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ALTERATION OF A U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS CIVIL WORKS PROJECT PURSUANT TO 33 USC 408: MAINTENANCE DREDGING BRANFORD HARBOR FEDERAL NAVIGATION PROJECT (FNP) BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT

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 conduct maintenance dredging in the Branford River proposed by Dutch Wharf Boat Yard and Marina. The proposed dredging will be conducted within the 3:1 buffer zone of the USACE maintained 8.5' feet deep Branford Harbor Federal Navigation Project (FNP) located at 70 Maple Street, Branford, Connecticut. The direct impact to the FNP offset is the maintenance dredging of approximately 1,985 cubic yards of material from an area of approximately 16,286 square feet to a depth of -8 feet mean lower low water with a 1 foot overdredge.

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 maintenance dredging within the FNP offset will not have a negative impact on public interest, use, or our ability to maintain the Branford 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 April 3, 2025. Letters should be postmarked by this date.