



**U.S. Army Corps
of Engineers**
Baltimore District

Public Notice

**In Reply to Application Number
CENAB-OPR-M (Calvert County General Services Division)
2016-60706**

PN 16-51

Comment Period: August 30, 2016 to September 19, 2016

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC NOTICE IS TO SOLICIT COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE WORK DESCRIBED BELOW. NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT A PERMIT WILL BE ISSUED AT THIS TIME.

This District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and/or Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33. U.S.C. 1344) as described below:

APPLICANT: Calvert County General Services Division
Attn: Stephen C. Jones
175 Main Street, Courthouse
Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678

LOCATION: In the Patuxent River at 14195 Solomons Island Road, adjacent to the Thomas Johnson Bridge in Solomons, Maryland.

WORK: The applicant proposes to remove two 7-foot by 101-foot piers extending no more than 87 feet channelward of the approximate mean high water (MHW) shoreline; to remove a 70-foot by 77-foot concrete boat ramp extending no more than 56 feet channelward of the approximate MHW shoreline; to remove two 4-foot by 72-foot timber wing walls extending no more than 58-feet channelward of the approximate MHW shoreline; to remove 22 linear feet of timber bulkhead extending no more than 0 feet channelward of the approximate MHW shoreline; to construct 22 linear feet of vinyl replacement bulkhead with approximately 25 cubic yards of select backfill to extend no more than 18-inches channelward of the existing bulkhead; to construct 4 linear feet of vinyl replacement bulkhead with approximately 4 cubic yards of select backfill to extend no more than 18-inches channelward of the existing bulkhead; to install a 0.5 foot by 66-foot wing wall attached to a 0.5-foot by 38-foot timber and vinyl groin to extend no more than 88 feet channelward of the approximate MHW shoreline; to install a 0.5 foot by 66-foot wing wall to attach to a 0.5-foot by 37-foot timber and vinyl groin to extend no more than 82 feet channelward of the approximate MHW shoreline; to construct two 8-foot by 101-foot floating and concrete boarding piers held in place by 12-inch steel piles, all to extend no more than 90 feet channelward of the approximate MHW shoreline; to construct a replacement 78-foot by 66-foot concrete boat ramp with a 4-foot timber toe wall to extend no more than 52 feet channelward of the approximate MHW shoreline; and to install a 4-foot by 30-foot gangway attached to a 7-foot by 12-foot floating dock, a 5-foot by 12-foot floating dock and a 4-foot by 12 foot floating dock held in place by two 12-inch steel piles to extend no more than 48 feet channelward of the proposed bulkhead. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mrs. Laura Coleman of this office at (443) 853-2051 or via email at lamuelle.l.coleman@usace.army.mil.

The purpose of the project is to improve navigable access and to improve shoreline erosion control.

As part of the planning process for the proposed project, steps were taken to ensure avoidance and minimization of impacts to waters of the United States to the maximum extent practicable.

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSFCMA), as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996 (Public Law 04-267), requires all Federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). The project site lies in or adjacent to EFH as described under Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSFCMA) for *Pomatomus saltatrix* (blue fish) juvenile and adult; *Paralichthys dentatus* (summer flounder) larvae, juvenile and adult, juvenile, and adult stages of *Sciaenops ocellatus* (red drum), *Scomberomorus cavalla* (king mackerel), *Scomberomorus maculatus* (spanish mackerel), *Rachycentron canadum* (cobia) and *Scianops ocellatus* (Red drum); *Scopthalmus aquosus* (Windowpane flounder) larvae and juvenile; *Carcharhinus* all managed species under the MSFCMA.

The project has the potential to adversely affect EFH or the species of concern by the alteration of spawning, nursery, forage and/or shelter habitat. The project may have an adverse effect on an approximate total of 57,860 square foot area of EFH as described under the MSFCMA for the species and life stages identified above. This habitat consists of a mostly sand and silt substrate which does not support SAV. According to the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) survey maps, there was some nearby SAV mapped outside the project footprint of the proposed activity for years 2007 through 2013. The Baltimore District has made a preliminary determination that site-specific impacts would not be substantial and an abbreviated consultation will be conducted with NMFS. No mitigative measures are recommended at this time to minimize adverse effects on EFH. This preliminary determination may be modified if additional information indicates otherwise and could change the Corps' preliminary determination.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit, which reasonable may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economic, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, and consideration of property ownership and in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

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 provided will become part of the public record for this action. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity. Written comments concerning the work described above related to the factors listed above or other pertinent factors must be received by the District Engineer, Department of the Army, Baltimore District Corps of Engineers, Attn: Regulatory Branch, 10 S. Howard Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201, within the comment period specified above.

Where applicable, the applicant has certified in this application that the proposed activity complies with and will be conducted in a manner consistent with the approved Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program. By this public notice, we are requesting the State concurrence or objection to the applicant's consistency statement. It should be noted that the CZM Program has a statutory limit of 6 months to make its consistency determination.

The applicant must obtain any State or local government permits which may be required.

A preliminary review of this application indicates that the proposed work would have no effect on Federal listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat, pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, as amended. As the evaluation of this application continues, additional information may become available which could modify this preliminary determination.

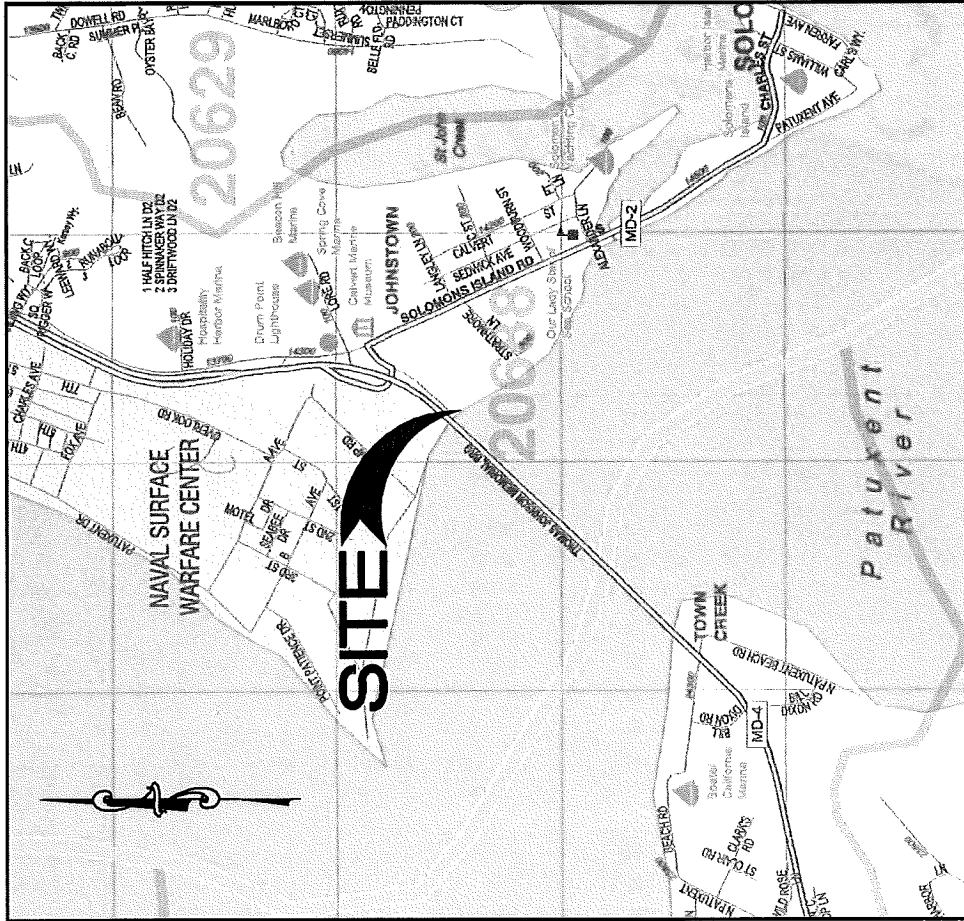
Review of the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places indicates that no registered properties listed as eligible for inclusion, therein, are located at the site of the proposed work. Currently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistoric, or historical data may be lost or destroyed by the work to be accomplished under the request permit.

Any person who has an interest which may be adversely affected by the issuance of this permit may request a public hearing. The request, which must be in writing, must be received by the District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, 10 S. Howard Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201, within the comment period as specified above to receive consideration. Also it must clearly set forth the interest which may be adversely affected by this activity and the manner in which the interest may be adversely affected.

It is requested that you communicate this information concerning the proposed work to any persons known by you to be interested and not being known to this office, who did not receive a copy of this notice.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

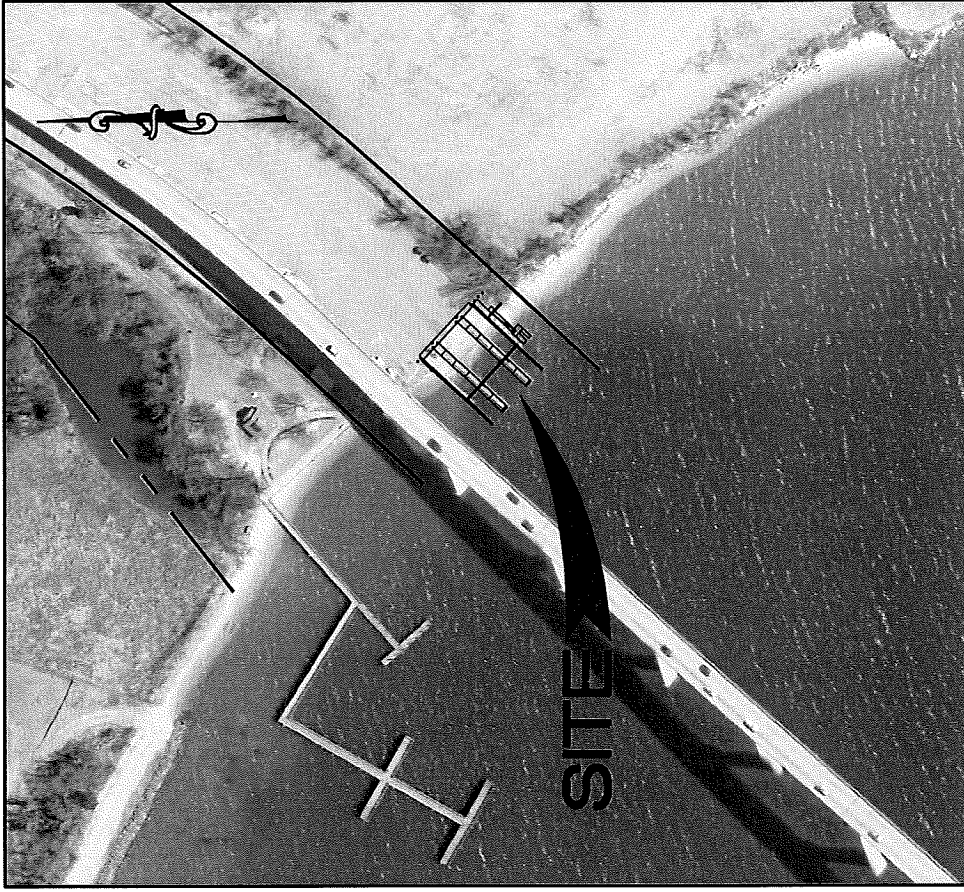
KATHY B. ANDERSON
Chief, Maryland Section Southern



Vicinity Map

SCALE : 1" = 2000'

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Orthorectified imagery taken from
USGS The National Map;
acquired February 2014

SHEET 1 OF 6

Proposed Boat Ramp

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 NEAR: SOLOMONS, MARYLAND
 APPL. BY: CALVERT CO. GENERAL SERVICE DIV.
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 PRINCE FREDERICK, MD 20678
 DATE: APRIL 2016

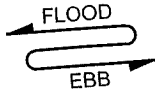
Previous Authorizations:
 CORP: NABOP-FW (MD DNR) 84-0185-3
 STATE: WL-84-303



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MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
14175 S. SOLOMONS ISLAND RD
SOLOMONS 20688
TAX MAP 44, PARCEL 625

PROPERTY LINE



MD ROUTE 4 - THOMAS JOHNSON BRIDGE

PROPERTY OF MARYLAND
STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

EX. BOAT RAMP WITH
TIMBER PIERS. TO BE
REMOVED IN ITS ENTIRETY

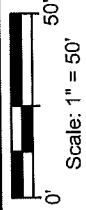
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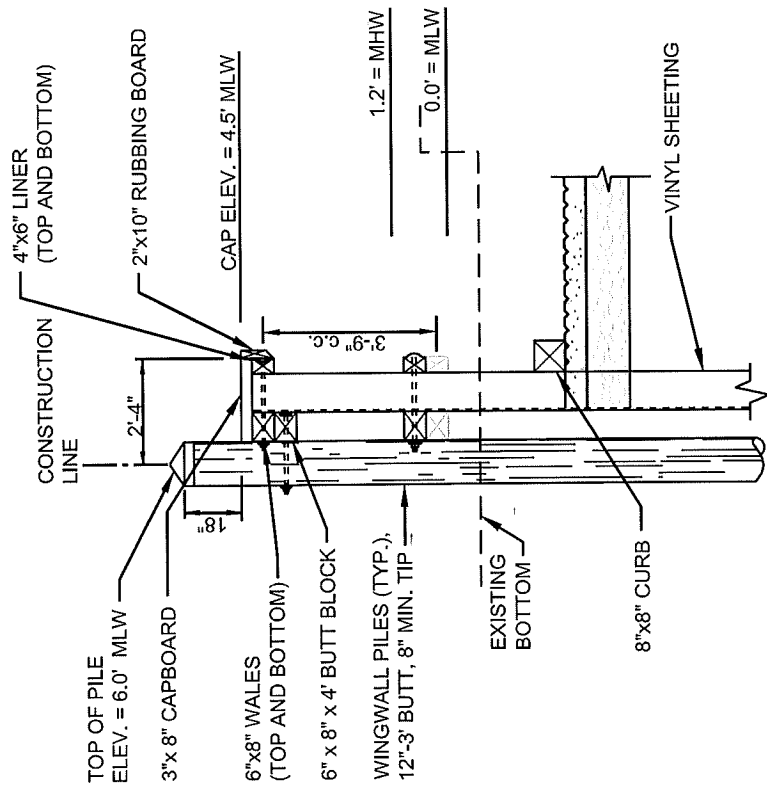
EXISTING CONDITIONS PLAN



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Proposed Boat Ramp

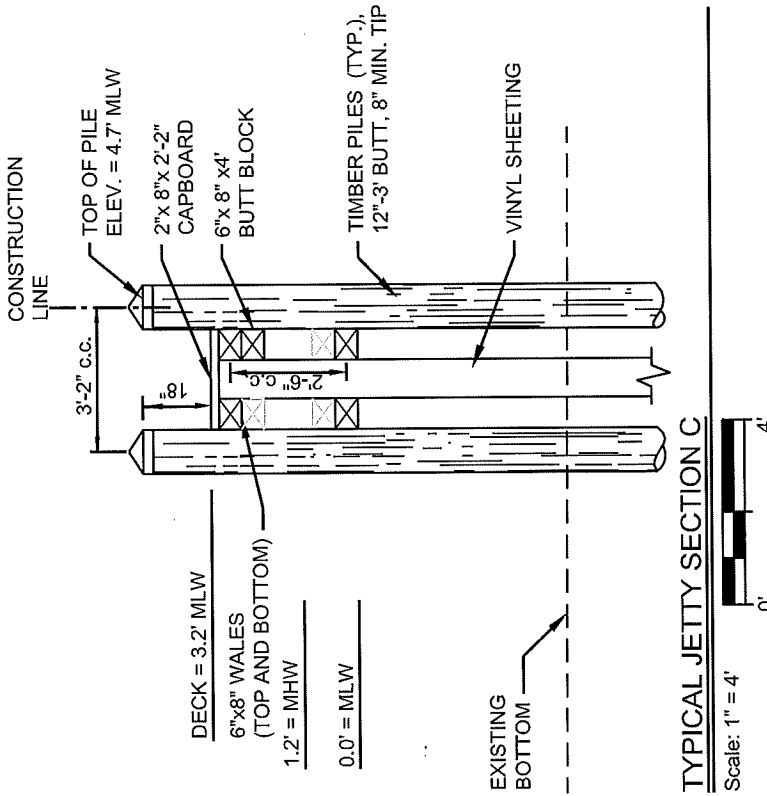
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NOTE: EXISTING WINGWALL NOT SHOWN FOR CLARITY

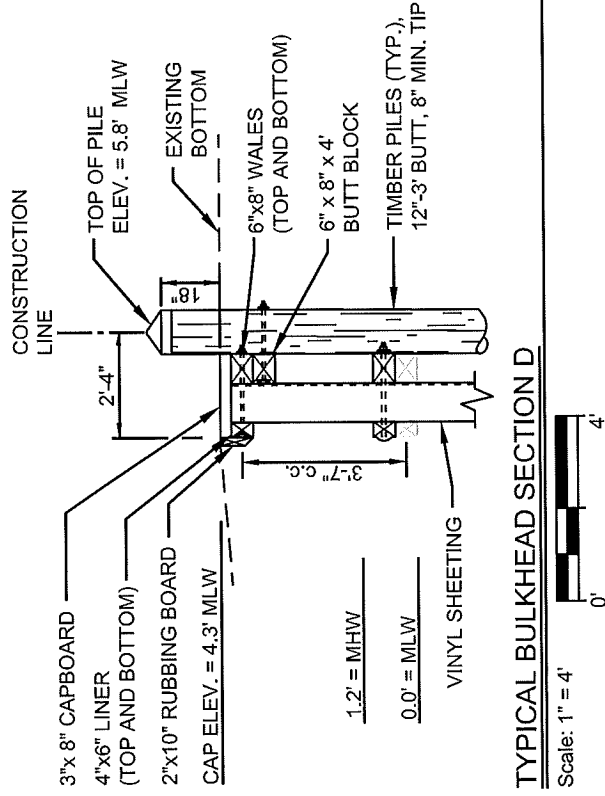
TYPICAL WINGWALL SECTION B

Scale: 1" = 4'



TYPICAL JETTY SECTION C

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TYPICAL BULKHEAD SECTION D

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