



PUBLIC NOTICE

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ALTERATION OF A U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS CIVIL WORKS PROJECT PURSUANT TO 33 USC 408: MOORING DOLPHINS BOSTON HARBOR FEDERAL NAVIGATION PROJECT (FNP) SOUTH BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District (USACE) is evaluating plans under 33 U.S.C. 408 (Section 408) to install new mooring dolphins in Boston Harbor proposed by the Massachusetts Planning and Development Agency. The proposed dolphins will be installed within the 3:1 buffer zone of the USACE maintained 40-foot Dry Dock Approach Channel of the Boston Harbor Federal Navigation Project (FNP) located at Raymond L. Flynn Marine Park, South Boston, Massachusetts. The direct impact to the FNP offset is the installation of four (4) new mooring dolphins. Each dolphin will be supported by eleven new steel H-piles replacing six existing piles within each footprint, with structural steel framing spanning between foundations and a 6.5-foot by 12-foot energy absorbing sea cushion on the seaward face. The dolphins will sit approximately 20.5-feet from the FNP.

This Notice is being issued pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 408 and USACE Engineering Circular (EC) 1165-2-220. Section 408 allows USACE to grant permission for the alteration, occupation, or use of a USACE civil works project if it is determined that the activity will not be injurious to the public interest and will not impair the usefulness of the Federal project. USACE has made the preliminary determination that the installation of new dolphins within the FNP offset will not have a negative impact on public interest, use, or our ability to maintain the Boston Harbor FNP. The public is invited to provide comment associated with this Section 408 evaluation. To request more information contact: Christina Comeau, New England District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 696 Virginia Road, Concord, MA 01742, (978) 318-8705, Christina.M.Comeau@usace.army.mil. The comment period will end on November 26, 2025. Letters should be postmarked by this date.