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**ALTERATION OF A U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS CIVIL WORKS  
PROJECT PURSUANT TO 33 USC 408: PIER REPLACEMENT  
COCHECO RIVER FEDERAL NAVIGATION PROJECT (FNP)  
DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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 replace an existing pier structure in the Cocheco River proposed by Saddle Trail Drive Homeowners Association. The pier replacement will be located within the 3:1 offset of the USACE maintained Cocheco River Federal Navigation Project (FNP) in Dover, New Hampshire. The direct impact to FNP offset is the replacement of an 8 foot by 75 foot floating dock with two (2) 6 foot by 20 foot floating docks, a 6 foot by 25 foot floating dock, and an 8 foot by 25 foot floating dock. The previous pier structure was located approximately 19.5 feet away from the channel limits. The proposed structure will sit approximately 10 feet away from the channel limits.

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 pier replacement within the FNP offset will not have a negative impact on public interest, use, or our ability to maintain the Cocheco River 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](mailto:Christina.M.Comeau@usace.army.mil). The comment period will end on March 21, 2026. Letters should be postmarked by this date.