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Comment Period Begins: December 28, 2010
Comment Period Ends: January 28, 2011
File Number: NAE-2006-492
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The District Engineer has received a permit application from the applicant below to **conduct work in waters of the United States** as described below.

APPLICANT: Channelside Homeowners Association

ACTIVITY: Construct (7) 3 foot wide fixed ramps leading to (7) 8 foot by 12 foot ramp landings and (13) 8 foot by 12.5 foot floats with 3 foot long by 24 foot wide hinged ramps. In addition, install 595 linear feet of new bulkhead sheeting directly channelward of the existing concrete revetment, with associated support piles and mooring whips. A detailed description and plans of the activity are attached.

WATERWAY AND LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED WORK

This proposed work is located in a man-made basin to the south of the Connecticut River at Channelside Drive, Old Saybrook, Connecticut. The proposed location on the USGS Old Lyme quadrangle sheet is at UTM coordinates 41 19 11 N and 72 21 24 E.

AUTHORITY

Permits are required pursuant to:

- Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899
- Section 404 of the Clean Water Act
- Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act).

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact 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 may reasonably 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, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural value, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain value, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production 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

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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.

Where the activity involves the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States or the transportation of dredged material for the purpose of disposing it in ocean waters, the evaluation of the impact of the activity in the public interest will also include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act, and/or Section 103 of the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 as amended.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-267), requires all federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH).

This project will impact 2,887 square feet of Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) for the 20 species and their life stages listed on the attached table. Loss of this habitat may adversely affect those species. However, the District Engineer has made a preliminary determination that the site-specific adverse effect will not be substantial. Further consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service regarding EFH conservation recommendations is being conducted and will be concluded prior to the final decision.

SECTION 106 COORDINATION

Based on his initial review, the District Engineer has determined that the proposed work may impact properties listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places. Additional review and consultation to fulfil requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, will be ongoing as part of the permit review process.

ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSULTATION

The New England District, Army Corps of Engineers has reviewed the list of species protected under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, which might occur at the project site. It is our preliminary determination that the proposed activity for which authorization is being sought is designed, situated or will be operated/used in such a manner that it is not likely to adversely affect any Federally listed endangered or threatened species or their designated critical habitat. By this Public Notice, we are requesting that the appropriate Federal Agency concur with our BA determination.

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The States of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island have approved **Coastal Zone Management Programs**. Where applicable the applicant states that any proposed activity will comply with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the approved Coastal Zone Management Program. By this Public Notice, we are requesting the State concurrence or objection to the applicant's consistency statement.

The following authorizations have been applied for, or have been, or will be obtained:

- Permit, License or Assent from State.
- Permit from Local Wetland Agency or Conservation Commission.
- Water Quality Certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

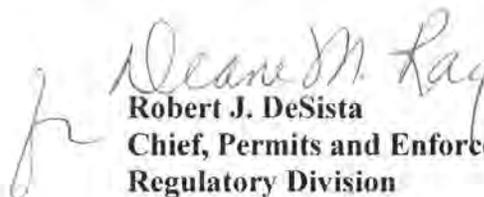
In order to properly evaluate the proposal, we are seeking public comment. Anyone wishing to comment is encouraged to do so. **Comments should be submitted in writing by the above date.** If you have any questions, please contact Amy Bourne at (978) 318-8651, (800) 343-4789 or (800) 362-4367, if calling from within Massachusetts.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the application. Requests for a public hearing shall specifically state the reasons for holding a public hearing. The Corps holds public hearings for the purpose of obtaining public comments when that is the best means for understanding a wide variety of concerns from a diverse segment of the public.

The initial determinations made herein will be reviewed in light of facts submitted in response to this notice. All comments will be considered a matter of public record. Copies of letters of objection will be forwarded to the applicant who will normally be requested to contact objectors directly in an effort to reach an understanding.

In accordance with 33 CFR 325.2(a)(8), we publish monthly a list of permits issued or denied during the previous month at www.nae.usace.army.mil/reg, under the heading "Monthly General and Individual Permit Authorizations." Relevant environmental documents and the SOFs or RODs are available upon written request and, where applicable, upon the payment of administrative fees. Also visit www.nae.usace.army.mil for more information on the New England District Corps of Engineers programs.

THIS NOTICE IS NOT AN AUTHORIZATION TO DO ANY WORK.


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Chief, Permits and Enforcement Branch
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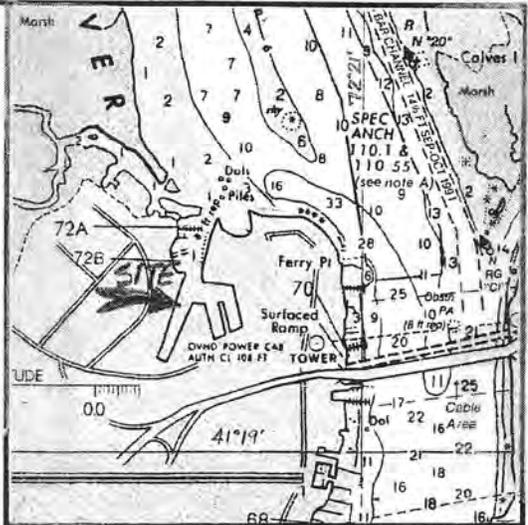
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PROPOSED WORK AND PURPOSE

The applicant proposes to install (7) 3 foot wide fixed ramps leading to (7) 8 foot by 12 foot ramp landings and (13) 8 foot by 12.5 foot floats with (13) 3 foot long by 24 foot wide hinged ramps, including associated pilings, in order to provide access for recreational boating for the Channelside neighborhood. The man-made basin is approximately 110 feet wide at the south-western end and approximately 140 feet wide at the north-eastern end. The structures will encroach approximately 13 feet channelward at the southern most portion of the basin and approximately 15 feet channelward at the widest part of the basin to the east.

595 linear feet of new bulkhead sheeting will be installed 18" channelward of the existing concrete revetment, with associated support piles and mooring whips for berthing. The area landward of the new bulkhead will be backfilled with approximately 250 cubic yards of clean fill material. The new bulkhead revetment will replace the existing failed concrete tub revetment that is currently eroding into the basin.

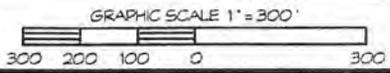
The work is described on the enclosed plans entitled "NEW PIERS and FLOATS" (6 sheets) and "BULKHEAD RECONSTRUCTION" (5 sheets), dated "May 24, 2005, October 21, 2008, October 5, 2009, April 7, 2010 and August 3, 2010."



LOCATION MAP REFERENCE CHART: 12372 GRAPHIC SCALE IN YARDS

- NOTES:**
1. ELEVATION DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER.
 2. TIDE DATA IS TAKEN FROM 2005 NOAA TIDE TABLES REFERENCE: LYME HIGHWAY BRIDGE.
 3. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
INSTALL 595± LF OF SHEET PILE BULKHEAD, CONSTRUCT SEVEN 8-FT X 12-FT RAMP LANDINGS AND INSTALL THIRTEEN 8-FT X 12½-FT FLOATS WITH HINGED RAMPS TO THE FLOATS AND SEVEN 3-FT WIDE FIXED RAMPS TO SHORE, ALL AT OR WATERWARD OF THE HIGH TIDE LINE.
 4. PROJECT PURPOSE:
TO PROVIDE WATERFRONT ACCESS FOR RECREATIONAL BOATING.
 5. THESE APPLICATION DRAWINGS REPRESENT A COMPILATION OF SURVEYS FOR PERMIT PURPOSES. THEY ARE NOT CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.
 6. ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS:
SEE SHEET 2

OVERALL PLAN



REVISED 10-5-09 DEP DESCRIPTION & SHEET NUMBERS
REVISED 8-3-10 ACOE PROJECT

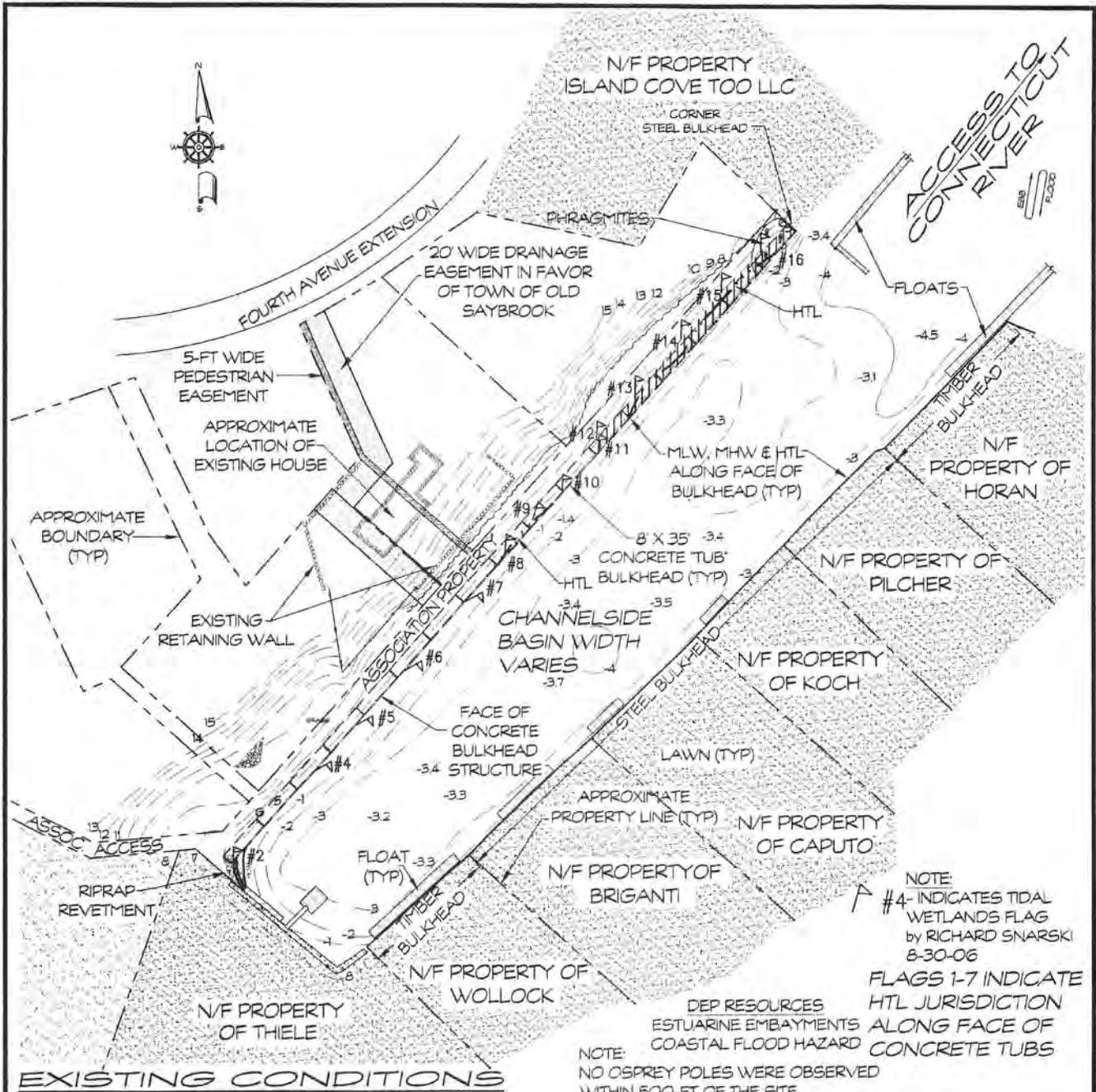
PROJECT: NEW BULKHEAD, PIERS and FLOATS

LOCATION: TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, CONNECTICUT
WATERWAY: BASIN/CONNECTICUT RIVER
DATE: OCTOBER 21, 2008
APPLICANT: CHANNELSIDE HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION
AGENT: SHEET 1 OF 6

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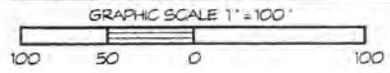
NOTE:
 #4- INDICATES TIDAL WETLANDS FLAG by RICHARD SNARSKI 8-30-06

FLGS 1-7 INDICATE DEP RESOURCES HTL JURISDICTION ESTUARINE EMBAYMENTS ALONG FACE OF COASTAL FLOOD HAZARD CONCRETE TUBS

NOTE:
 NO OSPREY POLES WERE OBSERVED WITHIN 500-FT OF THE SITE

SURVEY by J. DEMPSEY & ASSOCIATES

EXISTING CONDITIONS



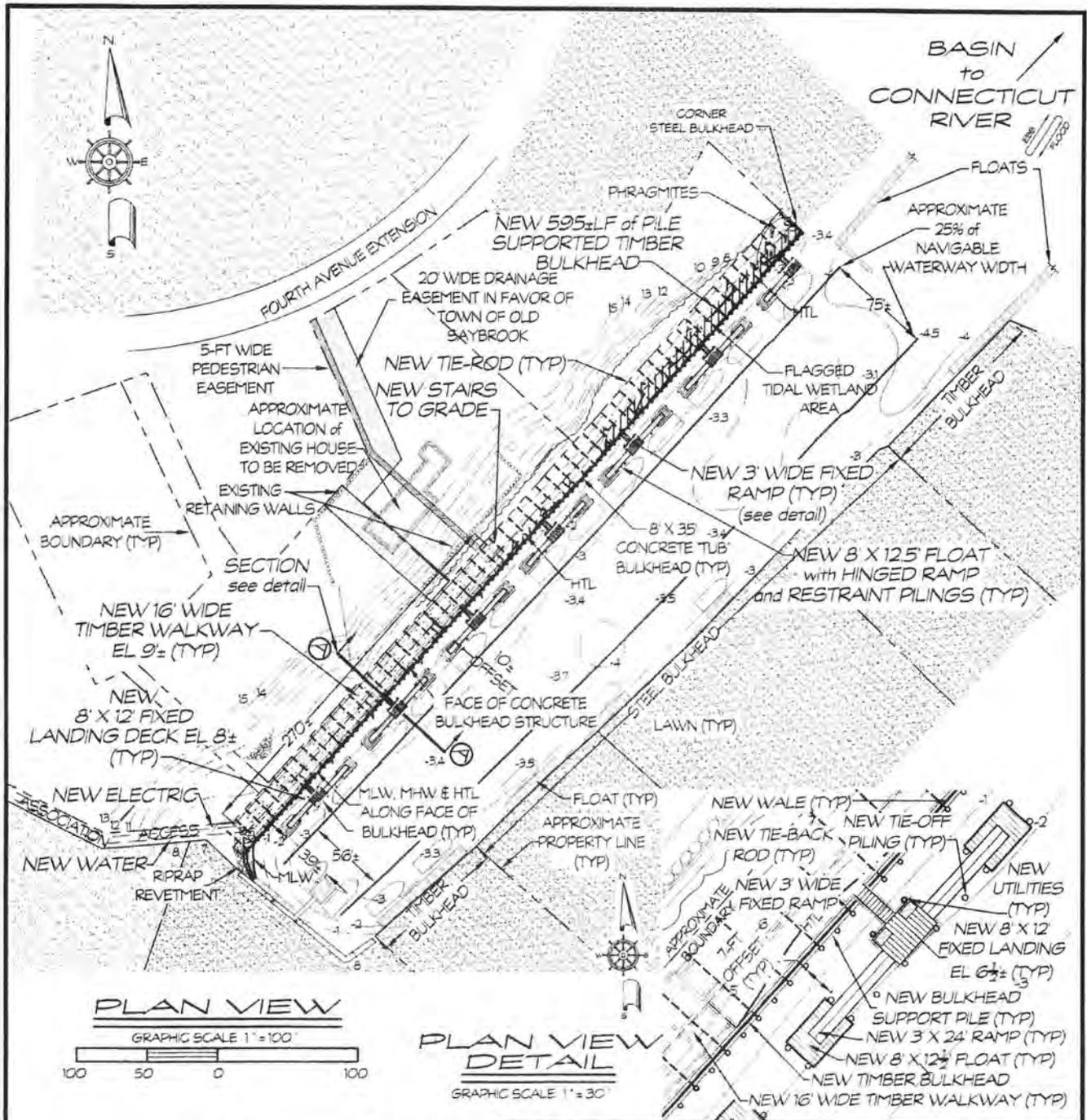
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 REVISED 8-3-10 ACOE PROJECT

PROJECT: NEW BULKHEAD, PIERS and FLOATS
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 DATE: MAY 24, 2005
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REVISED 10-5-09 DEP
BULKHEAD, WALKWAY,
TRAVELWAY, DETAIL,
FLOAT LOCATION &
SHEET NUMBER
REVISED 8-3-10 ACOE
PROJECT

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NEW 3' WIDE FIXED ACCESS RAMP MAX SLOPE 1:10 (TYP)

NOTE: RAMP NOT SHOWN FOR CLARITY OF PLATFORM CONSTRUCTION

NEW RAMP SUPPORT PILE and SPLIT-CLAMP (TYP)

NEW UTILITIES (TYP)

NEW 8' X 12' WOOD PLATFORM WITH RAILS DECK EL 6 1/2 ± (TYP)

NEW PLATFORM SUPPORT PILE (TYP)

NEW CROSS BRACING (TYP)

TYSTF 5.1 ±
HTL 4.4 ±
MHW 3.1

MLW 0.0

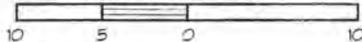
EXISTING CONCRETE TUB 600 ± LF BULKHEAD TO REMAIN

BOTTOM SEDIMENTS: RIVER SILT & SAND

NEW 8' X 12 1/2' FLOAT with CONTINUOUS FLOATION (TYP)

PROFILE

GRAPHIC SCALE 1" = 10'



NEW 3' WIDE FIXED ACCESS RAMP with GRATE DECK MAX SLOPE 1:10 CROSS CONCRETE EDGE AT 9 ± (TYP)

NEW 16-FT WIDE WOOD WALKWAY WITH RAILS DECK EL 9 ±

NEW UTILITIES (TYP)

NEW 8' X 12' FIXED WOOD PLATFORM WITH RAILS DECK EL 8 ± (TYP)

NOTE: RAMP NOT SHOWN FOR CLARITY OF PLATFORM CONSTRUCTION

EXISTING UPLAND GRADE

NEW WATER LINE and ELECTRIC CONDUIT

NEW PLATFORM SUPPORT PILING (TYP)

TYSTF 5.1 ±
HTL 4.4 ±
MHW 3.1

NOTE WALKWAY WIDTH WILL BE 8-FT WIDE FOR THE NORTHERLY HALF TO CLEAR TIDAL VEGETATION

EXISTING CONCRETE TUB 600 ± LF BULKHEAD TO REMAIN

NEW CROSS BRACING (TYP)

MLW 0.0

NEW 8' X 12.5' FLOAT with CONTINUOUS FLOATION OFFSET 10-FT FROM CONCRETE BULKHEAD FACE (TYP) EXCEPT 8-FT at SOUTHERN MOST FLOAT

BOTTOM SEDIMENTS: RIVER SILT & SAND

NOTE: TOP ELEVATIONS OF CONCRETE TUB EDGES VARY

WALKWAY PROFILE

GRAPHIC SCALE 1" = 10'



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REVISED 8-3-10 ACOE PROJECT

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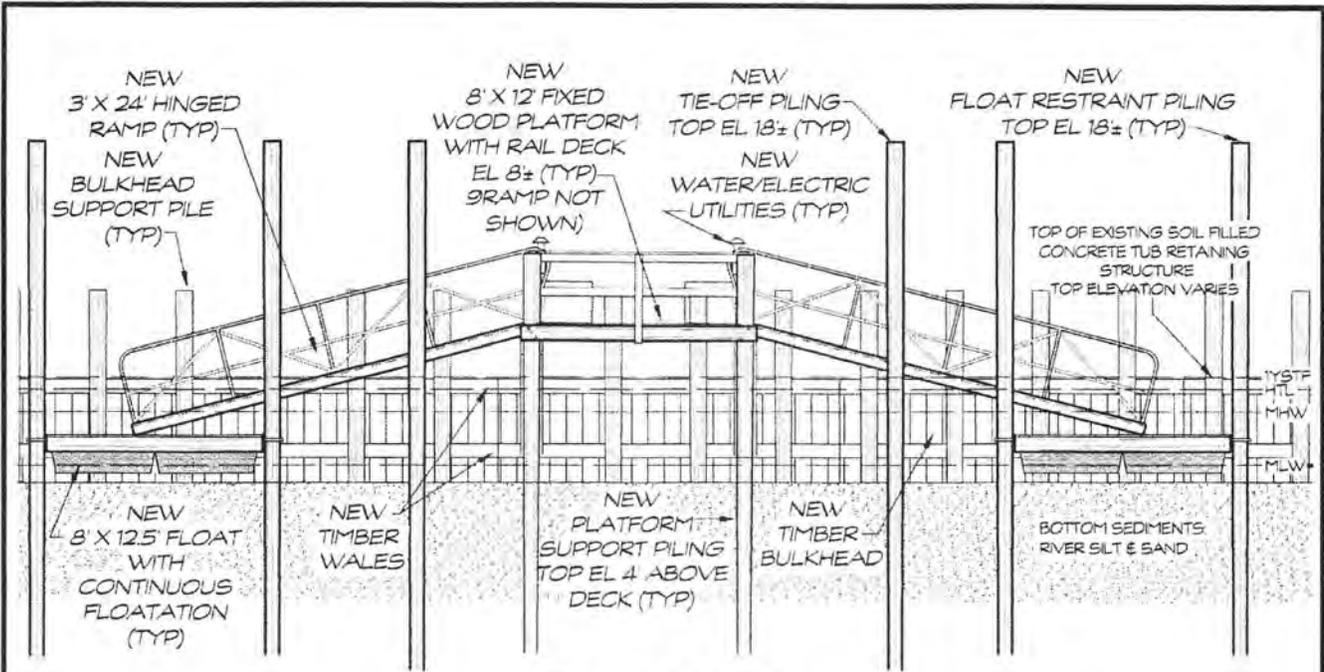
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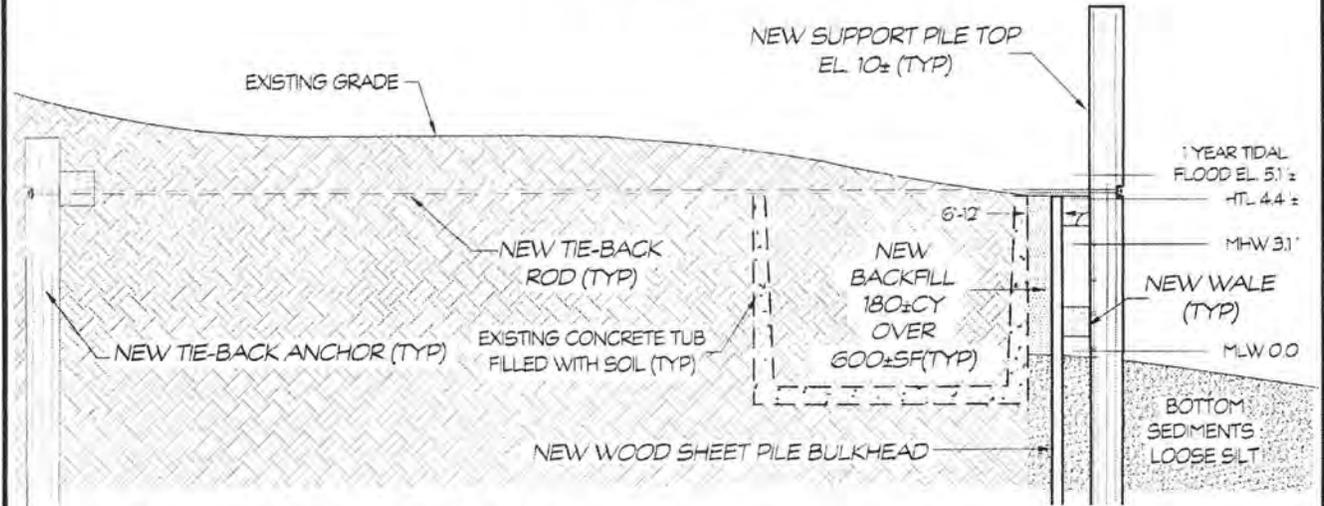
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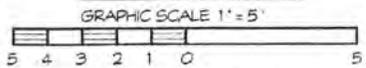


END VIEW
GRAPHIC SCALE 1"=10'



TIMBER BULKHEAD PROFILE

NOTE: TOP ELEVATIONS OF CONCRETE TUB EDGES VARY



REVISED 8-3-10 ACEO PROJECT

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 LOCATION: TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
 MIDDLESEX COUNTY, CONNECTICUT
 WATERWAY: BASIN/CONNECTICUT RIVER
 DATE: OCTOBER 5, 2009
 APPLICANT: CHANNELSIDE HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION
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Summary of Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Designation

10' x 10' Square Coordinates:

Boundary	North	East	South	West
Coordinate	41° 20.0' N	72° 20.0' W	41° 10.0' N	72° 30.0' W

Square Description (i.e. habitat, landmarks, coastline markers): The waters within the square within the Connecticut River estuary affecting the following: the Connecticut River, Westbrook and Old Saybrook, CT., the Patchogue and Menunketesuck Rivers, western Great I., Ferry Pt., Cornfield Pt., North Cove, Saybrook Pt., Lynde Neck and Guardhouse Pt., Chapman Pt., Old Kelsey Pt., Duck I., the Duck Island Roads and Menunketesuck I. Also affected are: Westbrook Harbor, eastern Six Mile Reef, and Long Sand Shoal, Hen and Chickens, Crane Reef, Half Tide Rock, and Cornfield Pt. Shoal. Finally, there is a dumping ground towards the southeast corner, south of the Connecticut River. These waters also affect the following features: South Cove, Fenwick, CT., Lynde Pt., Knollwood, CT., Plum Bank Beach, Ragged Rock, Calves I., Back River, southwest Lieutenant River, Saybrook Shoal Channel, Saybrook Shoal, Gibraltar Rock, Dickerson Pier, Sodom Rocks, Shifting Shoal, Griswold Piers, Oyster River, Back River (different from above in list), Indian Town, CT., Chapman Neck, CT., Cold Spring Brook, Saltworks Bay, Money Pt., and Long Rock.

Species	Eggs	Larvae	Juveniles	Adults
Atlantic salmon (<i>Salmo salar</i>)			X	X
Atlantic cod (<i>Gadus morhua</i>)				
haddock (<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>)				
pollock (<i>Pollachius virens</i>)			X	X
whiting (<i>Merluccius bilinearis</i>)				
offshore hake (<i>Merluccius albidus</i>)				
red hake (<i>Urophycis chuss</i>)	X	X	X	X
white hake (<i>Urophycis tenuis</i>)				
redfish (<i>Sebastes fasciatus</i>)	n/a			
witch flounder (<i>Glyptocephalus cynoglossus</i>)				
winter flounder (<i>Pleuronectes americanus</i>)				

yellowtail flounder (<i>Pleuronectes ferruginea</i>)				
windowpane flounder (<i>Scophthalmus aquosus</i>)	X	X	X	X
American plaice (<i>Hippoglossoides platessoides</i>)				
ocean pout (<i>Macrozoarces americanus</i>)				
Atlantic halibut (<i>Hippoglossus hippoglossus</i>)				
Atlantic sea scallop (<i>Placopecten magellanicus</i>)				
Atlantic sea herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>)			X	X
monkfish (<i>Lophius americanus</i>)				
bluefish (<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>)			X	X
long finned squid (<i>Loligo pealei</i>)	n/a	n/a		
short finned squid (<i>Illex illecebrosus</i>)	n/a	n/a		
Atlantic butterfish (<i>Peprilus triacanthus</i>)				
Atlantic mackerel (<i>Scomber scombrus</i>)				
summer flounder (<i>Paralichthys dentatus</i>)				
scup (<i>Stenotomus chrysops</i>)	n/a	n/a		
black sea bass (<i>Centropristus striata</i>)	n/a			
surf clam (<i>Spisula solidissima</i>)	n/a	n/a		
ocean quahog (<i>Artica islandica</i>)	n/a	n/a		
spiny dogfish (<i>Squalus acanthias</i>)	n/a	n/a		
tilefish (<i>Lopholatilus chamaeleonticeps</i>)				
king mackerel (<i>Scomberomorus cavalla</i>)	X	X	X	X
Spanish mackerel (<i>Scomberomorus maculatus</i>)	X	X	X	X
cobia (<i>Rachycentron canadum</i>)	X	X	X	X
sand tiger shark (<i>Odontaspis taurus</i>)		X		