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Operations Branch

Public Notice

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Sand Point Dock Replacement Sand Point (Robert E. Galovin) Harbor, Alaska Section 408 Permission Request

The Alaska District, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers has received a request pursuant to Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 408), hereafter referred to as a Section 408 permission request, from the City of Sand Point, Alaska to alter the existing Federal rubble mound breakwater at Sand Point Harbor for construction of a new public dock.

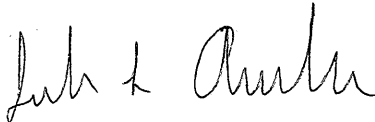
Section 408 authorizes the Secretary of the Army, on the recommendation of the Chief of Engineers of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, to grant permission for the alteration or occupation or use of a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works project if the Secretary determines the activity will not be injurious to the public interest and will not impair the usefulness of the Federal project. In accordance with Engineering Circular (EC) 1165-2-216, this Section 408 permission request must be considered and granted prior to the Alaska District's issuance of a decision for a Department of the Army (DA) permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, and/or Section 103 of the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act.

The City of Sand Point's Dock Replacement project will entail the removal and salvage of armor rock from roughly 250 feet of the seaward side of the existing 1,125-foot Federal breakwater; this will be followed by the placement of fill to expand the breakwater causeway, and construction of a new pile-supported dock.

This Section 408 review is limited to the proposed alteration of the Federal project: the relocation of a portion of existing armor rock, and the potential penetration of the breakwater structure by pilings. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has considered the potential environmental impacts of those limited alterations, in-place, and found them to be negligible; no further environmental evaluation of those alterations is planned. The placement of fill, construction of the new dock, and placement of new and salvaged armor rock will be the actions of the City of Sand Point, and potential environmental impacts specific to the dock construction will be evaluated separately as part of the DA permit process and a separate notice will be issued for public comment.

This public notice will expire 15 days after the issue date of the notice.

For more information about the proposed project, please contact Donna West at (907) 753-2761 or at Donna.L.West@usace.army.mil.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Julie L. Anderson".

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