



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Alaska District

Public Notice of Application for Permit

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PUBLIC NOTICE DATE:	October 18, 2024
EXPIRATION DATE:	November 17, 2024
REFERENCE NUMBER:	POA-1968-00033
WATERWAY:	Gastineau Channel

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 Matthew Brody at (907) 201-5023, or by email at Matthew.T.Brody@usace.army.mil if further information is desired concerning this public notice.

APPLICANT: Mr. Carl Uchytel
City & Borough of Juneau
Docks and Harbors

AGENT: Mrs. Kristi McLean
R&M Consultants Inc.

LOCATION: The project site is located within Section 22, T. 41 S., R. 67 E., Copper River Meridian; USGS Quad Map Juneau B-2; Latitude 58.307612° N., Longitude -134.437208° W.; Aurora Harbor, in Juneau, Alaska.

PURPOSE: The applicant's stated purpose is to renovate an existing, heavily used municipal boat harbor to extend its life, improve safety, and increase harbor efficiency.

PROPOSED WORK: The applicant is proposing to conduct the following work:

The installation of:

- One (1) 16'x80' approach dock
- One (1) 10'x338' headwalk float
- One (1) 4'x42' finger float at Main Float G
- One (1) new 10'x278' Mainwalk Float I, including six (6) new 6'x42' and six (6) new 6'x38' finger floats
- One (1) new 10'x285' Mainwalk Float J, including seven (7) 4'x32' finger floats
- Six (6) new 12.75-inch diameter piles
- Forty-two (42) new 16-inch diameter piles
- Refurbished 7'x80' aluminum gangway
- The placement of 215 cubic yards of armor rock into 0.02 acres of tidal waters to construct a concrete abutment
- Ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCI)-protected electrical systems
- LED fixtures
- A dry fire suppression system and new fire extinguishers and life rings

All work would be performed in accordance with the enclosed plan (sheets 1-7), dated July 1, 2024.

APPLICANT PROPOSED 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.

a. Avoidance: Avoidance of waters of the United States (U.S.) is not possible in order to meet the project purpose and need. The project would be located within Gastineau Channel , within Aurora Harbor which is a previously disturbed area

b. Minimization: Impacts have been minimized to the greatest extent practicable by using the minimum number and smallest diameter piles necessary.

c. Compensatory Mitigation: The proposed project will impact less than 0.1 acres of waters of the U.S. and therefore compensatory mitigation is not being proposed.

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.

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 cultural resources in the permit area. Consultation of the AHRs constitutes the extent of cultural resource investigations by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) at this time. The Corps has made a No Adverse 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, other consulting parties, and ACHP 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: The project area is within the known or historic range of the Humpback whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) Mexico distinct population segment (DPS) and Steller sea lion (*Eumetopias jubatus*) western DPS.

We have determined the described activity may affect the endangered Humpback whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) Mexico distinct population segment (DPS) and Steller sea lion (*Eumetopias jubatus*) western DPS. We will initiate the appropriate consultation procedures under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). 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 Chum (*Oncorhynchus keta*), Pink (*Oncorhynchus gorbuscha*), Coho (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*), Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), and Sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*).

We have determined the described activity would not adversely affect EFH in the project area.

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. This application is being coordinated with federally recognized tribes and other consulting parties. 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.

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 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 of Engineers

Enclosures

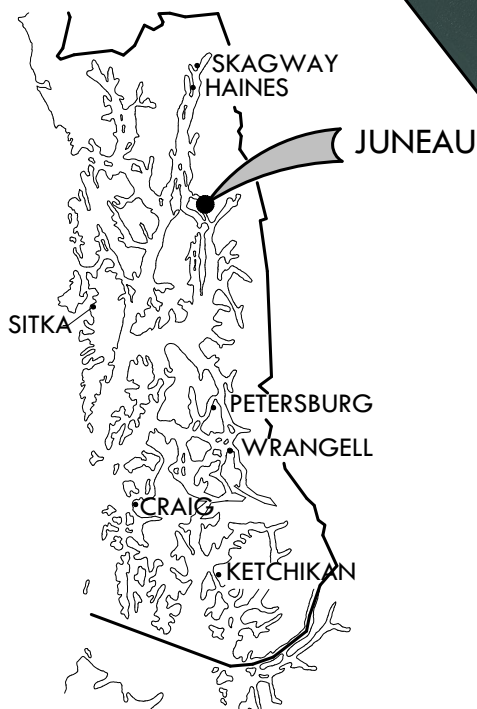
CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

AURORA HARBOR REBUILD

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LOCATION MAP



SOUTHEAST ALASKA



VICINITY MAP



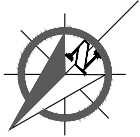
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COVER SHEET, LOCATION AND VICINITY MAP

AURORA HARBOR REBUILD - PHASE IV

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SCALE IN FEET
0 275 550 FT.



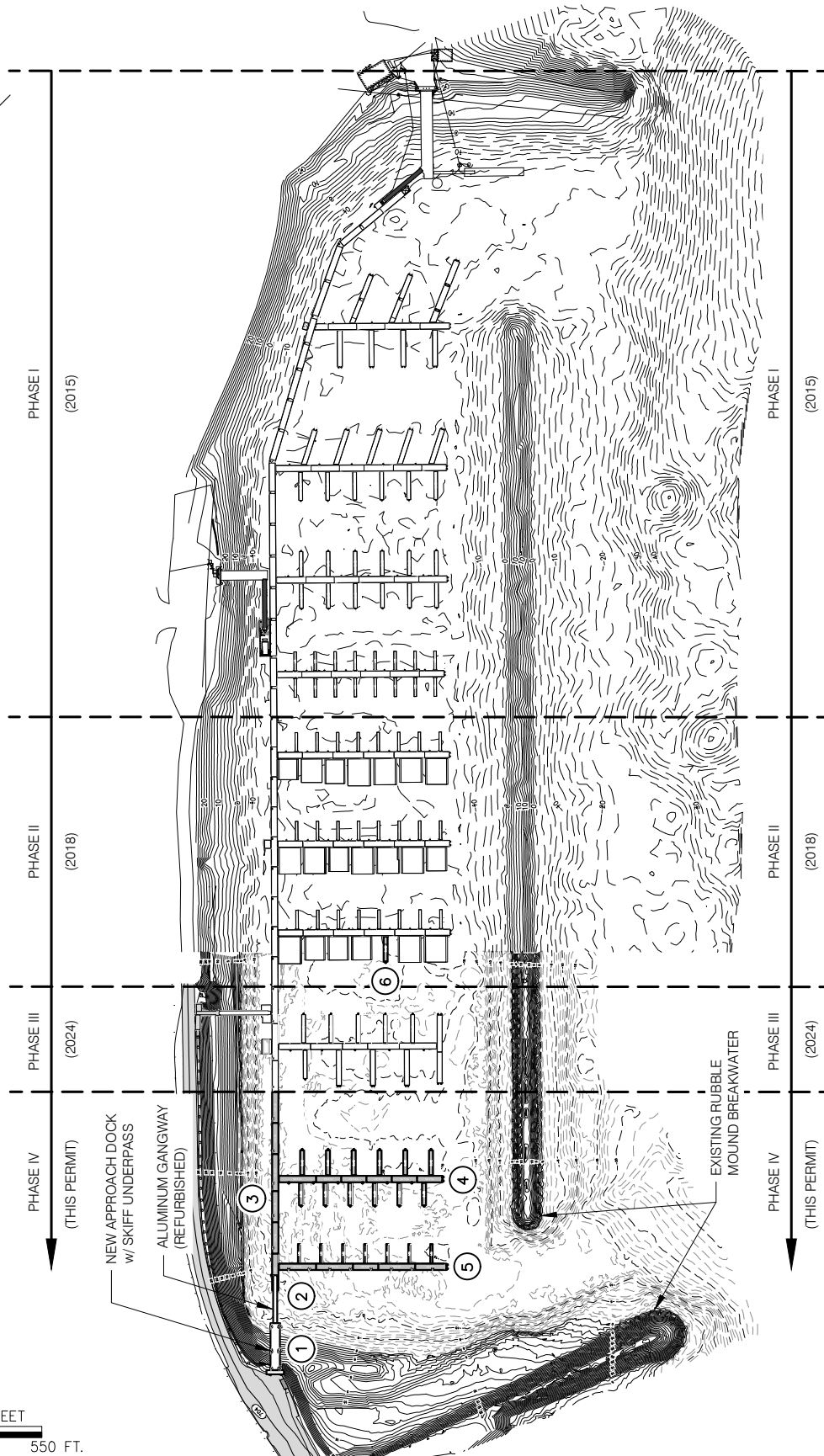
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OVERALL SITE PLAN

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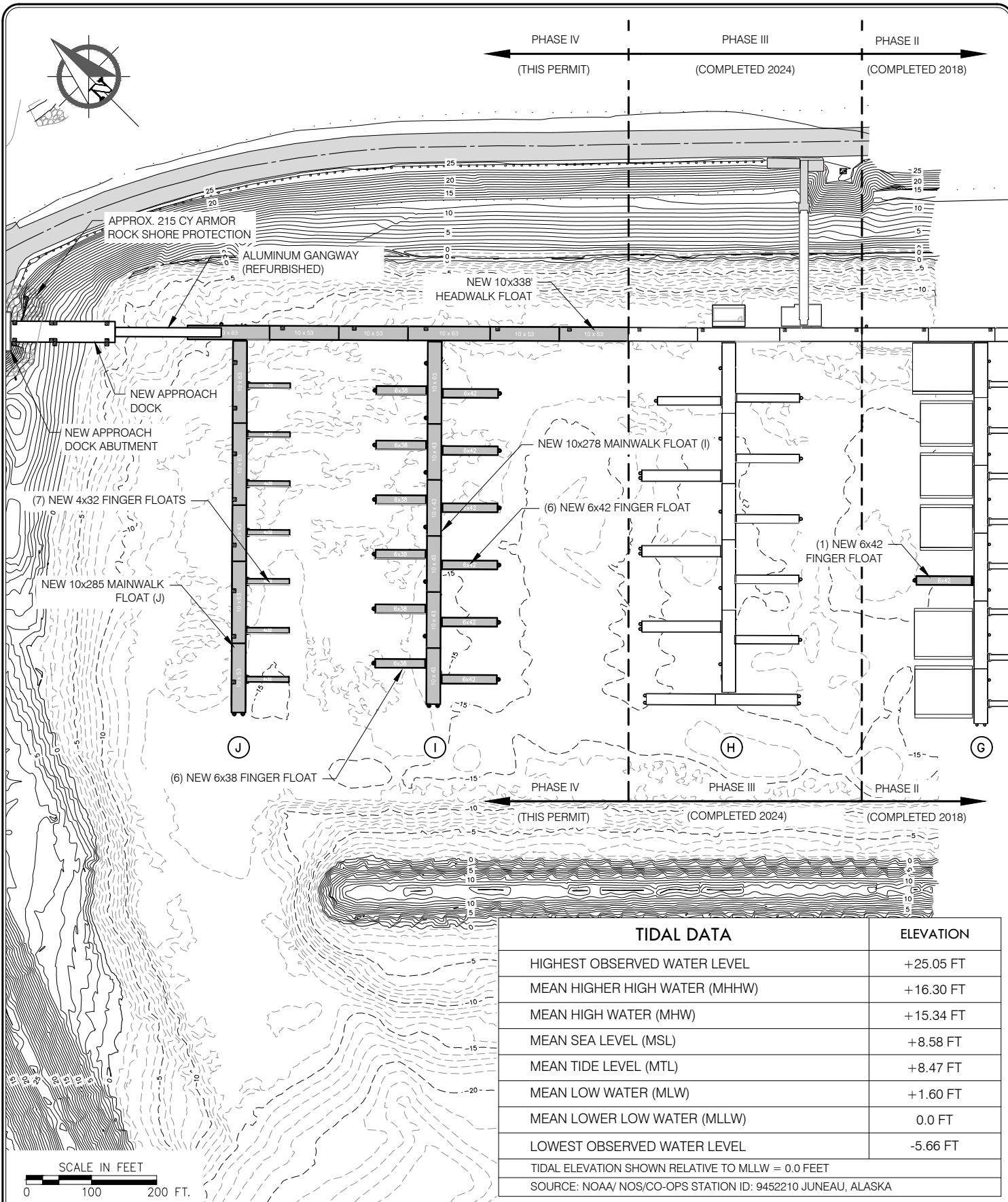
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STRUCTURE DESCRIPTION	SYMBOL
NEW 16'X80' APPROACH DOCK	①
SALVAGED 7'X80' ALUMINUM GANGWAY	②
NEW 10'X338' HEADWALK FLOAT	③
NEW 10'X278' MAINWALK FLOAT W/ (6) 6'X38' FINGERS AND (6) 6'X42' FINGERS	④
NEW 10'X285' MAINWALK FLOAT W/ (7) 4'X32' FINGERS	⑤
NEW 4'X42' FINGER FLOAT	⑥

AURORA HARBOR OVERALL SITE PLAN



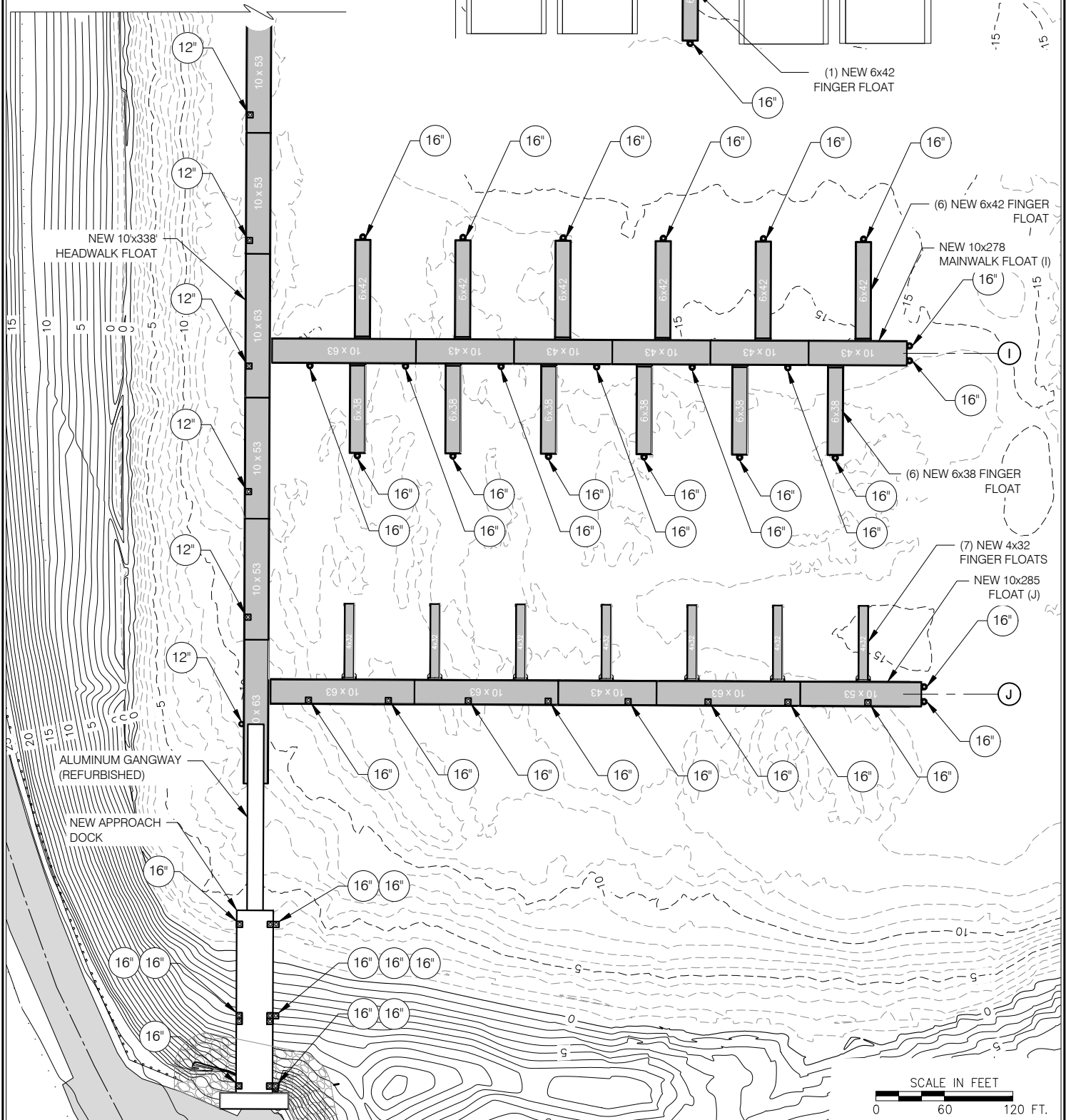
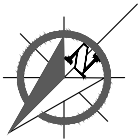
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GENERAL SITE PLAN

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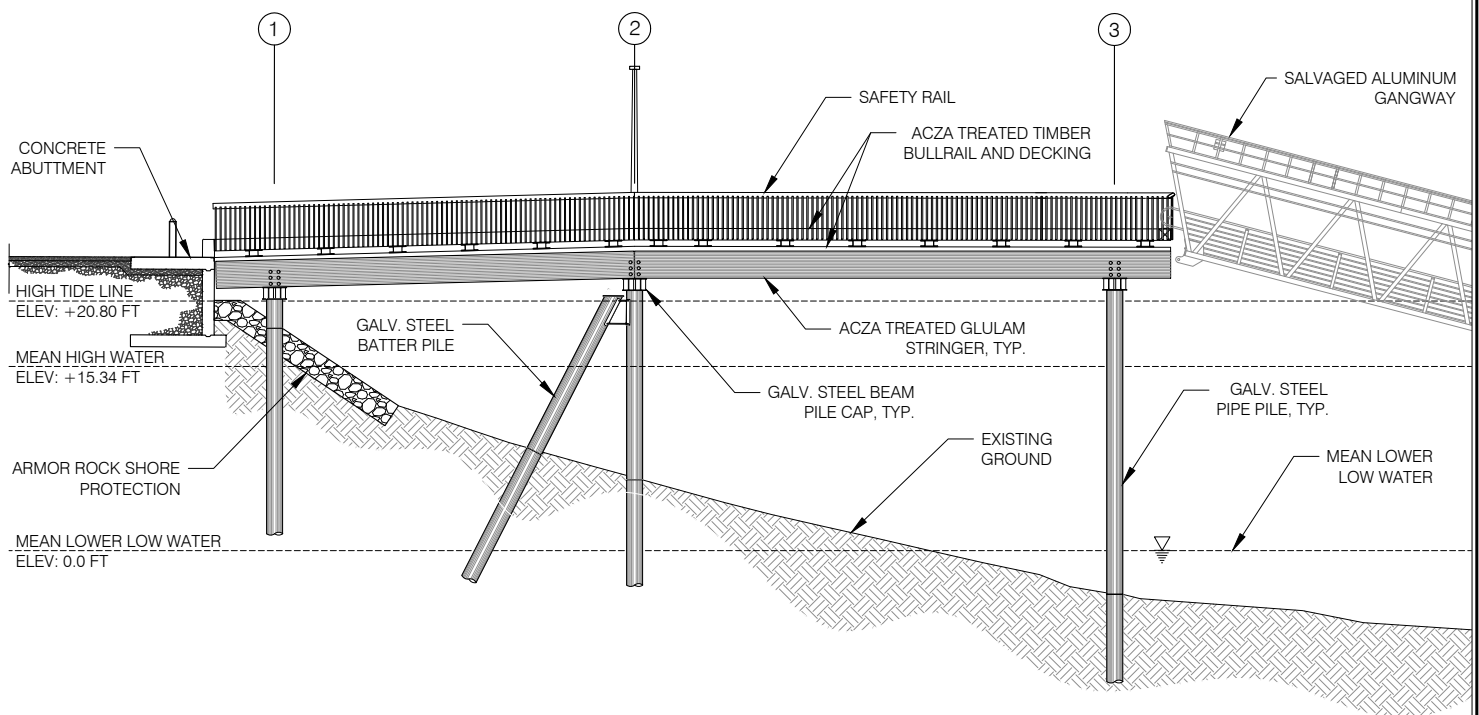
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OVERALL FLOAT PLAN AND PILE LAYOUT

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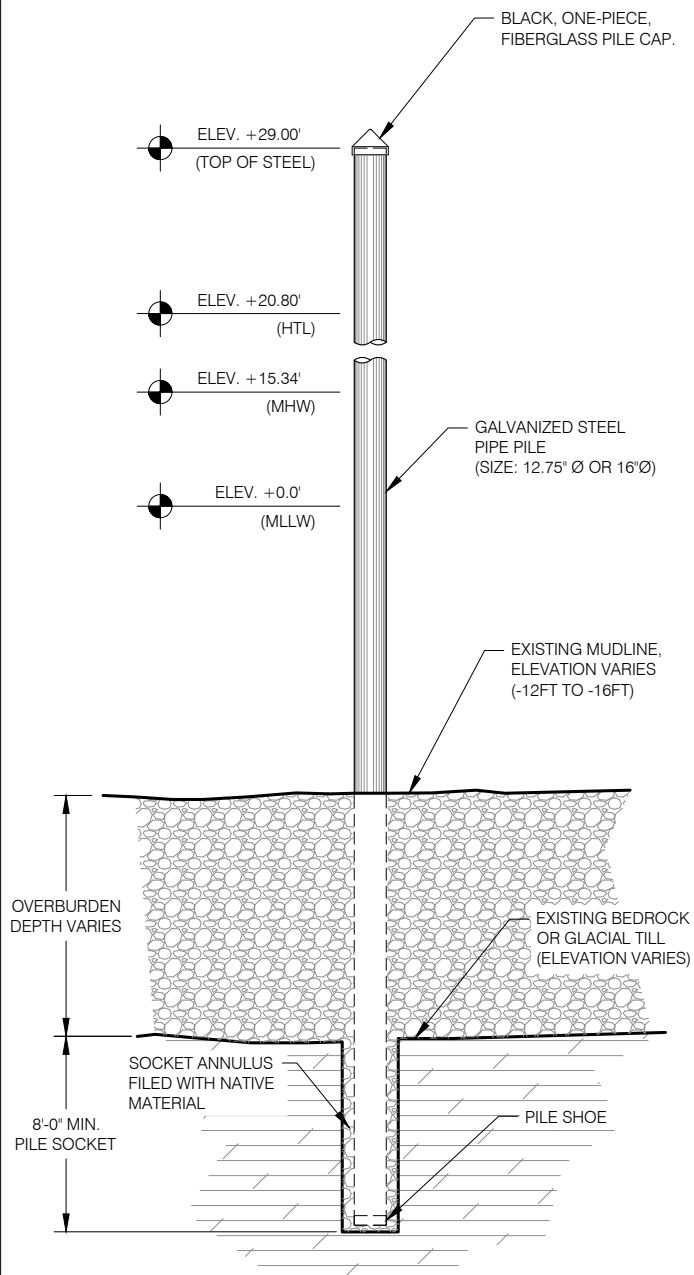
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APPROACH DOCK PLAN & PROFILE

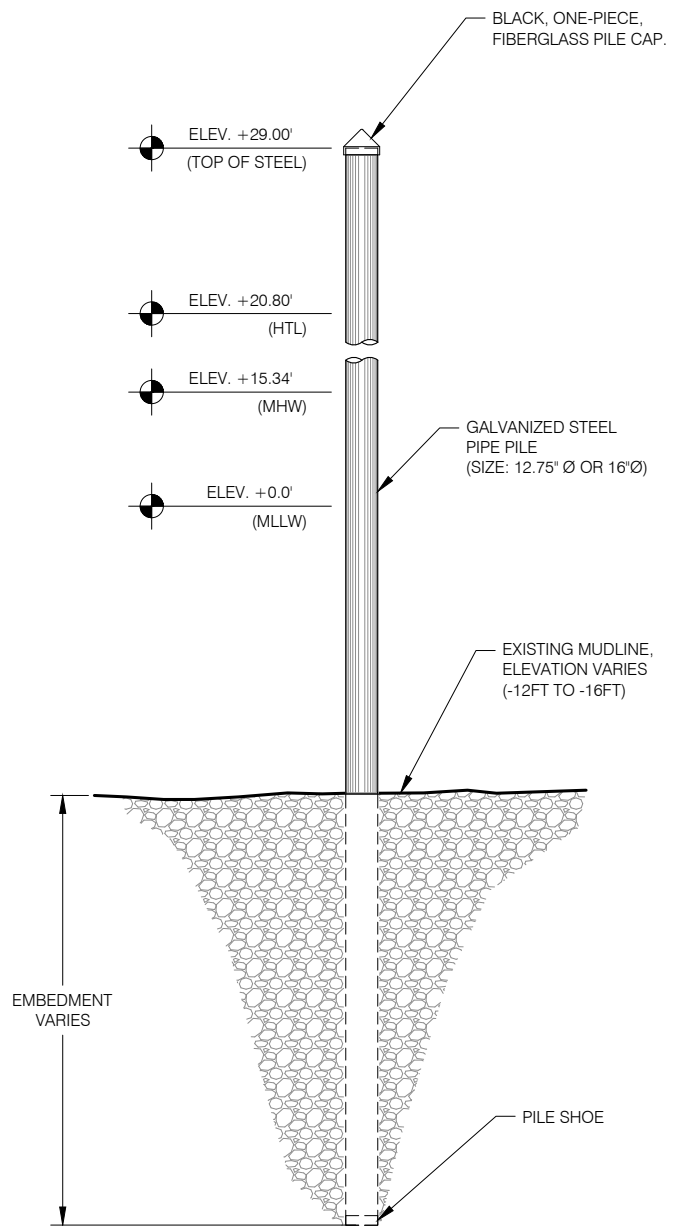
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SOCKETED PILE INSTALLATION (CONTINGENT)
(20 PILES TOTAL ESTIMATED)



TYPICAL PILE INSTALLATION DETAIL
(28 PILES TOTAL)

NOTE:
 APPROACH DOCK PILES
 INCLUDED IN TOTALS SHOWN.
 INSTALLATION SIMILAR



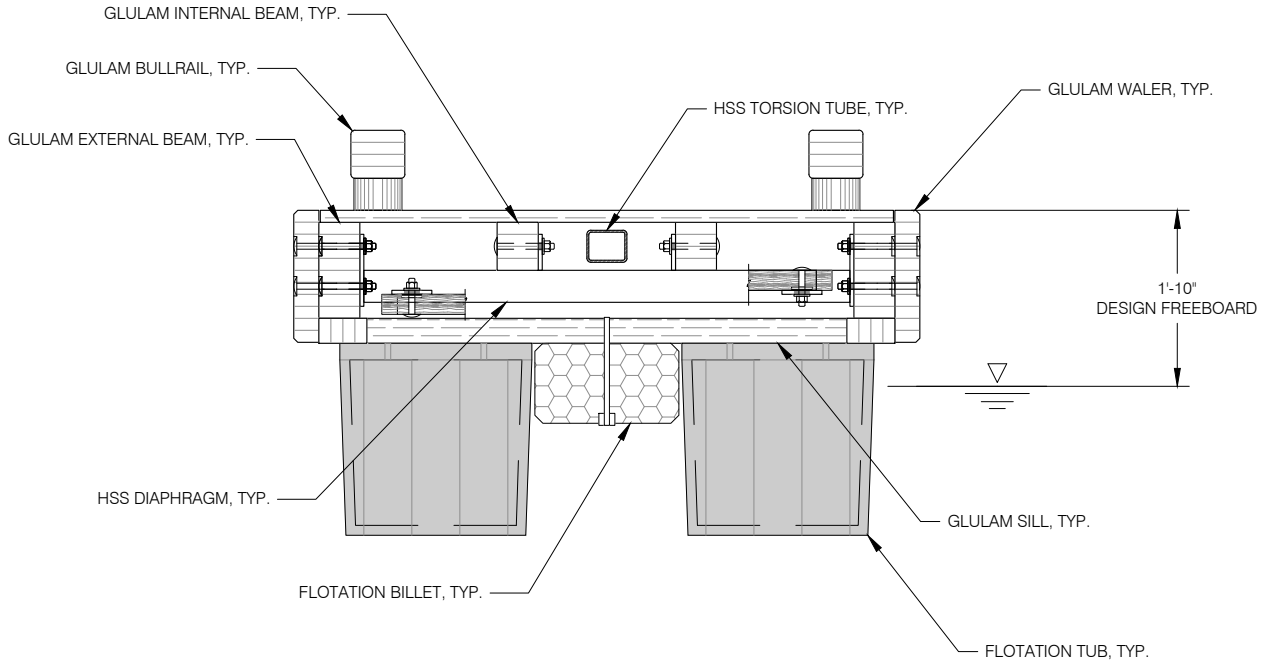
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FLOAT PILE DETAILS

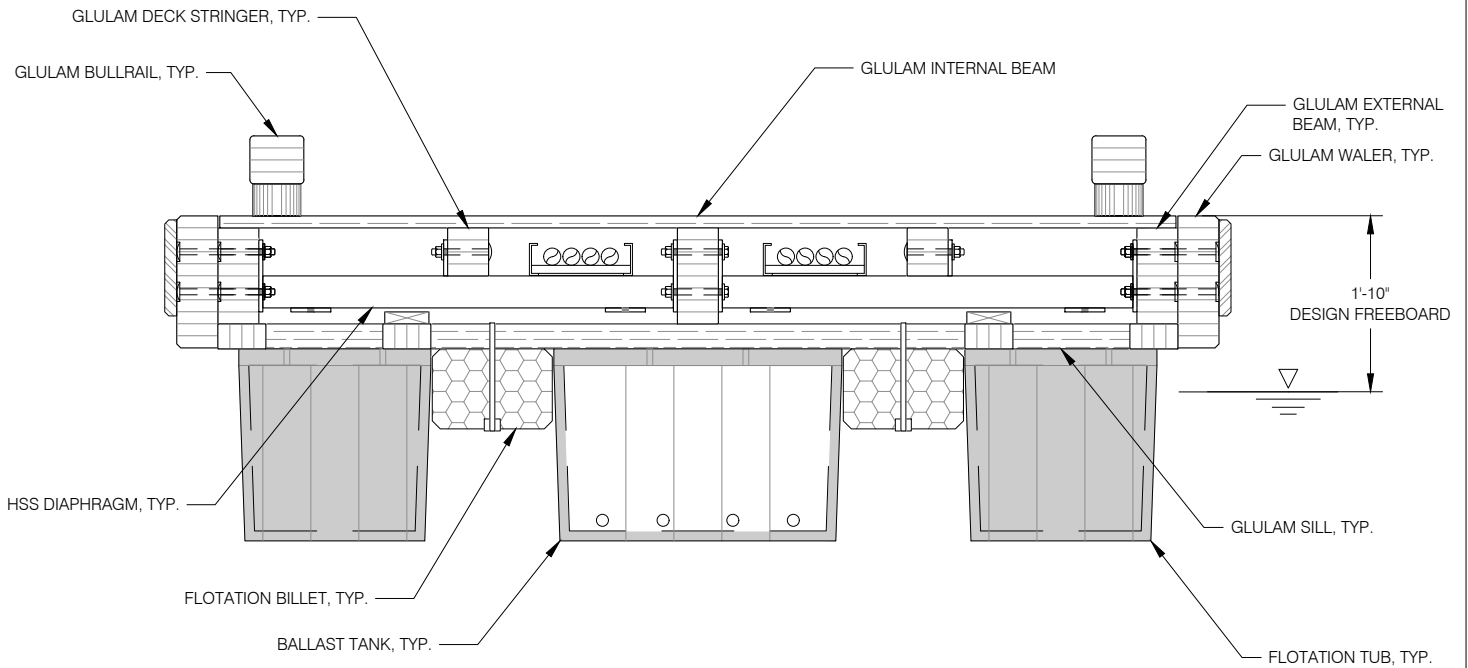
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TYPICAL 6 FOOT WIDE FLOAT SECTION



TYPICAL 10 FOOT WIDE FLOAT SECTION



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TYPICAL FLOAT SECTIONS

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