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The District Engineer has received a permit application for a mooring structure in waters of the United States from Ms. Jo-Ann Albanese. This work is proposed in the Mill Cove area of Wickford Harbor, located in North Kingstown, Rhode Island. The site coordinates for the preferred alternative are: Latitude 41.58018°N Longitude -71.450636°W. Alternative locations have also been proposed at the following coordinates: 1) Latitude 41.58012°N Longitude -71.450985°W and 2) Latitude 41.57671°N Longitude -71.442949°W.

The purpose of the project is a new private, non-commercial, non-rental, single-boat mooring. The proposed mooring (Latitude 41.58018°N Longitude -71.450636°W) is located 86 feet outside of the federal anchorage boundary. The proposed mooring structure consists of the following: 500 lb. mushroom mooring or train wheel, 3/4 inch bottom shackle, 20 feet of 3/4 inch bottom chain, 5/8 inch middle shackle, 25 feet of 1/2 inch top chain, 5/8 inch top chain shackle, 5/8 inch swivel, 5/8 inch through ball shackle, 3 feet of 1/2 inch through ball chain, 12 inch sur-moor buoy, 5/8 inch pendant shackle, 7/8 inch by 12 foot nylon braid pendant, mooring pennant, and pick-up buoy. The length of chain would be adjusted by installers dependent upon water depth at high tide.

As shown on the enclosed Map 1, Ms. Albanese's preferred location is Latitude 41.58018°N Longitude -71.450636°W. Alternate location 1 (41.58012°N, -71.450985°W) is located within a federal anchorage. Alternative location 2 (41.57671°N, -71.442949°W) is located 519 feet outside of the federal anchorage. We are soliciting comments on all three of these locations.

The proposed mooring is shown on the attached drawing.

Avoidance and minimization of adverse effects to the aquatic environment must be demonstrated to the maximum extent practicable. Mitigation will be required, as appropriate, to offset unavoidable adverse effects.

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 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.

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).

Either of the 3 sites would impact approximately 80 square feet of Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). The District Engineer has made a preliminary determination that the proposed project will not adversely affect fish or fish habitat. Further consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service regarding EFH conservation recommendations is being conducted and will be concluded prior to the final decision.

NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT

Based on his initial review, the District Engineer has determined that little likelihood exists for the proposed work to impinge upon properties with cultural or Native American significance, or listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, no further consideration of the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, is necessary. This determination is based upon one or more of the following:

- a. The permit area has been extensively modified by previous work.
- b. The permit area has been recently created.
- c. The proposed activity is of limited nature and scope.
- d. Review of the latest published version of the National Register shows that no presence of registered properties listed as being eligible for inclusion therein are in the permit area or general vicinity.
- e. Coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer and/or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer(s)

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 each of the project sites. 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 Federal listed

endangered or threatened species or their designated critical habitat. Further consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service regarding ESA is being conducted and will be concluded prior to the final decision

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT

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 Alex Kostra 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.

THIS NOTICE IS NOT AN AUTHORIZATION TO DO ANY WORK.



Robert J. DeSista
Chief, Permits and Enforcement Branch
Regulatory Division

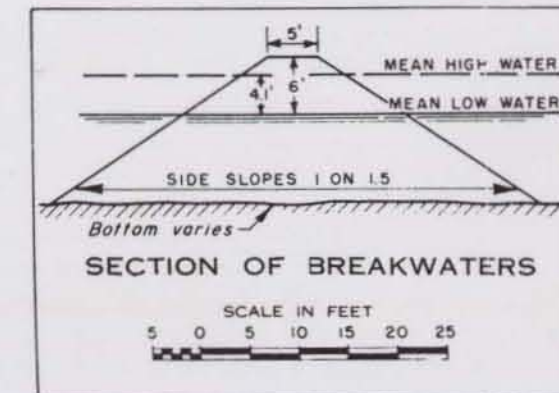
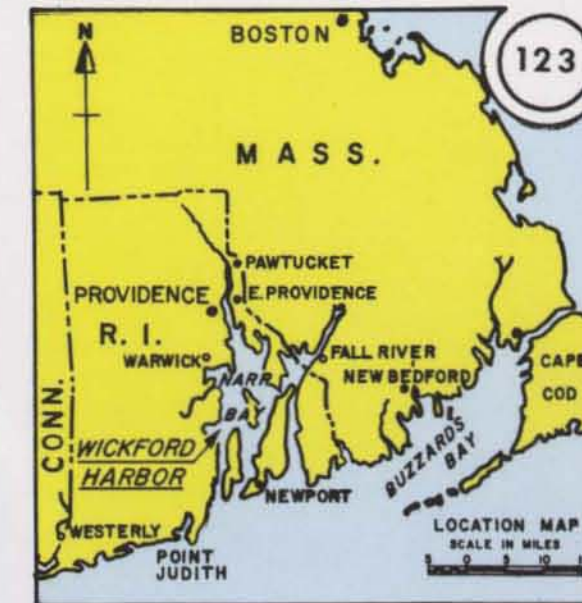
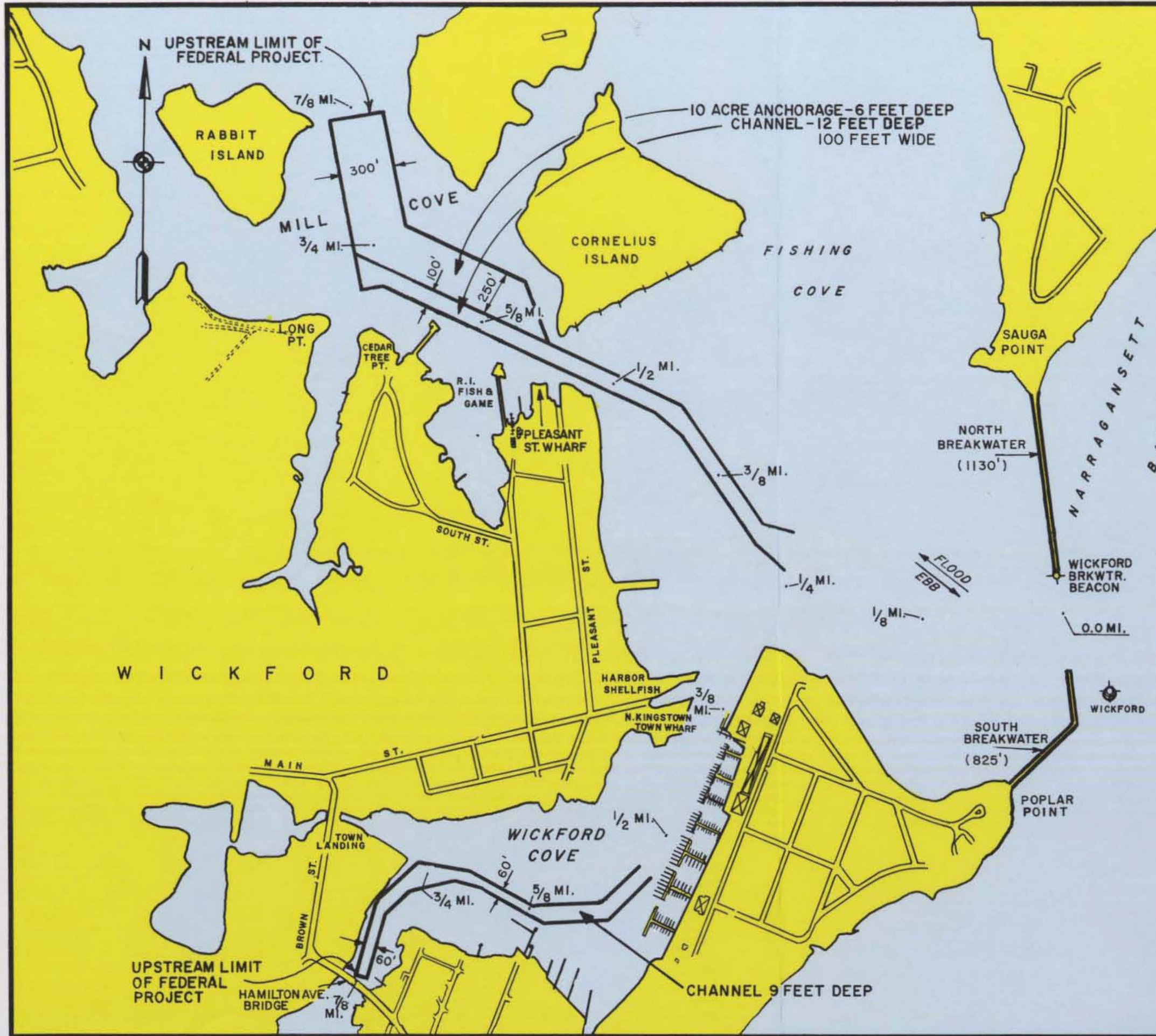
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Map 1

Legend

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Fishing Cove

Rabbit Island

Preferred Alternative

Alternative 1

Mill Cove

Cornelius Island

Alternative 2

Red line indicates Federal Navigation Project

Wickford

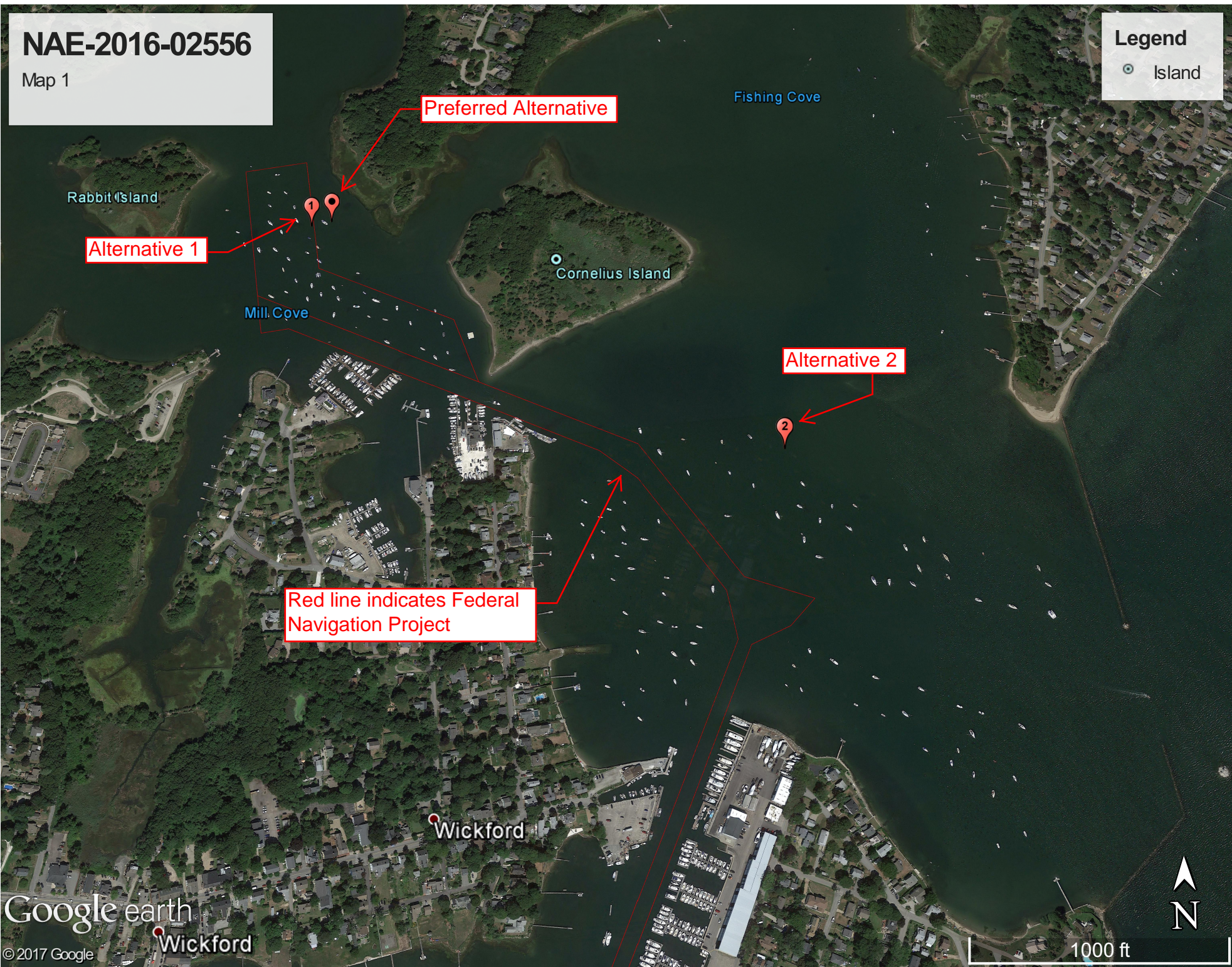
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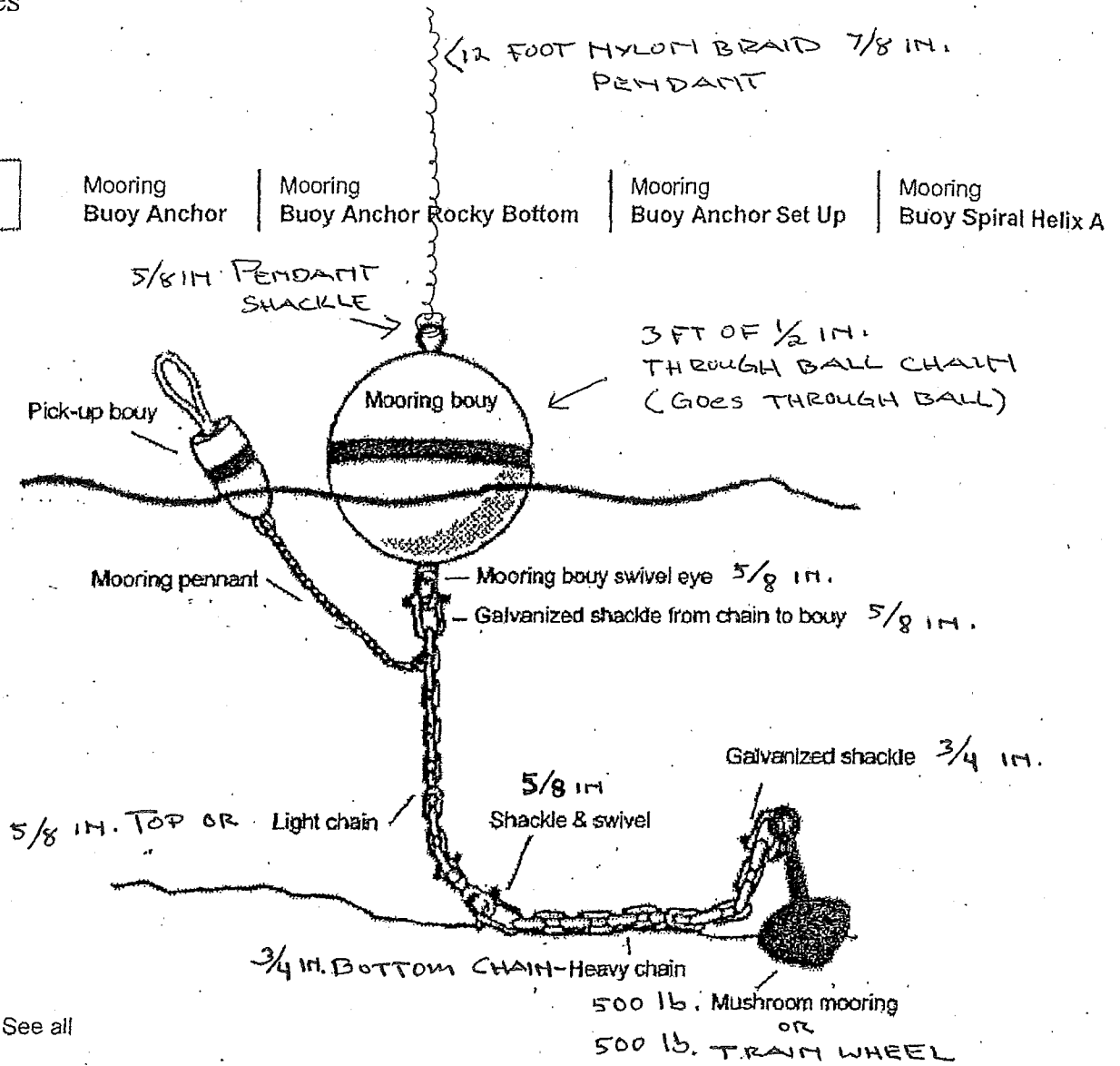
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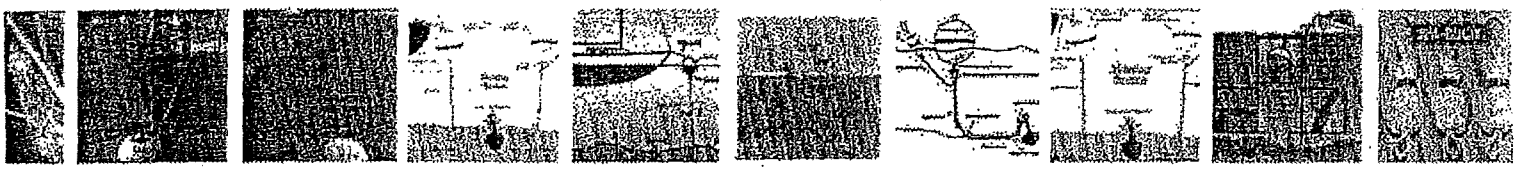
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Mooring Buoy Anchor

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