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## Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife seeks Corps permit to place fill material, dredge area in Addison

**CONCORD, Mass.** – The Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife is seeking a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District to conduct work in waters of the United States in conjunction with improvements to a state fishing access area in Addison, Vermont.

The applicant proposes to place fill material and perform dredging in Lake Champlain in conjunction with construction of improvements at the existing Chimney Point State Fishing Access area off of Vermont Route 17 in Addison.

Proposed work includes removal of the existing concrete ramp and constructing a new 28-foot-wide by 73-foot-long reinforced concrete ramp. The ramp will extend a maximum of 60 feet beyond Ordinary High Water (OHW). This portion of the work will involve the placement of about 207 cubic yards of stone fill and precast concrete below OHW and will impact about 3,385 square feet of lake bottom.

Work will include excavating 1,646 cubic yards of silt and gravel to a depth of – 4 feet OLOW from an area of 23,250 square feet. The excavated material will be disposed of at an upland, non-wetland site. Also, work will include temporary placement of 3,000 cubic yards of excavated material and stone or granular borrow to facilitate the dredging and the construction of the ramp in the dry; and installing a 90-foot-long by 6-foot-wide seasonal dock adjacent to the south side of the ramp.

The basic purpose of this project is to improve an existing State Fishing Access area for recreational boaters and fishermen.

The application for the federal permit was filed by the applicant with the Corps in compliance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, which regulates the discharge or fill of material in United States waters, including wetlands; and with Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, which provides for federal regulation of any work in, or affecting navigable waters of the United States. The public notice can be viewed on the Corps website at <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil>. Select Regulatory and then public notices or go directly to <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Regulatory/Public%20Notices/>.

Public comments on the Corps permit review (File # NAE-2012-0220) should be forwarded no later than April 12, 2012 to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, Vermont Project Office (ATTN: Marty Abair), 8 Carmichael Street, Suite 205, Essex Junction, Vermont 05452. Additional information is available from Corps' Regulatory Division Permit Project Manager Marty Abair at 802-872-2893 or by email to [martha.a.abair@usace.army.mil](mailto:martha.a.abair@usace.army.mil).

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