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ALTERATION OF A U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS CIVIL WORKS PROJECT PURSUANT TO 33 USC 408: FENDER INSTALLATION 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 fender systems in Boston Harbor proposed by the Massachusetts Port Authority. The proposed fenders will be installed within the 3:1 buffer zone of the USACE maintained 35' and 40' Reserved Channels of the Boston Harbor Federal Navigation Project (FNP) located at 1 Black Falcon Avenue, South Boston, Massachusetts. The direct impact to the FNP offset is the installation of five (5) new fender systems. Each fender system consists of a 10-foot diameter foam fender and concrete frame supported by three (3) 16-inch diameter steel pipe piles.

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 fender systems 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 December 7, 2024. Letters should be postmarked by this date.