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Yarmouth applicant seeks Corps permit to install pier, seasonal ramp, float in Parkers River at Tide Lane

CONCORD, Mass. – Cynthia Meisner 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 installing a pier, ramp and float in Parkers River in Yarmouth, Mass.

The applicant is proposing to install a 4-foot by 18-foot pier with a 3-foot by 11-foot seasonal ramp and an 8-foot by 20-foot float. There will be float stops to keep the float suspended 30 inches above mean low water during all tides. The work is proposed in the Parkers River at 4 Tide Lane in Yarmouth.

The proposed project will impact 242.5 square feet of Essential Fish Habitat for various species and life stages. This habitat consists of saltmarsh and a sandy/mucky substrate within the Parkers River. Loss of this habitat may adversely affect these species through shading impacts. However, the Corps has made a preliminary determination that the site-specific adverse effect will not be substantial. Further consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service regarding Essential Fish Habitat conservation recommendations is being conducted and will be concluded prior to the final permit decision.

The application for the federal permit was filed by Cynthia Meisner with the Corps in compliance 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, with additional information, can be viewed on the Corps website at <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Regulatory/Public%20Notices/>.

Public comments on this proposal (file # NAE 2011-02380) should be forwarded no later than Nov. 22, 2012 to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, Regulatory Division (ATTN: Richard Kristoff), 696 Virginia Road, Concord, MA 01742-2751. Additional information is available from Permit Project Manager Richard Kristoff at 978-318-8171 or toll free 800-343-4789 or 800-362-4367 (if calling from within Massachusetts) or by email to: richard.c.kristoff@usace.army.mil.

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