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# PUBLIC NOTICE

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**Comment Period Ends: July 25, 2008**

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**In Reply Refer To: Michael J. Elliott**

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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 and on page 4 of this Public Notice. The Corps is soliciting comments on both the project itself and the range of issues to be addressed in the environmental documentation. Full size plans are available for review at the Corps offices located at 696 Virginia Road in Concord, MA.

## **APPLICANT**

Quonset Davisville Navy Yacht Club

## **ACTIVITY**

To install an additional 39 new slips at an existing marina located in Allen Harbor in North Kingstown, Rhode Island. There will be a total of 139 boat slips. There is no dredging or filling proposed. A detailed description and plans of the activity are attached.

## **WATERWAY AND LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED WORK**

The site is located at 81 Westcott Road in North Kingstown, Rhode Island. The marina is located in the southern portion of Allen Harbor. The location is on the USGS Wickford, Rhode Island quadrangle sheet at approximate lat/long coordinates N41° 37.071' and W71° 24.848'.

## **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

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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.

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.

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 Michael Elliott at (978) 318-8131, (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.

### **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 approximately 1.5 acres of Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) for haddock (larvae), red hake (larvae, juveniles, adults), winter flounder (eggs, larvae, juveniles, adults), windowpane flounder (eggs, larvae, juveniles, adults), American plaice (larvae, juveniles, adults), Atlantic sea herring (larvae, juveniles, adults), bluefish (juveniles, adults), Atlantic mackerel (eggs, larvae, juveniles, adults), summer flounder (larvae, juveniles, adults), scup (eggs, larvae, juveniles, adults), black sea bass (juveniles, adults), king mackerel (eggs, larvae, juveniles, adults), Spanish mackerel (eggs, larvae, juveniles, adults), cobia (eggs, larvae, juveniles, adults) and sand tiger shark (larvae). The habitat consists of silt, sand and gravel. 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.

### **106 REVIEW COMPLETE**

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

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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.

Pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, the District Engineer is hereby requesting that the appropriate Federal Agency provide comments regarding the presence of and potential impacts to listed species or its critical habitat.

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 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.

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.

**THIS NOTICE IS NOT AN AUTHORIZATION TO DO ANY WORK.**

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Cori M. Rose  
Chief, Permits & Enforcement Branch  
Regulatory Division

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**PROPOSED WORK AND PURPOSE**

There is an existing 100 slip marina at the site in the southern portion of Allen Harbor. The site was once part of a Navy base located at Quonset. It is currently owned by the United States of America and leased to the Quonset Davisville Navy Yacht Club (QDNYC). QDNYC proposes to add 39 new boat slips to the marina to accommodate new members. An existing pier will be removed and a new 10' x 50' main access pier to the marina will be built. A portion of the existing slips will be realigned in a more efficient configuration.

The docks are labelled A –E with E being the new dock. A dock will be lengthened by 35'. The 8' x 430' B Dock is the main north-south float; Docks A, C, D and E run east-west from B Dock. C Dock will be lengthened by 100'. D Dock will be lengthened by 80'. E Dock is new; it consists of a 5' x 245' main float with six 4' x 48' finger floats extending north and six 4' x 40' finger floats extending south.

The most seaward structure is Dock C. It will extend approximately 375' past mean high water in Allen Harbor.

There is no dredging or filling proposed as part of this application.

The existing marina perimeter limit will be revised to encompass the expanded marina.

The work is described on the enclosed plans entitled "CRMC/ACOE MARINA EXPANSION WESTCOTT ROAD – ALLEN HARBOR NORTH KINGSTOWN, RHODE ISLAND 02852" dated "2/11/08".

## Summary of Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Designation

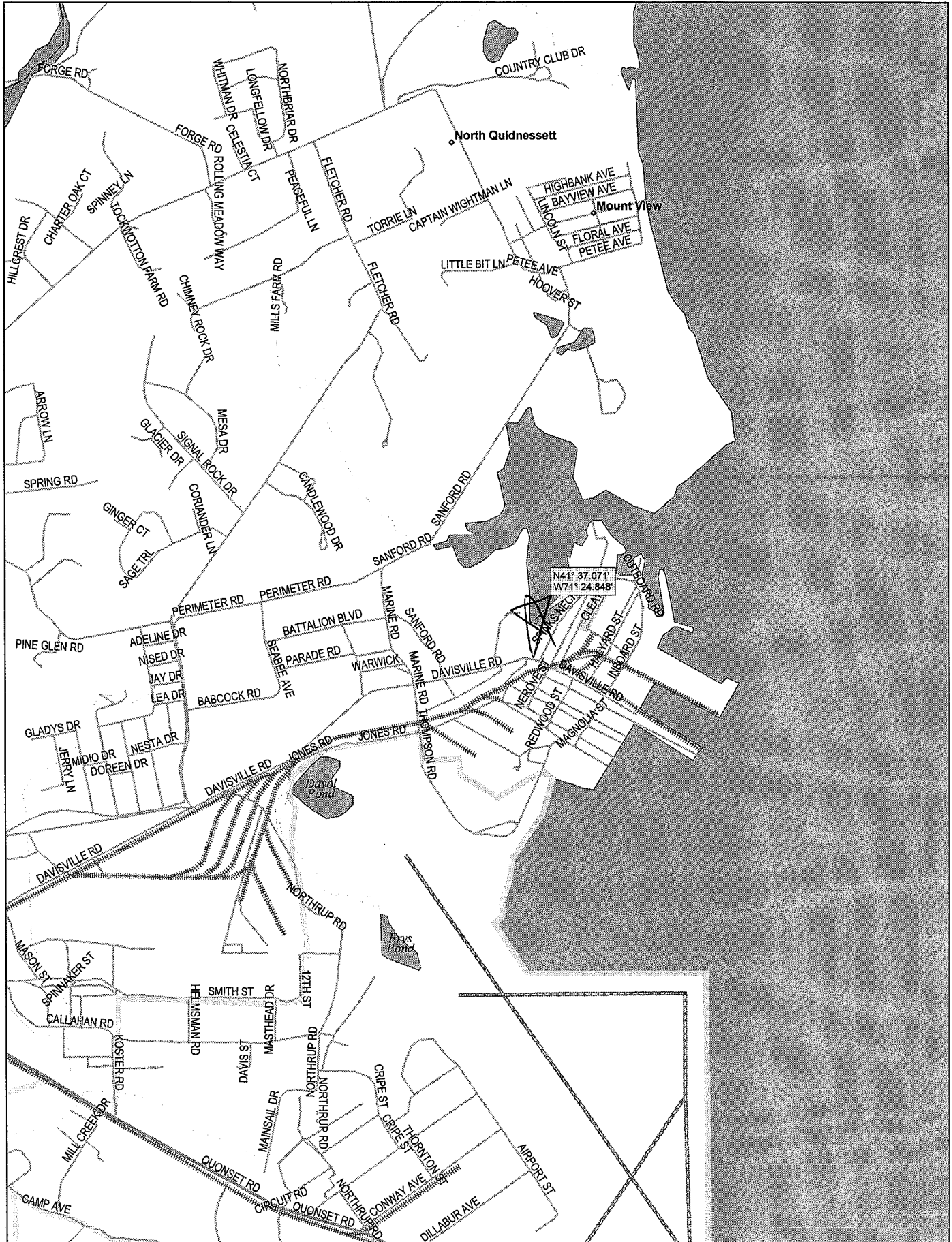
### 10' x 10' Square Coordinates:

Boundary	North	East	South	West
Coordinate	41° 40.0' N	71° 20.0' W	41° 30.0' N	71° 30.0' W

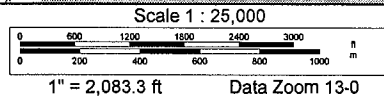
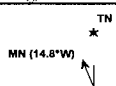
**Square Description (i.e. habitat, landmarks, coastline markers):** Waters within the square within Narragansett Bay affecting the following: south of Rhode I., including the western half of the East Passage the West Passage, and the northern half of Conanicut Island. Also affected are: Calf Pasture Pt., Allen Harbor, Davisville Depot, Sauga Pt. and Poplar Pt. on Fishing Cove east of Wickford, RI., Lone Tree Pt., Wild Goose Pt., Fox I., Bissel Cove, Rome Pt, Green Pt., Plum Beach east of Barber Heights, RI., Casey Pt., Saunderstown, RI., and Dutch I., all on the mainland, and on Conanicut I., from Sand Pt., south to Jamestown, RI., west of the island along with Potter Cove and Taylor Pt. northeast of Jamestown, RI. on the east side of the island. Other important areas affected: National Estuarine Sanctuaries around Hope I., Despair I., and Gooseberry I., and around the northwest portion of Prudence I., including Potter Cove, Gull Pt., Bear Pt., Providence Pt., Coggeshall Cove, Sheep Pen Cove, and Pine Hill Pt. Also affected are, Patience I. and the very tip of Warwick Pt. on Warwick Neck, south of Warwick, RI., the waters within and around Greenwich Cove east of East Greenwich, RI., and waters around Potowomut Neck on Greenwich Bay, including on the Potowomut River" Sandy Pt., Marsh Pt., Pojac Pt., and Bluff Pt, the Potowomut River, Tibbets Creek, Mount View, RI., Cold Spring Rock, Round Rock, Hunt Ledge, and Flat Rock, Old Seargent, and the Annaquatacut River.

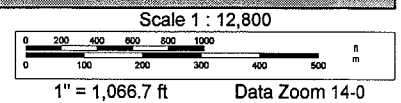
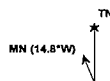
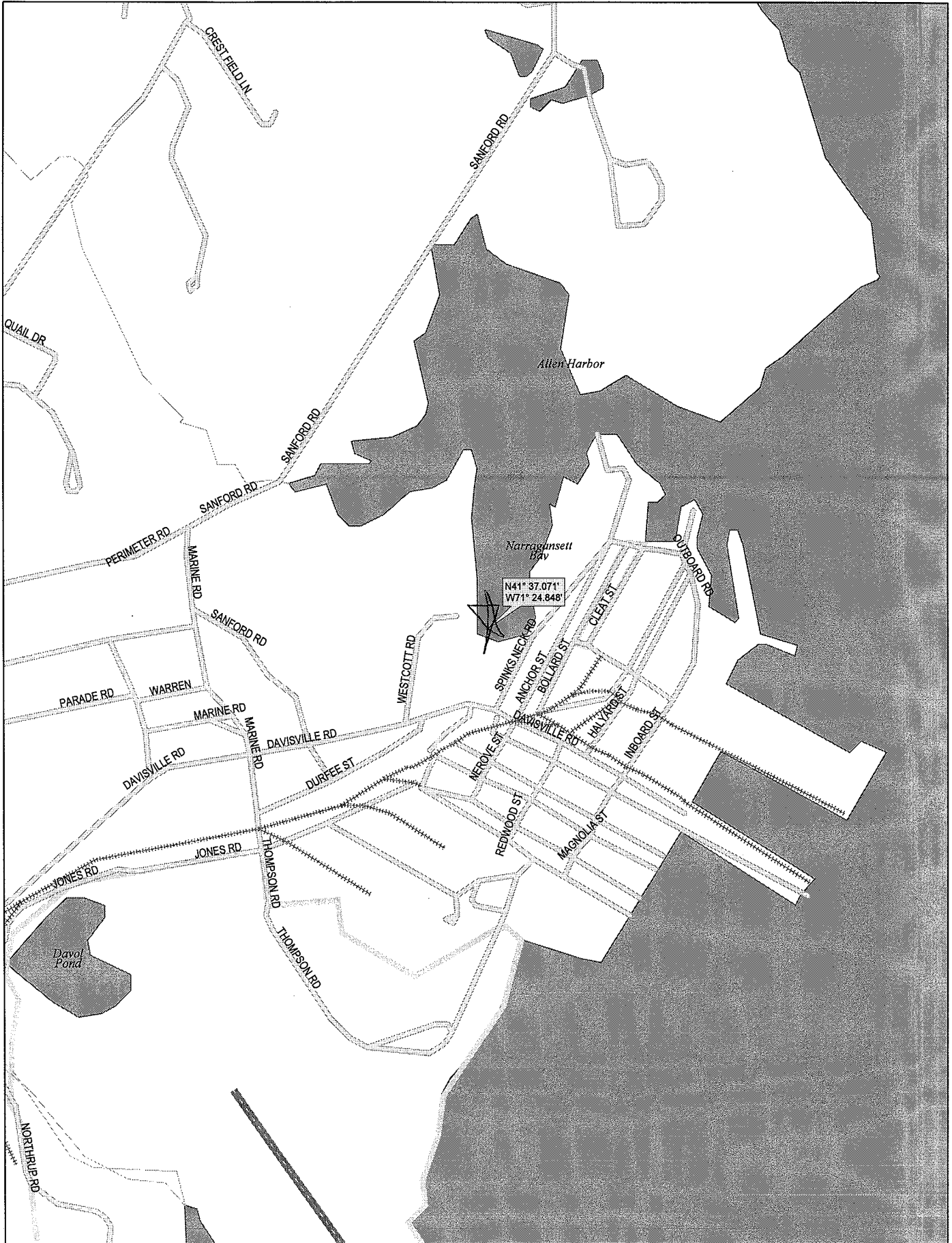
Species	Eggs	Larvae	Juveniles	Adults
Atlantic cod ( <i>Gadus morhua</i> )				
haddock ( <i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i> )		X		
pollock ( <i>Pollachius virens</i> )				
whiting ( <i>Merluccius bilinearis</i> )				
red hake ( <i>Urophycis chuss</i> )		X	X	X
white hake ( <i>Urophycis tenuis</i> )				
redfish ( <i>Sebastes fasciatus</i> )	n/a			
witch flounder ( <i>Glyptocephalus cynoglossus</i> )				
winter flounder ( <i>Pleuronectes americanus</i> )	X	X	X	X
yellowtail flounder ( <i>Pleuronectes ferruginea</i> )				
windowpane flounder ( <i>Scophthalmus aquosus</i> )	X	X	X	X
American plaice ( <i>Hippoglossoides platessoides</i> )		X	X	X
ocean pout ( <i>Macrozoarces americanus</i> )				
Atlantic sea scallop ( <i>Placopecten magellanicus</i> )				
Atlantic sea herring ( <i>Clupea harengus</i> )		X	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> )	X	X	X	X
summer flounder ( <i>Paralichthys dentatus</i> )		X	X	X
scup ( <i>Stenotomus chrysops</i> )	X	X	X	X
black sea bass ( <i>Centropristus striata</i> )	n/a		X	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>Odontaspis taurus</i> )		X		



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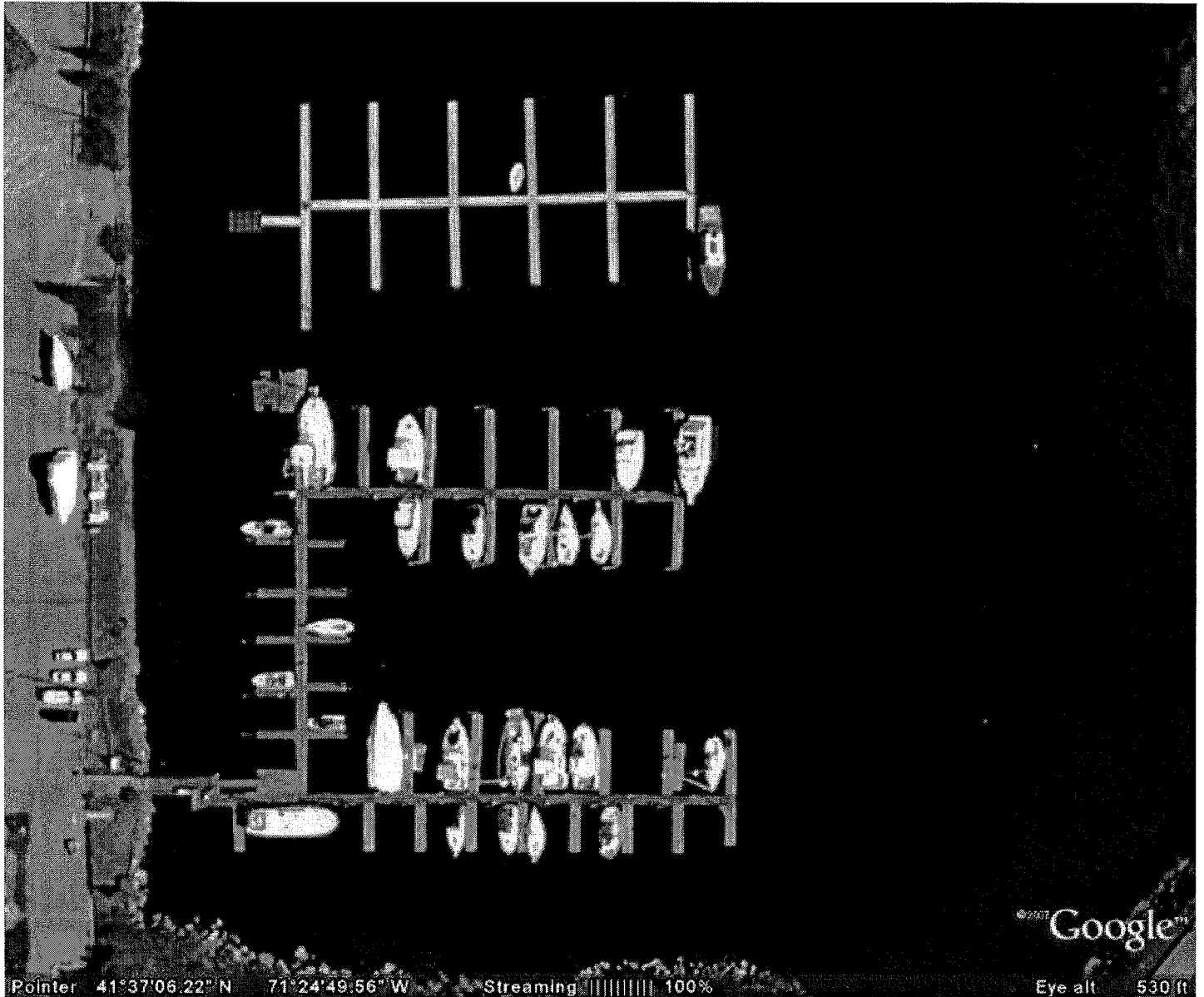


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EyeAlt 1048 ft



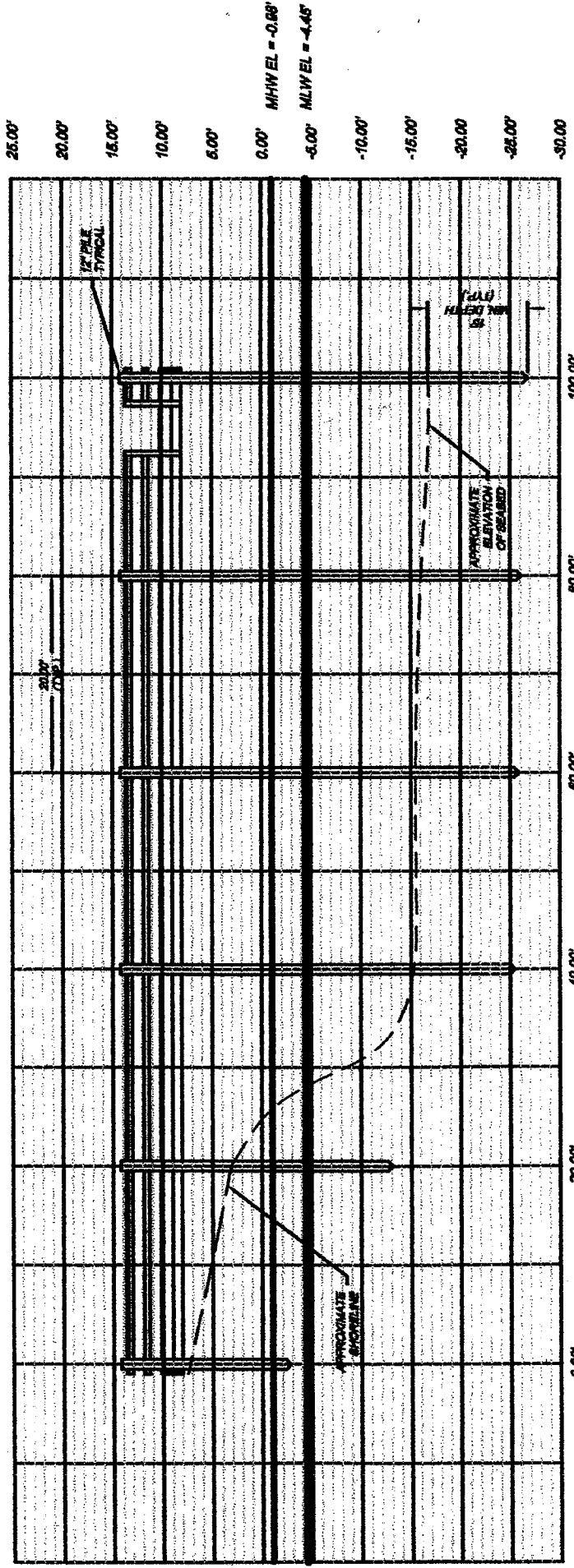
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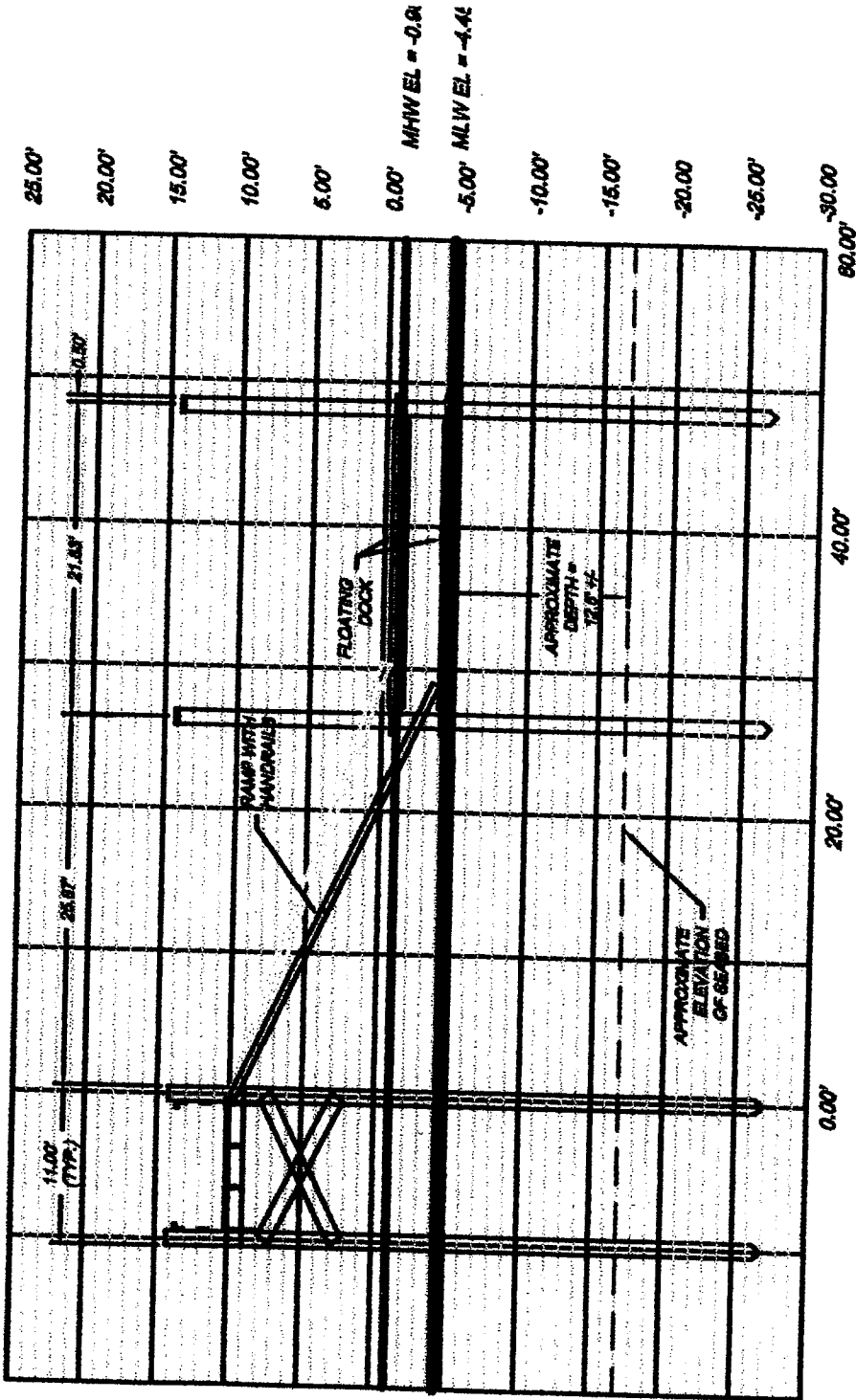
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# RAMP AND FLOAT PROFILE

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6" x 12" STEEL ANGLE -  
 6' LONG W/ 1/2" DIA  
 LONG ANCHORS @ 15' O.C.  
 ALL NOT TO SCALE