultural resource investigations by the District Commander at this time, and he is otherwise unaware of the presence of such resources. This modification is being coordinated with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). This site was reviewed during the original permit evaluation and it was determined by SHPO that the project would not impact any known properties. Any additional comments SHPO 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.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: No threatened or endangered species are known to use the project area.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management 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).

Preliminarily, the described activity may affect EFH in the project area. This Public Notice initiates EFH consultation with the NMFS. Any comments or recommendations they may have concerning EFH will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

TRIBAL CONSULTATION: The Alaska District 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 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 right or resource. Consultation may be initiated by the affected Tribe upon written request to the District Commander during the public comment period.

PUBLIC HEARING: 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 of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this 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:

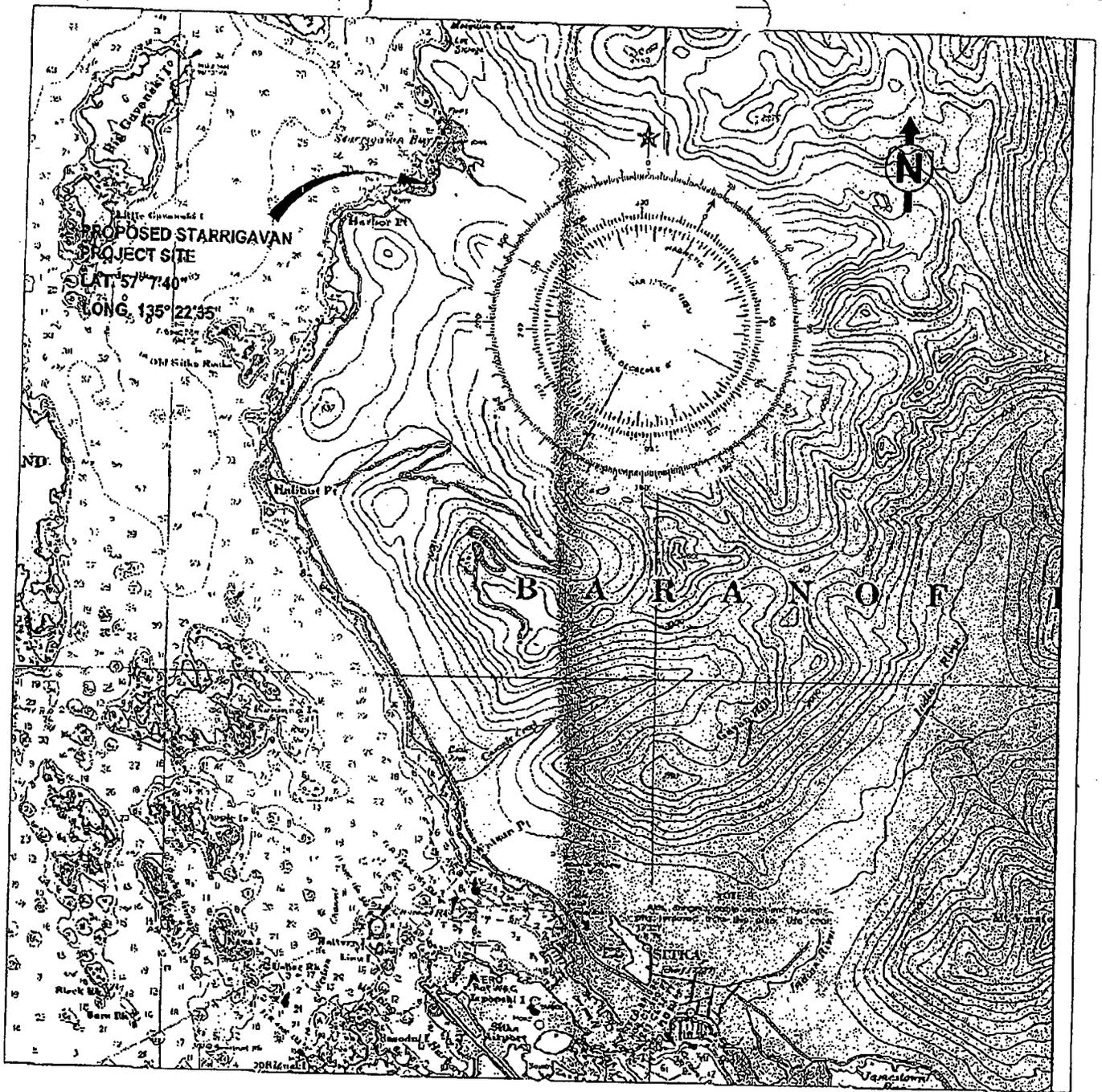
(X) Perform work in or affecting navigable waters of the United States - Section 10 Rivers and Harbors Act 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).

(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, Notice of Application for Certification of Consistency with the Alaska Coastal Management Program, and Notice of Application for State Water Quality Certification are enclosed with this Public Notice.

District Commander
U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers

Enclosures



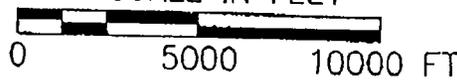
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INCREASE PARKING AREA, AND
IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

FILE NO: POA-2005-1062-M1
Sitka Sound
Starrigavan Breakwater Mod.
Vicinity Map
Date: 6/20/2005
Sheet 1 of 6

VICINITY MAP
(SCANNED FROM NOAA
CHART 17324)

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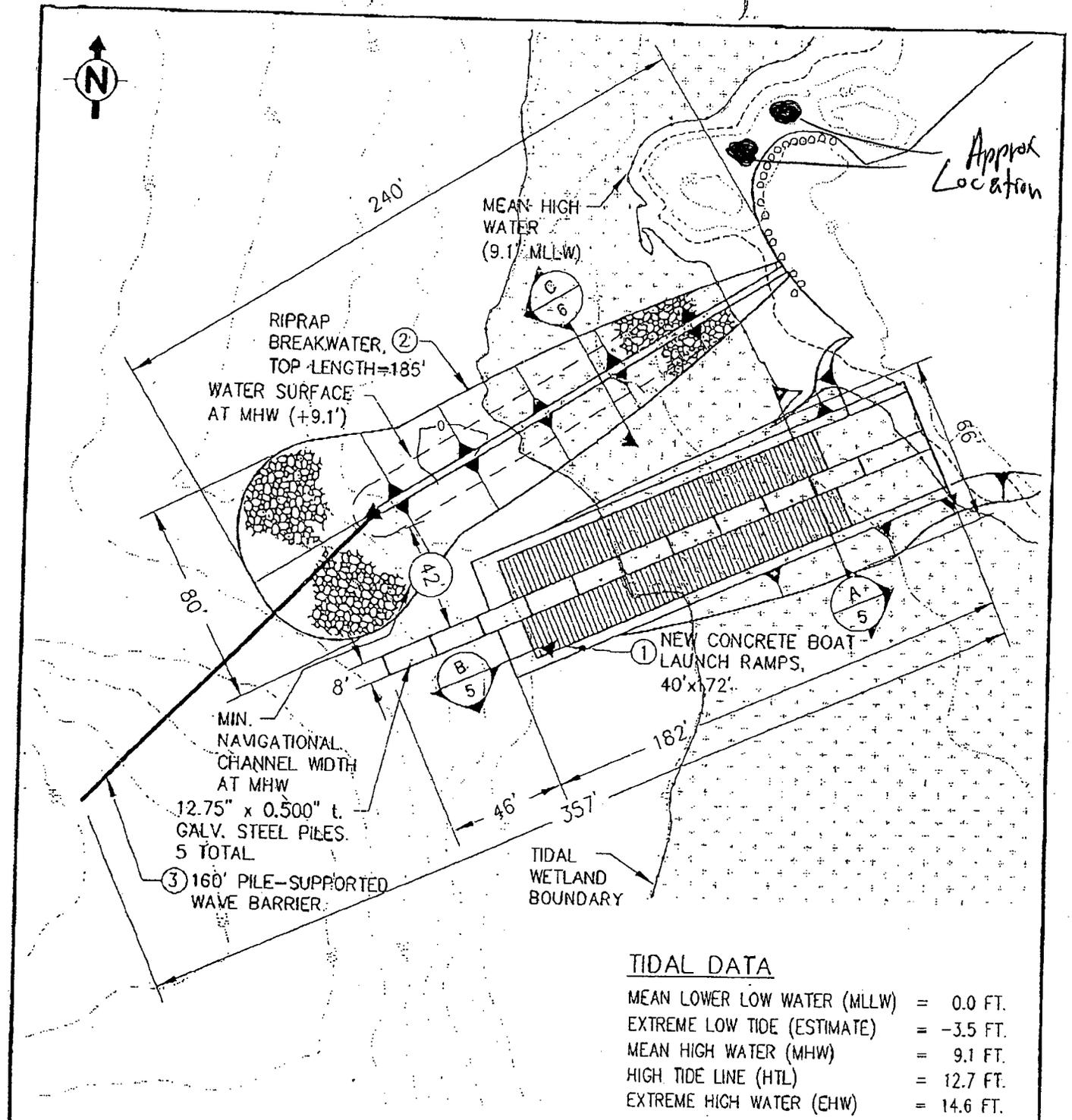


PND#: 052012.01

PROPOSED:
STARRIGAVAN BOAT
LAUNCH
RAMP REHABILITATION
IN: SITKA SOUND
NEAR: SITKA, ALASKA
AT: STARRIGAVAN BAY

APPLICATION BY: ALASKA DNR
DATE: 5/7/05
REV: 6/20/05 SHEET 1 OF 7

DATUM: MLLW = 0.0 ft



TIDAL DATA

MEAN LOWER LOW WATER (MLLW)	=	0.0 FT.
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Sitka Sound
Starrigavan Breakwater Mod.
Original Permit Drawing
Date: 6/20/2005
Sheet 2 of 6

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**PROPOSED BOAT LAUNCH
AND BREAKWATER
IMPROVEMENTS**

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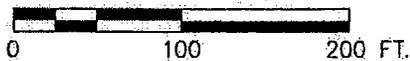


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 TO MODIFY PREVIOUSLY PERMITTED WORK (POA-2005-1062-2) AND TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SAFETY AND EXTEND THE FUNCTIONAL LIFE OF EXISTING TIMBER BOARDING FLOATS AT THE BOAT LAUNCH RAMP.

FILE NO: POA-2005-1062-MI
 Sitka Sound
 Starrigavan Breakwater Mod.
DATUM: Existing Conditions
 Date: 8/17/2005
 Sheet 3 of 6

**SITE PLAN
 EXISTING CONDITIONS
 (2006 IMPROVEMENTS)**

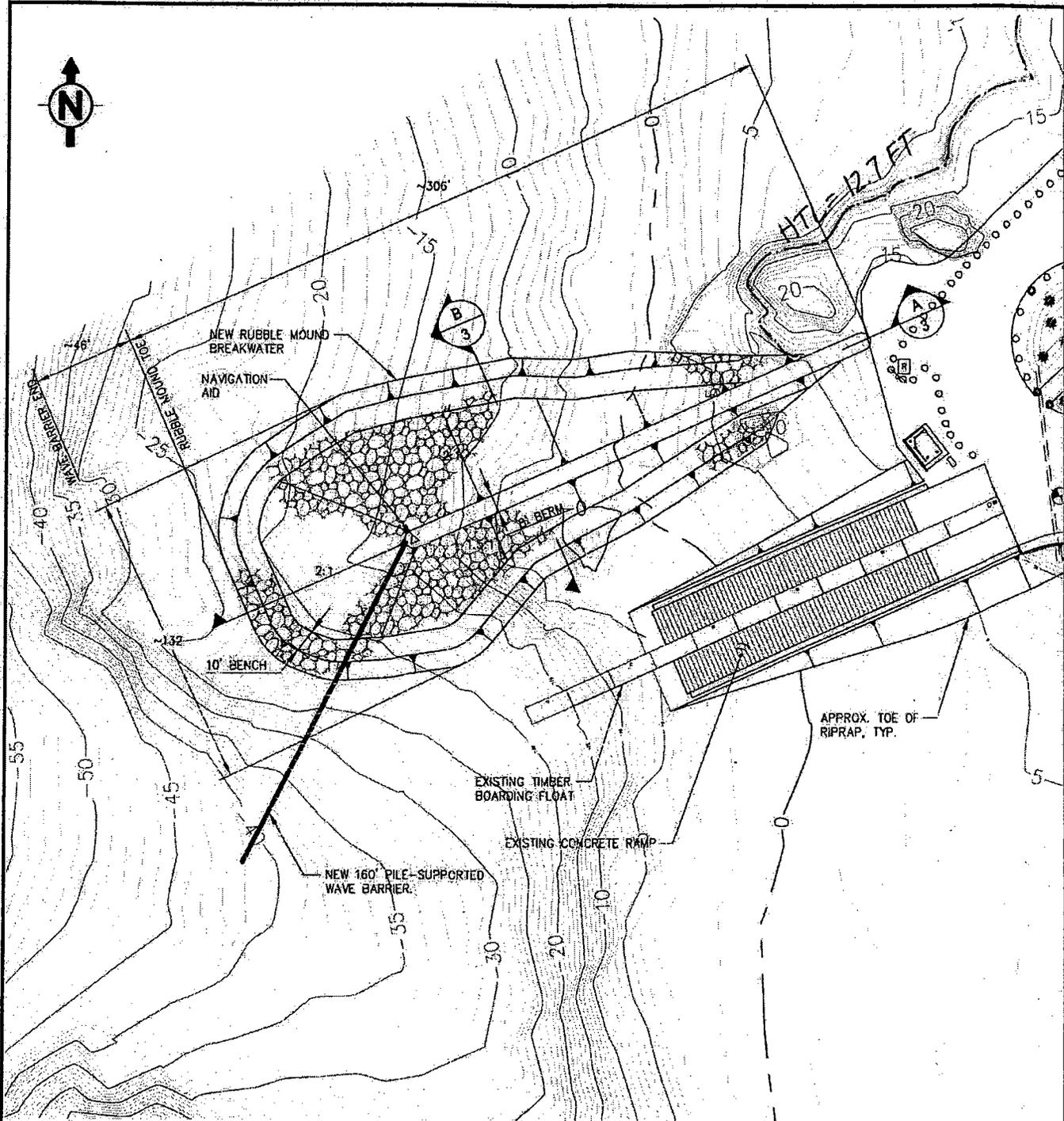
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PROPOSED:
 STARRIGAVAN BOAT LAUNCH RAMP REHABILITATION PHASE 2
 IN: SITKA SOUND
 NEAR: SITKA, ALASKA
 AT: STARRIGAVAN BAY

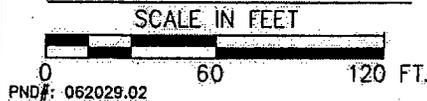
APPLICATION BY: ALASKA DNR
 DATE: 5/22/08 SHEET 1 OF 3



PURPOSE:
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 AT THE BOAT LAUNCH RAMP.

FILE NO: POA-2005-1062-M1
 Sitka Sound
 Starrigavan Breakwater Mod.
 Proposed Breakwater
 and Wave Barrier
 Date: 7/8/2008
 Sheet 4 of 6

**SITE PLAN OF PROPOSED
 BREAKWATER AND
 PILE-SUPPORTED WAVE
 BARRIER PERMIT
 MODIFICATIONS**

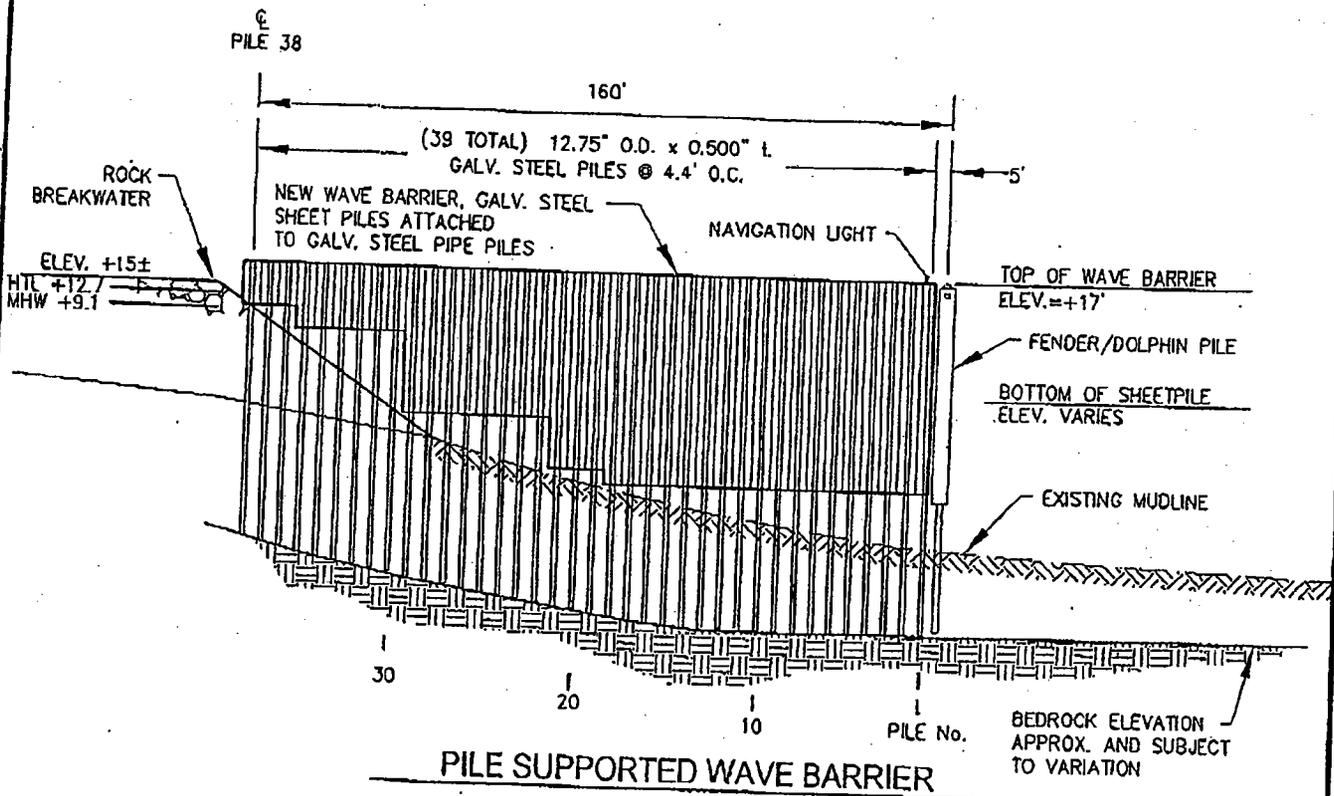


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 Revised 7/8/08
 DATE: 5/22/08 SHEET 2 OF 3

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 Wave Barrier Detail
 Date: 7/8/2008
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DATUM:

**WAVE BARRIER
DETAILS**

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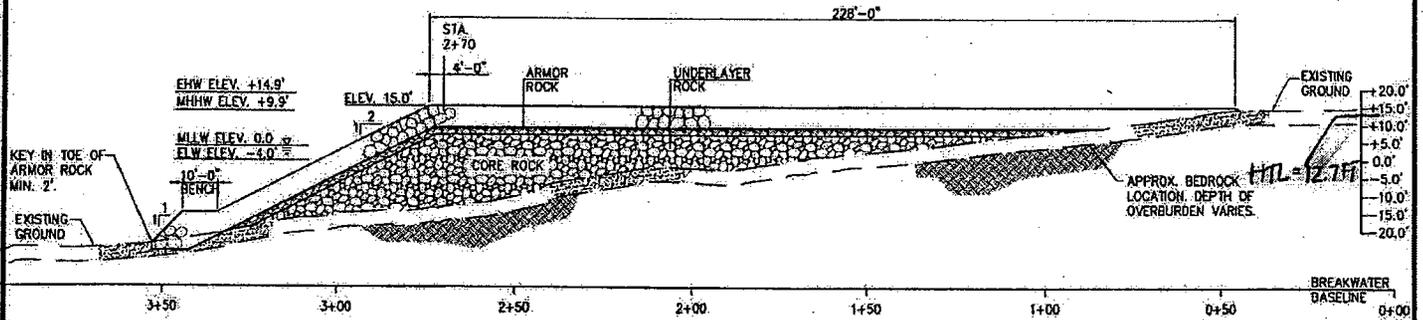
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SUMMARY OF APPROXIMATE QUANTITIES

RUBBLE MOUND BREAKWATER	
FILL QUANTITY:	
CLEAN CORE ROCK	1200 CY
UNDERLAYER ROCK	3000 CY
ARMOR ROCK	5200 CY
FILL AREA:	.56 AC

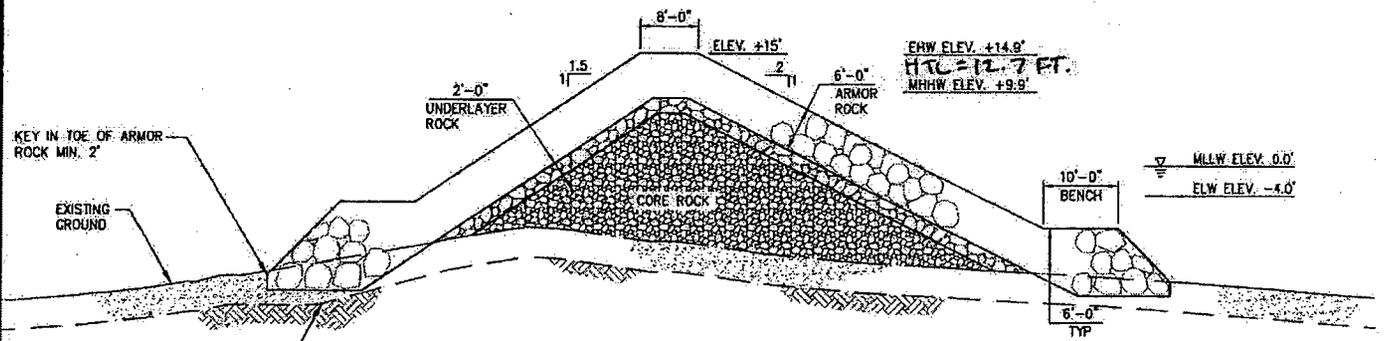
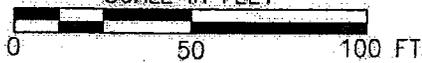
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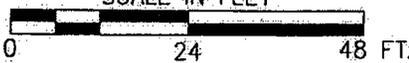
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TYPICAL SECTION B

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Sitka Sound
Starrigavan Breakwater Mod.
Typical Cross-Sections
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MODIFIED RUBBLE MOUND BREAKWATER TYPICAL SECTIONS

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STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF COASTAL AND OCEAN MANAGEMENT

DIVISION OF COASTAL AND OCEAN MANAGEMENT
POST OFFICE BOX 111030, MS 1030
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811-1030
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR
CERTIFICATION OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE
ALASKA COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Notice is hereby given that a request is being filed with the Division of Coastal and Ocean Management for a consistency determination, as provided in Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended [16 U.S.C. 1456(c)(3)], that the project described in the Corps of Engineers Public Notice No. **POA-2005-1062-M1, Sitka Sound**, will comply with the Alaska Coastal Management Program and that the project will be conducted in a manner consistent with that program.

This project is being reviewed for consistency with the Alaska Coastal Management Program. Written comments about the consistency of the project with the applicable ACMP statewide standards and district policies must be submitted to the Division of Coastal and Ocean Management (DCOM). For information about this consistency review, contact DCOM at the address or phone number above, or visit the ACMP web site at <http://www.alaskacoast.state.ak.us/Projects/projects.html>.

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
DIVISION OF WATER
401 Certification Program
Non-Point Source Water Pollution Control Program

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
WQM/401 CERTIFICATION
410 WILLOUGHBY AVENUE
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99801-1795
PHONE: (907) 465-5321/FAX: (907) 465-5274

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR STATE WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

Any applicant for a federal license or permit to conduct an activity that might result in a discharge into navigable waters, in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act of 1977 (PL95-217), also must apply for and obtain certification from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation that the discharge will comply with the Clean Water Act, the Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws. By agreement between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Environmental Conservation, application for a Department of the Army permit to discharge dredged or fill material into navigable waters under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act also may serve as application for State Water Quality Certification.

Notice is hereby given that the application for a Department of the Army Permit described in the Corps of Engineers' Public Notice No. **POA-2005-1062-M1, Sitka Sound**, serves as application for State Water Quality Certification from the Department of Environmental Conservation.

After reviewing the application, the Department may certify there is reasonable assurance the activity, and any discharge that might result, will comply with the Clean Water Act, the Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws. The Department also may deny or waive certification.

Any person desiring to comment on the project, with respect to Water Quality Certification, may submit written comments to the address above by the expiration date of the Corps of Engineer's Public Notice.