



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**®
New England District
**696 Virginia Road
Concord, MA 01742-2751**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Comment Period Begins: April 5, 2016
Comment Period Ends: May 6, 2016
File Number: NAE-2015-00831
In Reply Refer To: Lindsay Flieger
Phone: (978) 318-8656
E-mail: Lindsay.Flieger@usace.army.mil

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

Rocky Point Club, Inc.

ACTIVITY

Install new seasonal boat moorings, a new swimming float and channel markers at Rocky Point Club. A detailed description and plans of the activity are attached.

WATERWAY AND LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED WORK

This work is proposed in Long Island Sound off of 60 Rocky Point Road in Greenwich, Connecticut. The proposed location on the USGS Stamford quadrangle sheet is at Lat/Long coordinates 41.017°N and -73.558°W.

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).

The moorings will impact approximately 7 acres of Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) for the species on the attached sheet. 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 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 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 determination.

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.

CENAE-R

FILE NO. NAE-2015-00831

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

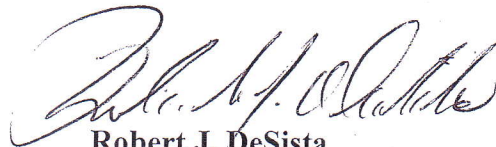
- Permit, License or Assent from State.
- Permit from Local Wetland Agency or Conservation Commission.
- Water Quality Certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

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 Lindsay Flieger at (978) 318-8656, (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

If you would prefer not to continue receiving Public Notices, please contact Ms. Tina Chaisson at (978) 318-8058 or e-mail her at bettina.m.chaisson@usace.army.mil. You may also check here () and return this portion of the Public Notice to: Bettina Chaisson, Regulatory Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 696 Virginia Road, Concord, MA 01742-2751.

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

CENAE-R

FILE NO. NAE-2015-00831

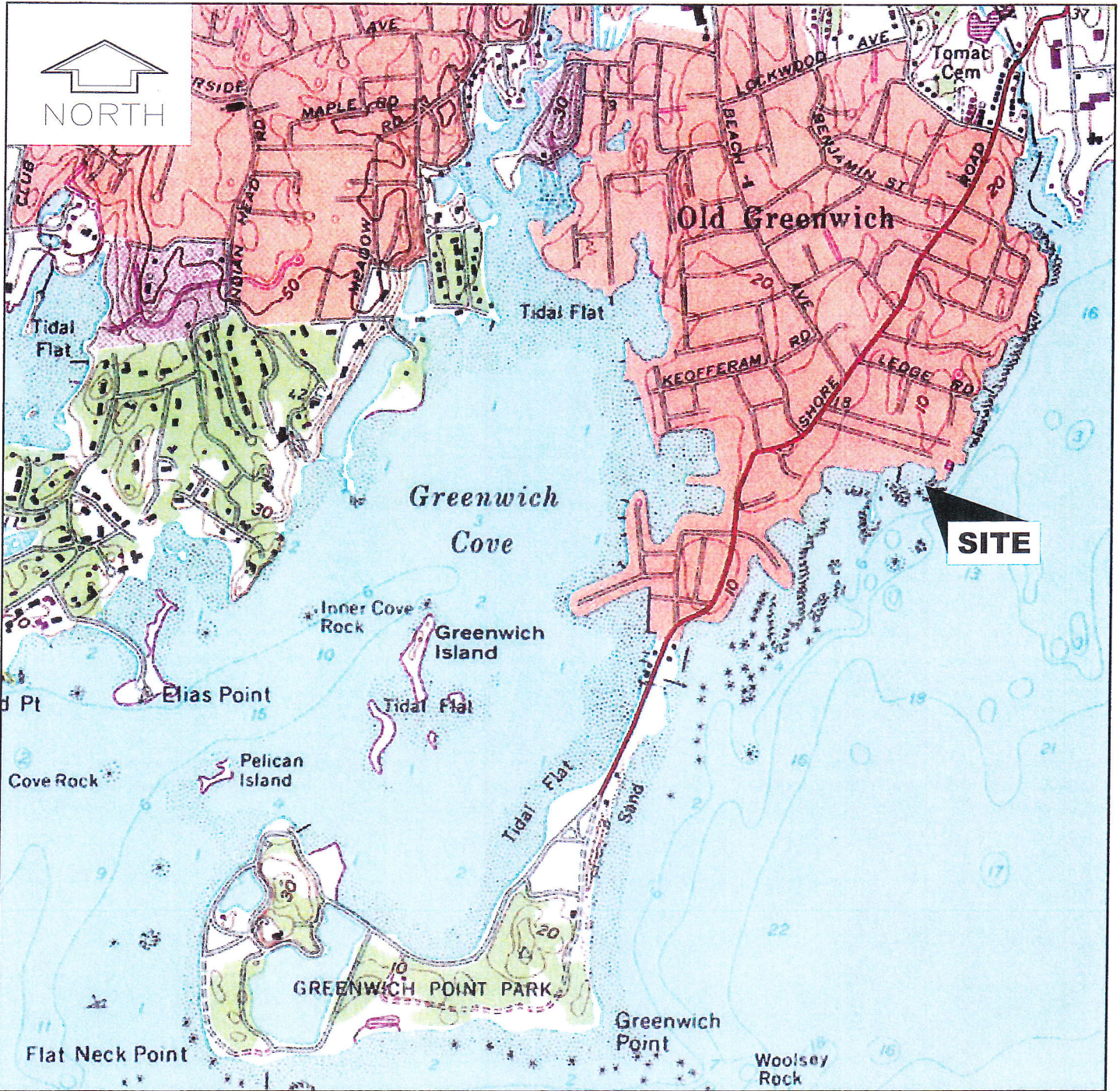
PROPOSED WORK AND PURPOSE

The work includes work in navigable waters for the installation of up to 39 seasonal boat moorings, a new 8' x 14' swimming float, and three (3) sets of channel markers with two (2) buoys per marker leading to Rocky Point Club. The Rocky Point Club has historically placed seasonal moorings in designated and leased shellfish beds known as Ford A and Ford B; the moorings are removed during the off-season. However, the placement of the moorings are subject to a new agreement with the shellfish bed leaseholder each season. Therefore, the applicant is requesting to have a combination of mooring alternatives permitted in the event that the shellfish bed leaseholder does not renew the mooring agreement.

Rocky Point Club wishes to place moorings in Ford A and in Ford B (as shown on sheet 4 of 6) due to the proximity to the Club's launching facility and deeper water depths. However, if the shellfish leaseholder does not approve this placement, or only the placement of some of the moorings, the applicant will place all (or some) of the moorings in a secondary mooring field, also shown on sheet 4 of 6. The applicant has agreed to remove these moorings each season and to use conservation moorings in shellfish beds in lieu of traditional moorings in order to minimize impacts to chain drag on shellfish reserves.

The swim float is also proposed to be located northwest of the existing pier, as shown on sheet 5 of 6. The proposed channel markers will be located along the west side of the proposed Ford A/B moorings, leading from the channel to Rocky Point Club. The buoys and the float will also be seasonally removed

The work is described on the enclosed plans entitled "Proposed Moorings, Long Island Sound, Town of Greenwich, County of Fairfield, State of Connecticut," on six sheets, and dated "11/19/15."



TAKEN FROM MAPTECH
OFFSHORE NAVIGATOR
VERSION 5.07d

VICINITY MAP

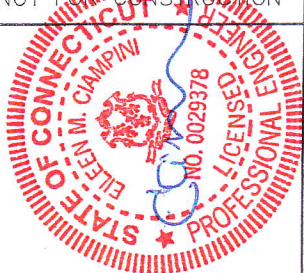
0 1500 3000 FT.



APPROX. SCALE 1"=1500'-0"

FOR PERMIT USE ONLY
NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION

REV. 1 3/3/16

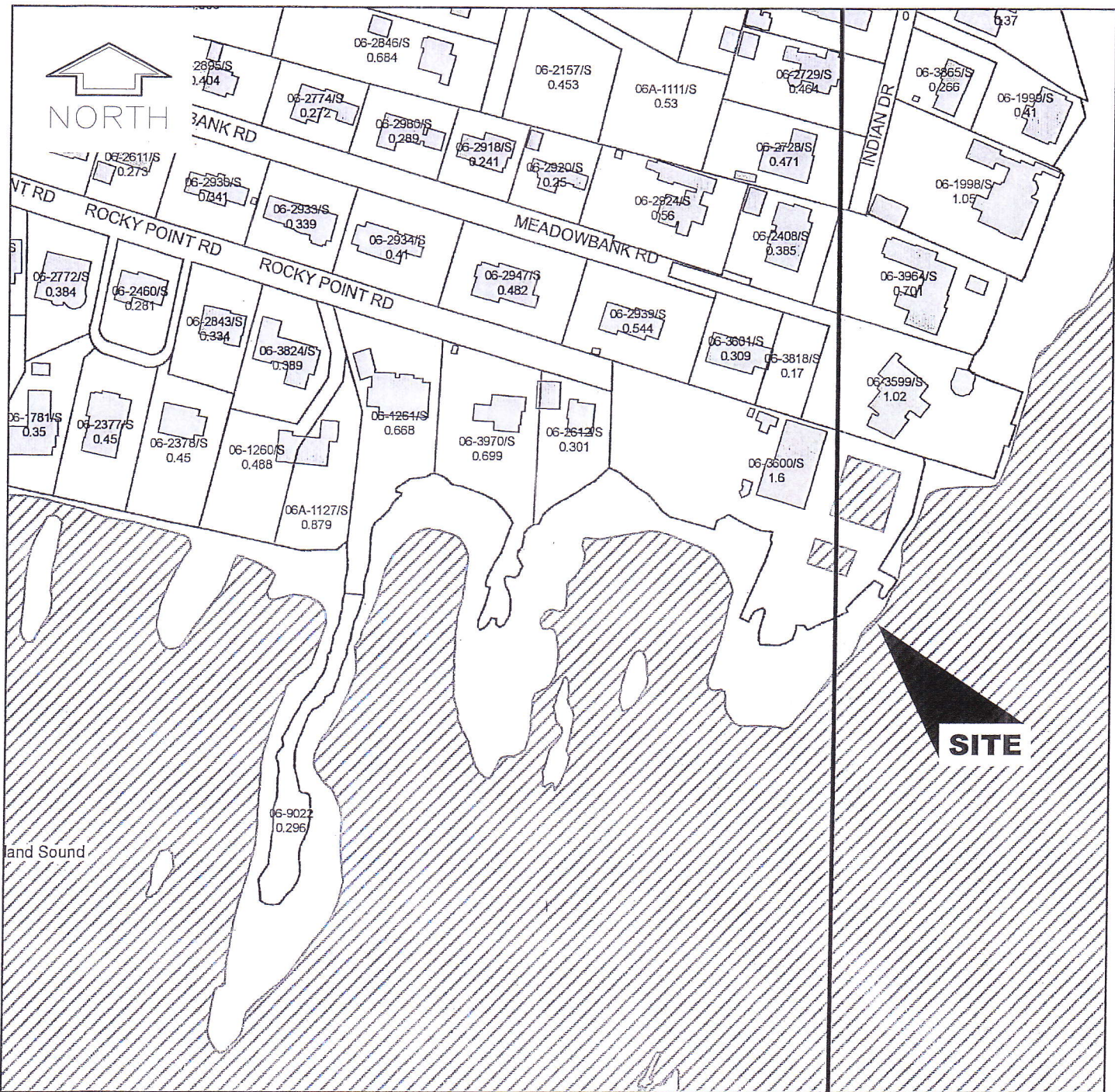


DATUM: NAVD88
APPLICATION BY: ROCKY POINT CLUB, INC.
APPLICATION NO.:
AGENT: COW NORTH AMERICA, INC.

PROPOSED MOORINGS
LONG ISLAND SOUND
TOWN OF GREENWICH
COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DATE: 11/19/15

SHEET 1 OF 6



TAX ASSESSOR'S MAP

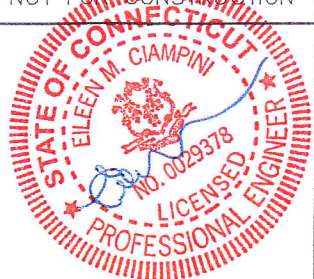
0 200 400 FT.



SCALE 1"=200'-0"

FOR PERMIT USE ONLY
NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION

REV. 1 3/3/16

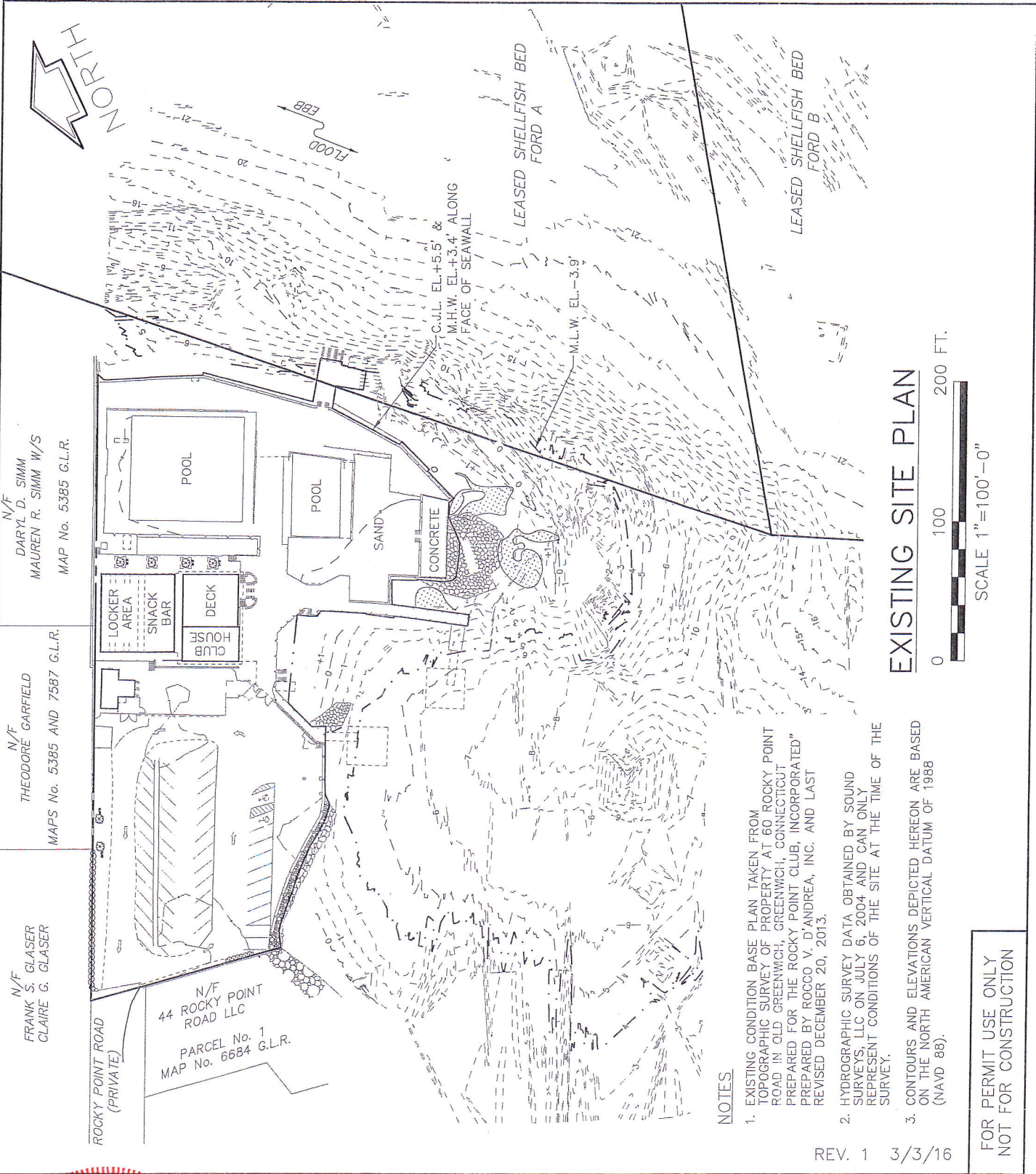


DATUM: NAVD88
 APPLICATION BY: ROCKY POINT CLUB, INC.
 APPLICATION NO.:
 AGENT: COW NORTH AMERICA, INC.

PROPOSED MOORINGS
 LONG ISLAND SOUND
 TOWN OF GREENWICH
 COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD
 STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DATE: 11/19/15

SHEET 2 OF 6



EXISTING SITE PLAN

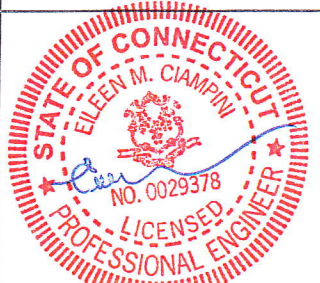


NOTES

1. EXISTING CONDITION BASE PLAN TAKEN FROM TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY OF PROPERTY AT 60 ROCKY POINT ROAD IN OLD GREENWICH, GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT PREPARED FOR THE ROCKY POINT CLUB, INCORPORATED" PREPARED BY ROCCO V. D'ANDREA, INC. AND LAST REVISED DECEMBER 20, 2013.
2. HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY DATA OBTAINED BY SOUND SURVEYS, LLC ON JULY 6, 2004 AND CAN ONLY REPRESENT CONDITIONS OF THE SITE AT THE TIME OF THE SURVEY.
3. CONTOURS AND ELEVATIONS DEPICTED HEREON ARE BASED ON THE NORTH AMERICAN VERTICAL DATUM OF 1988 (NAVD 88).

REV. 1 3/3/16

FOR PERMIT USE ONLY
NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION



DATUM: NAVD88
 APPLICATION BY: ROCKY POINT CLUB, INC.
 APPLICATION NO.:
 AGENT: COW NORTH AMERICA, INC.

PROPOSED MOORINGS
 LONG ISLAND SOUND
 TOWN OF GREENWICH
 COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD
 STATE OF CONNECTICUT
 DATE: 11/19/15 SHEET 3 OF 6



ROCKY POINT RD

FORD A

SWIM FLOAT
(SEE NOTES 2 & 5)

MOORING LIMIT LINE

-19.6

M.L.W. EL. -3.9'

CHANNEL MARKER BUOY
(TYP. - 6 TOTAL)
SEE NOTES 2 & 5

FORD B

EXIST. SPOT EL. (TYP.)

PROPOSED MOORINGS
(SEE NOTES 2 & 3)

SEE SHEET 5

-20.6

E. POINT LN

-6.9

PROPOSED MOORINGS
(SEE NOTE 4)

-7.8

APPROX. EXIST. SHORELINE

-8.8

-21.6

NOTES

1. EXISTING CONDITION BASE PLAN TAKEN FROM TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY OF PROPERTY AT 60 ROCKY POINT ROAD IN OLD GREENWICH, GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT PREPARED FOR THE ROCKY POINT CLUB, INCORPORATED* PREPARED BY ROCCO V. D'ANDREA, INC. AND LAST REVISED DECEMBER 20, 2013.
2. SWIM FLOAT, MOORINGS, AND CHANNEL BUOYS IN SHELLFISH LEASE BEDS ARE SUBJECT TO SEASONAL PERMISSION OF LEASEHOLDER TO THE EXTENT REQUIRED BY LAW.
3. MOORINGS IN SHELLFISH LEASE BEDS WILL BE ANCHORED USING ELASTIC MOORING RODES AND MUSHROOM ANCHORS.
4. MOORINGS OUTSIDE OF SHELLFISH BEDS SHALL BE ANCHORED USING CHAINS AND MUSHROOM ANCHORS.
5. AUTHORIZATION WILL BE SOUGHT FROM DEEP BOATING DIVISION FOR THE CHANNEL MARKER BUOYS. BOTH THE CHANNEL MARKER BUOYS AND SWIM FLOAT WILL BE INSTALLED PURSUANT TO THE GENERAL PERMIT FOR MINOR COASTAL STRUCTURES (DEEP-OLISP-GP-2015-01).

PROPOSED KEY PLAN

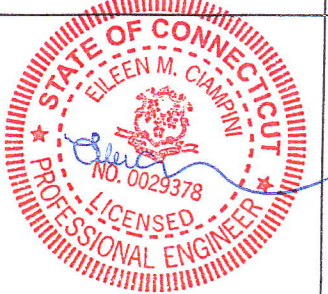
0 300 600 FT.



SCALE 1"=300'-0"

REV. 2 3/3/16

FOR PERMIT USE ONLY
NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION



DATUM: NAVD88

APPLICATION BY: ROCKY POINT CLUB, INC.

APPLICATION NO.:

AGENT: COW NORTH AMERICA, INC.

PROPOSED MOORINGS

LONG ISLAND SOUND

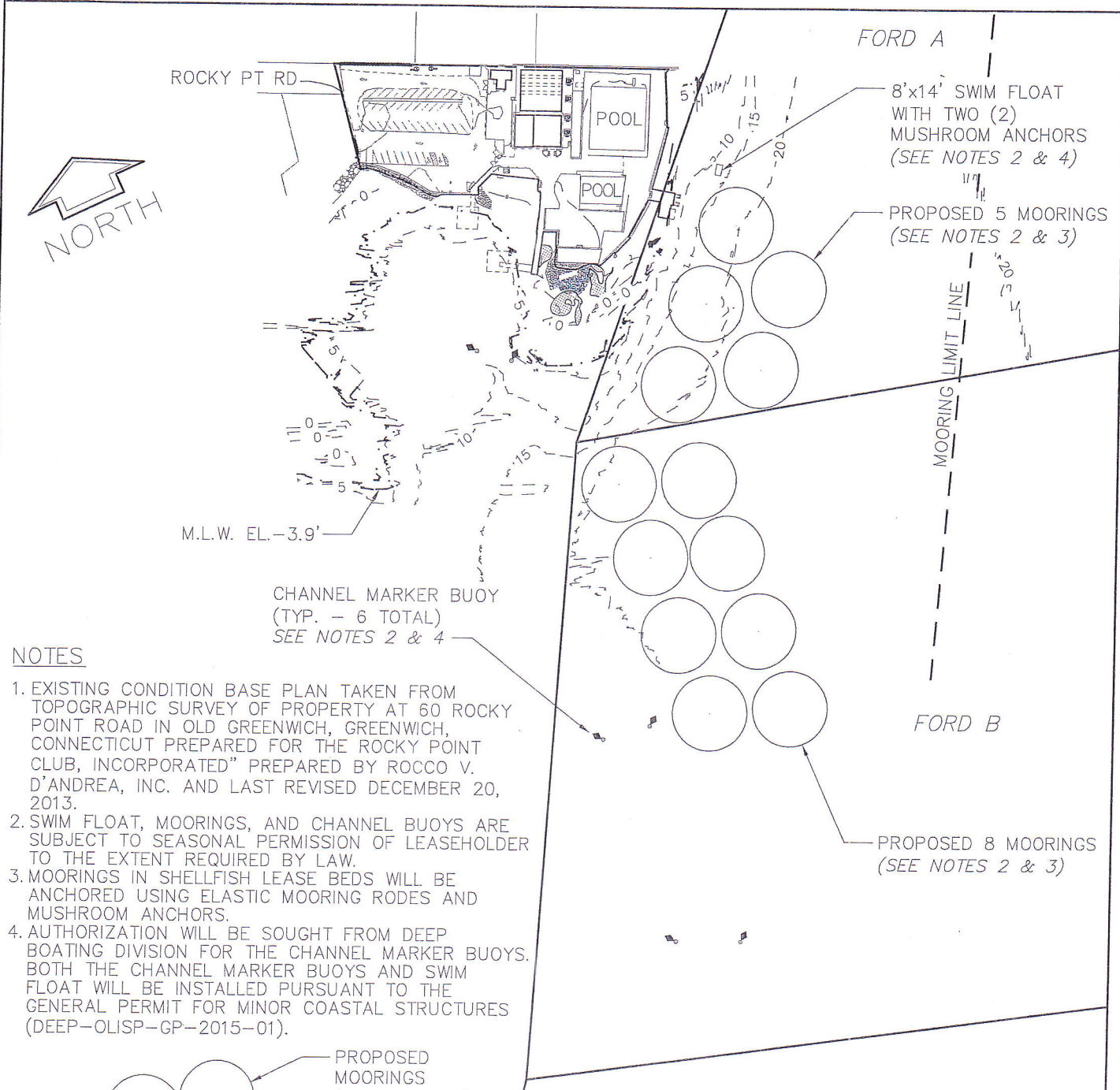
TOWN OF GREENWICH

COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

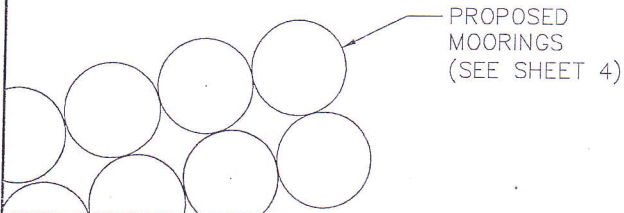
DATE: 11/19/15

SHEET 4 OF 6

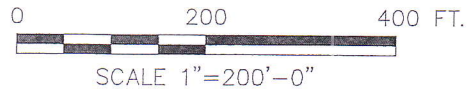


NOTES

1. EXISTING CONDITION BASE PLAN TAKEN FROM TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY OF PROPERTY AT 60 ROCKY POINT ROAD IN OLD GREENWICH, GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT PREPARED FOR THE ROCKY POINT CLUB, INCORPORATED" PREPARED BY ROCCO V. D'ANDREA, INC. AND LAST REVISED DECEMBER 20, 2013.
2. SWIM FLOAT, MOORINGS, AND CHANNEL BUOYS ARE SUBJECT TO SEASONAL PERMISSION OF LEASEHOLDER TO THE EXTENT REQUIRED BY LAW.
3. MOORINGS IN SHELLFISH LEASE BEDS WILL BE ANCHORED USING ELASTIC MOORING RODES AND MUSHROOM ANCHORS.
4. AUTHORIZATION WILL BE SOUGHT FROM DEEP BOATING DIVISION FOR THE CHANNEL MARKER BUOYS. BOTH THE CHANNEL MARKER BUOYS AND SWIM FLOAT WILL BE INSTALLED PURSUANT TO THE GENERAL PERMIT FOR MINOR COASTAL STRUCTURES (DEEP-OLISP-GP-2015-01).

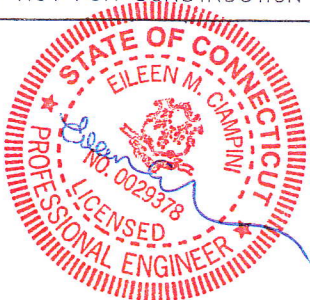


PROPOSED PARTIAL PLAN



FOR PERMIT USE ONLY
NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION

REV. 2 3/3/16



DATUM: NAVD88

APPLICATION BY: ROCKY POINT CLUB, INC.

APPLICATION NO.:

AGENT: COW NORTH AMERICA, INC.

PROPOSED MOORINGS

LONG ISLAND SOUND
TOWN OF GREENWICH
COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

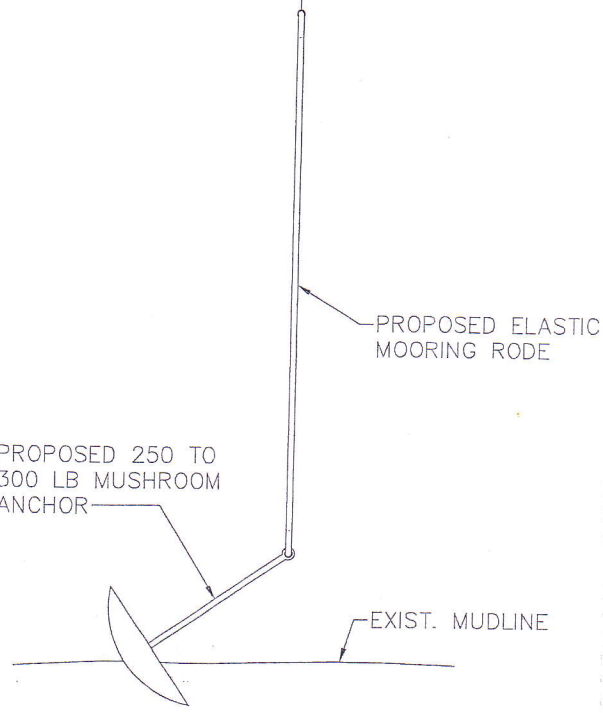
DATE: 11/19/15

SHEET 5 OF 6

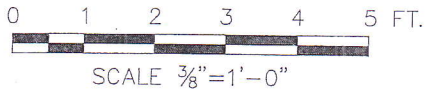
PROPOSED PENNANT WITH PROPOSED THIMBLE

PROPOSED BUOY

WATERLINE



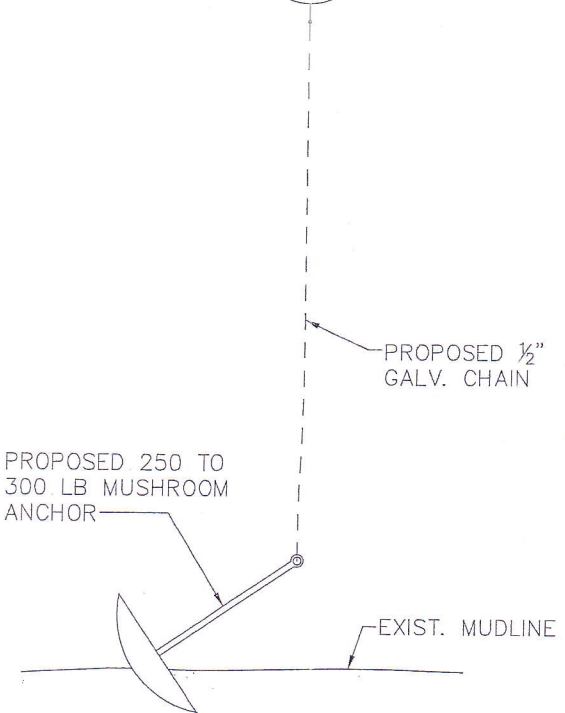
**PROPOSED TYPICAL MOORING
DETAIL IN SHELLFISH BEDS**



PROPOSED PENNANT WITH PROPOSED THIMBLE

PROPOSED BUOY

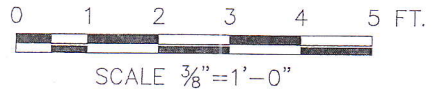
WATERLINE



NOTE

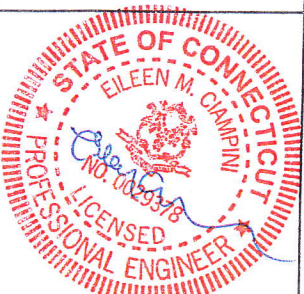
TOTAL LENGTH OF PROPOSED CHAIN APPROXIMATELY THREE (3) TIMES MEAN HIGH WATER DEPTH AT PROPOSED MOORING GRID POINT.

**PROPOSED TYPICAL
MOORING DETAIL
OUTSIDE OF SHELLFISH BEDS**



FOR PERMIT USE ONLY
NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION

REV. 2 3/3/16



DATUM: NAVD88
APPLICATION BY: ROCKY POINT CLUB, INC.
APPLICATION NO.:
AGENT: COW NORTH AMERICA, INC.

PROPOSED MOORINGS
LONG ISLAND SOUND
TOWN OF GREENWICH
COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DATE: 11/19/15

SHEET 6 OF 6

Summary of Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Designation

10' x 10' Square Coordinates:

Boundary	North	East	South	West
Coordinate	41° 10.0' N	73° 30.0' W	41° 00.0' N	73° 40.0' W

Square Description (i.e. habitat, landmarks, coastline markers): Atlantic Ocean waters within the square within Long Island Sound affecting south of the following: Greenwich, CT., Belle Harbor, CT., Cos Cob, CT., Riverside, CT., Stamford, CT., Glenbrook, CT., and Mianus, CT., along with Greenwich Pt., Shippan Pt., Field Pt., Cos Cob Harbor, and the entrance to the Ripparan River and the Mianus River, from Holly Pond south of Noroton Heights to east of Port Chester NY. Also affected are: Captain Harbor, Newfoundland Reef, The Cows, Stamford Harbor, Westcott Cove, and western Holly Pond.

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>Pseudopleuronectes americanus</i>)	X	X	X	X
yellowtail flounder (<i>Limanda ferruginea</i>)				
windowpane flounder (<i>Scophthalmus aquosus</i>)	X	X	X	X
American plaice (<i>Hippoglossoides platessoides</i>)			X	X
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 pealeii</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>)	X	X	X	X
summer flounder (<i>Paralichthys dentatus</i>)			X	
scup (<i>Stenotomus chrysops</i>)	X	X	X	X
black sea bass (<i>Centropristis striata</i>)	n/a		X	
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>Carcharias taurus</i>)		X		