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ATTENTION OF:

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U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, MOBILE DISTRICT  
P.O. BOX 2288  
MOBILE, ALABAMA 36628-0001

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**JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE SAM-2007-1957-JWS  
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
OFFICE OF POLLUTION CONTROL**

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES**

**Bert Jones Yacht Basin  
City of Gulfport  
Harrison County, Mississippi**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 10 of the River and Harbor Act of 1899 (33 USC 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344). Please communicate this information to interested parties.

**APPLICANT:** City of Gulfport  
P.O. Box 1780  
Gulfport, Mississippi 39502

**Agent:** BMI Environmental Services, LLC  
521 34<sup>th</sup> Street  
Gulfport, Mississippi 39507

**LOCATION OF WORK:** Bert Jones Yacht Basin, 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Section 09, Township 8 South, Range 11 West, Latitude 30°21'49"/Longitude 89°05'06", in the Mississippi Sound, Gulfport, Harrison County, Mississippi.

**WORK DESCRIPTION:** The applicant proposes to create/dredge an 800' X 200' (3.67 acre) channel to -7.5 ft below mllw, create/dredge a 250' X 215' (1.23 acre) basin to -7.5 below mllw for a total of approximately 26,000 cy of dredged material, fill 6.06 acres of tidal waters for parking, excavate 4.47 acres to create habitat to offset the 6.06 acres of filling, construct a 690 linear-foot bulkhead, install 1 main pier and 4 finger piers (3,480 square-feet total), construct 4 boat ramps (80' X 30' each or 9,600 square-feet total), construct a 1,200' X 30' (0.83 acre) riprap jetty, construct a 300' X 30' (0.20 acre) riprap jetty, and install 18 channel marker/sign pilings. The dredging will be performed by dragline and/or hydraulic dredge. If dredged by hydraulic method, the dredged material will be placed in the northwest corner of the harbor, allowed to dewater and then transported by truck to the Harrison County Development Commission Upland Disposal Area C-1.

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If dredged by dragline method, the dredged material will be placed on a barge and transported to the C-1 for disposal.

The overall project purpose is to create a recreational boating facility to serve the citizens of Gulfport, Mississippi.

The applicant has applied for certification from the State of Mississippi in accordance with Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, and upon completion of the required advertising, a determination relative to certification will be made.

Also, the applicant has applied for certification from the State that the proposed activity complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the State Coastal Zone Management Program. A determination relative to consistency will be made by the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources.

This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons in order to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) can be based. For accuracy and completeness of the record, all data in support of or in opposition to the proposed work should be submitted in writing setting forth sufficient detail to furnish a clear understanding of the reasons for support or opposition. The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, including cumulative impacts, 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 reasonably may be expected to 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 values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, 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 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 activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps 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

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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.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

Evaluation of the probable impacts involving deposits of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and Appendix C of 33 CFR 325, the undertaking defined in this notice is being considered for the potential to effect cultural and historic properties within the permit area. Although the extent of federal control and responsibility for these considerations are confined to the limits of the permit area for this particular project, the potential indirect effects that may occur to historic properties as a result of this undertaking are also being considered. We are seeking comment from the State Historic Preservation Officer, federally-recognized American Indian tribes, local historical societies, museums, universities, the National Park Service, and concerned citizens regarding the existence or the potential for existence of significant cultural and historic properties within the permit area. Historic architectural or archaeological investigations may be necessary to ascertain the existence of such resources. Efforts will be made through the consultation process to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects to significant cultural and historic properties that may occur as a result of this undertaking. The district engineer remains the final decision authority.

Preliminary review of this application and the U.S. Department of the Interior List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants indicate that the proposed activity may affect listed endangered or threatened species. Specifically, the Leatherback sea turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*), Hawksbill sea turtle (*Eremachelys imbricate*), Kemp's Ridley turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*), Green sea turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), Loggerhead sea turtle (*Caretta caretta*), Gulf Sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus desotoi*), and the Smalltooth Sawfish (*Pristis pectinata*) may be affected by this project.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The proposal would impact approximately 15.73 acres of marine substrate utilized by various life stages of red drum, Spanish mackerel, and shrimp. Our initial determination is that the proposed action may have an adverse impact on EFH or

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Federally managed fisheries.

Correspondence concerning this Public Notice should refer to Public Notice Number SAM-2007-1957-JWS and should be directed to:

District Engineer  
U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile (RD-C)  
Post Office Box 2288  
Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001  
Attn: Jason Steele

With a Copy to:  
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality  
Office of Pollution Control  
Post Office Box 10385  
Jackson, Mississippi 39289

And to:  
Mississippi Department of Marine Resources  
1141 Bayview Avenue, Suite 101  
Biloxi, Mississippi 39530

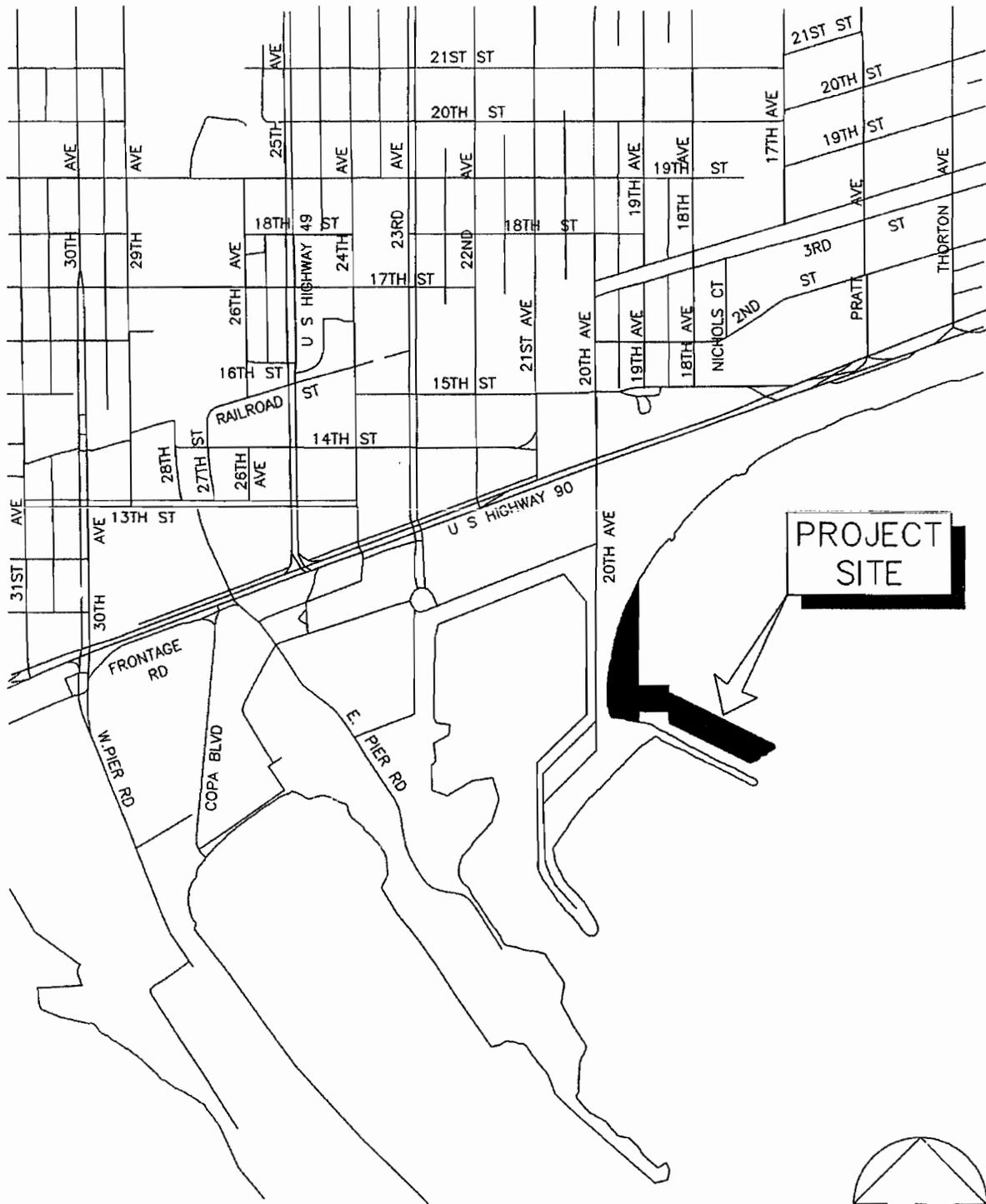
Comments should be received no later than **30 days** from the date of this Public notice.

If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact the project manager via e-mail at [Jason.W.Steele@usace.army.mil](mailto:Jason.W.Steele@usace.army.mil) or telephone number **(251) 690-3188**. Please refer to the above Public Notice number.

For additional information about our Regulatory Program, please visit our web site at [www.sam.usace.army.mil/RD/reg](http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/RD/reg), and please take a moment to complete our customer satisfaction survey while you're there. Your responses are appreciated and will allow us to improve our services.

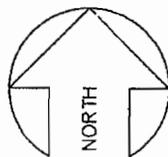
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VICINITY MAP  
 MOSES JETTY BOAT LAUNCH  
 GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

PROJECT  
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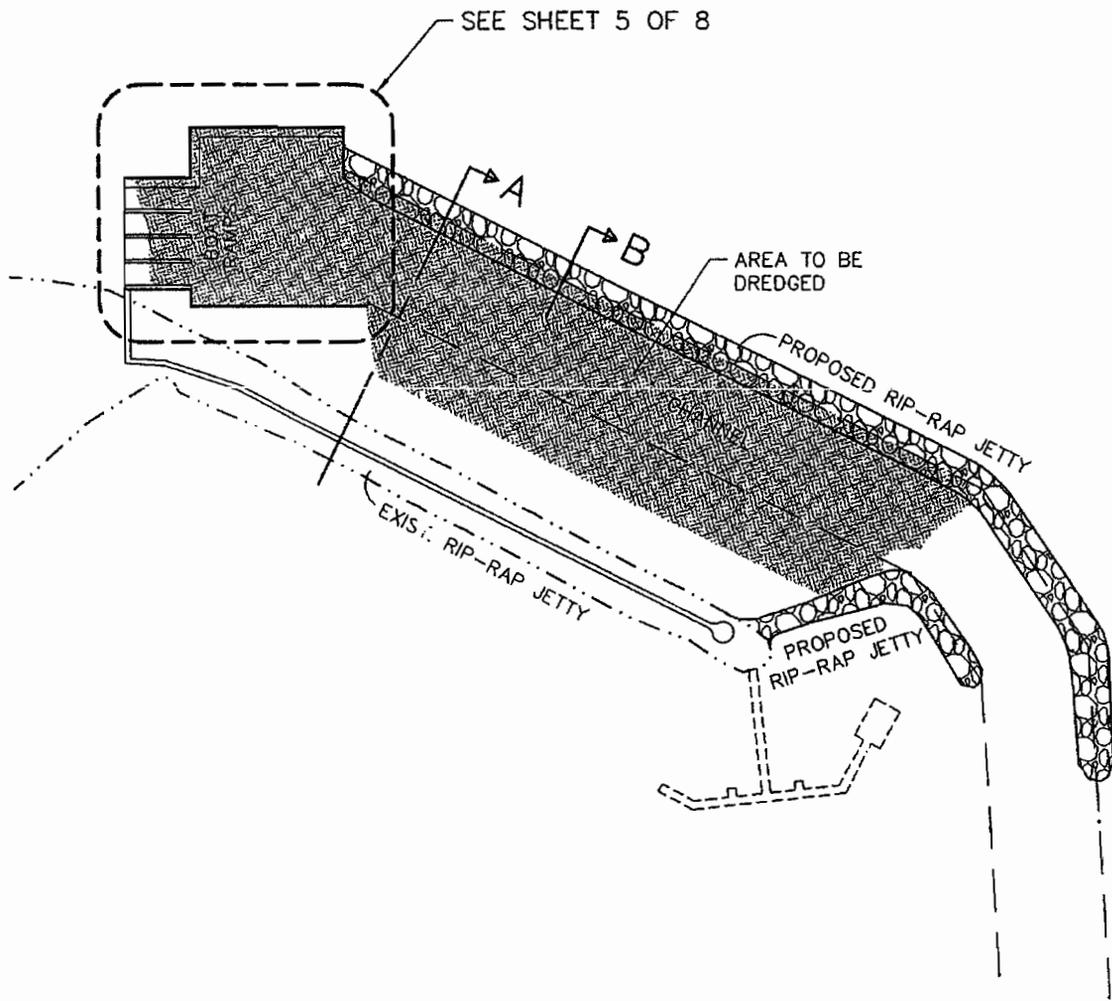


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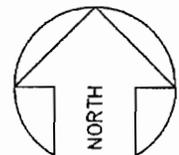
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**DREDGING PLAN**  
 MOSES JETTY BOAT LAUNCH  
 GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI



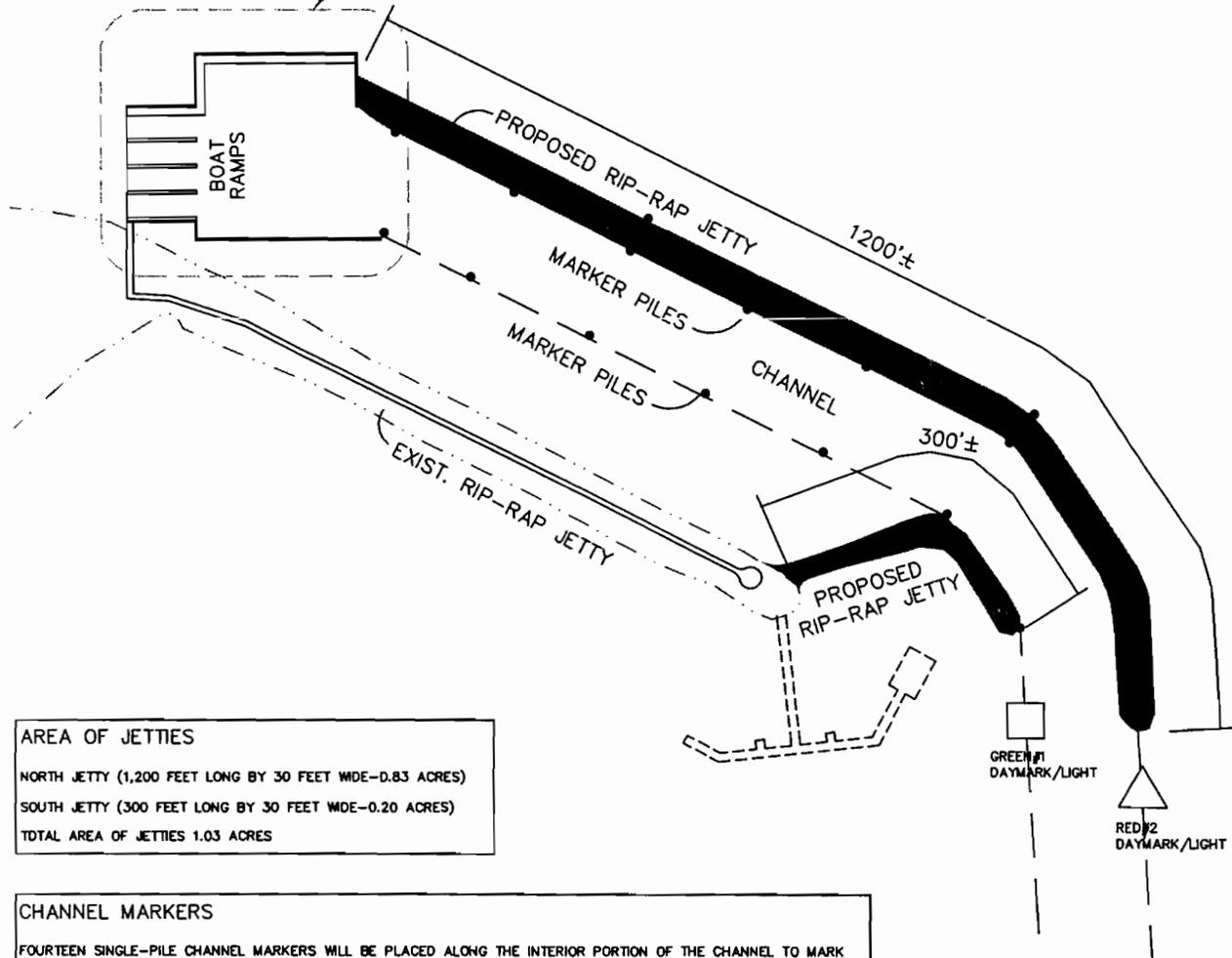
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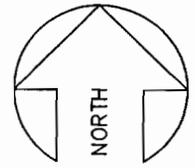


**AREA OF JETTIES**  
 NORTH JETTY (1,200 FEET LONG BY 30 FEET WIDE-0.83 ACRES)  
 SOUTH JETTY (300 FEET LONG BY 30 FEET WIDE-0.20 ACRES)  
 TOTAL AREA OF JETTIES 1.03 ACRES

**CHANNEL MARKERS**  
 FOURTEEN SINGLE-PILE CHANNEL MARKERS WILL BE PLACED ALONG THE INTERIOR PORTION OF THE CHANNEL TO MARK THE CHANNEL AND THE EDGE OF THE RIP-RAP JETTY.  
 TWO SINGLE-PILE MARKERS WILL BE PLACED ALONG THE NORTHERN MARGIN OF THE NORTH JETTY. SIGNAGE WILL BE "DANGER ROCKS".  
 ONE SINGLE-PILE MARKER WITH A FOUR FOOT TRIANGLE RED DAYMARK DESIGNATED #2 AND RED FLASHING LIGHT WILL BE PLACED ON THE STARBOARD SIDE OF THE ENTRANCE CHANNEL.  
 ONE SINGLE-PILE MARKER WITH A THREE FOOT SQUARE GREEN DAYMARK DESIGNATED AS #1 AND A GREEN FLASHING LIGHT WILL BE PLACED ON THE PORT SIDE OF THE ENTRANCE CHANNEL. THE

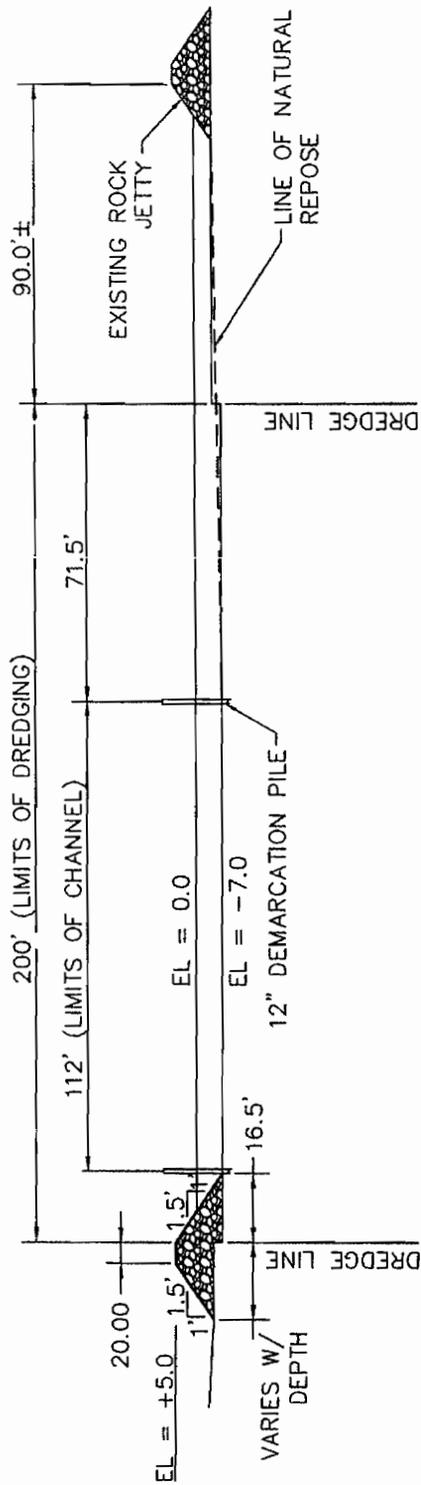
# JETTY/CHANNEL MARKER PLAN

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**DREDGING SECTION**  
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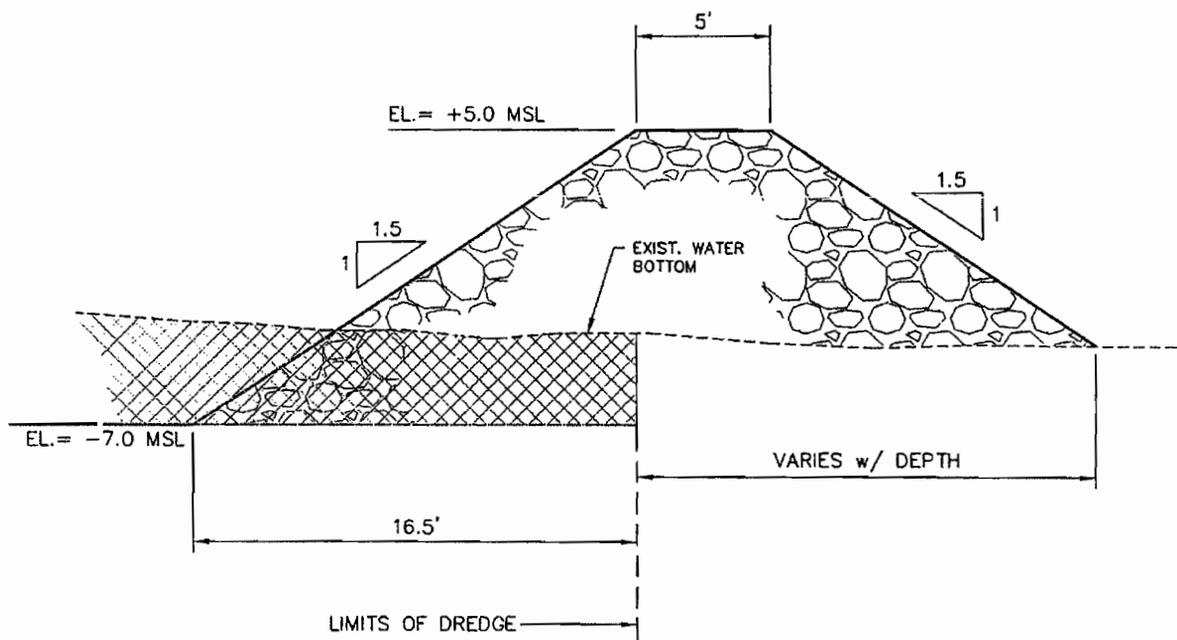


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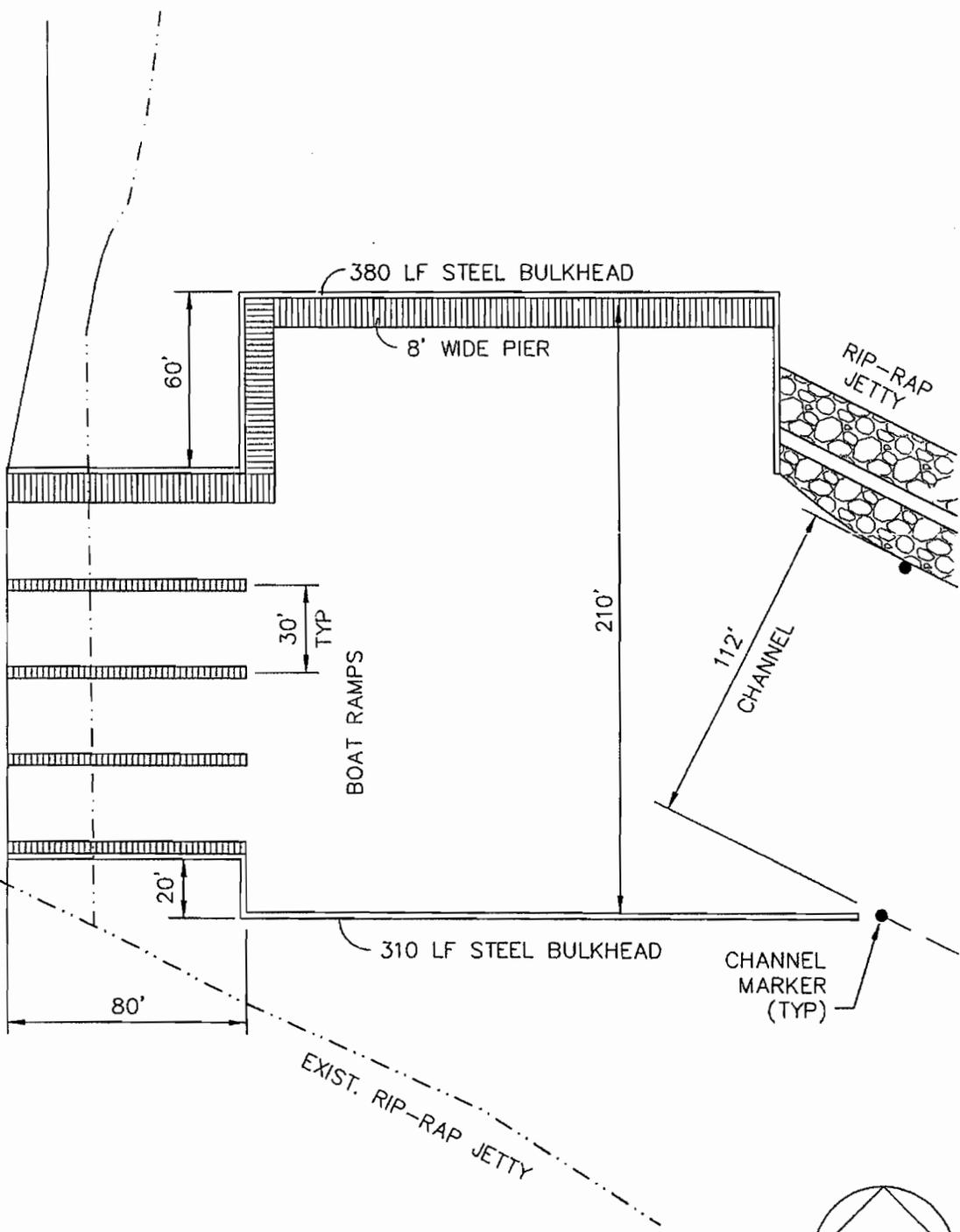
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RIP-RAP JETTY SECTION  
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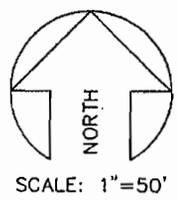
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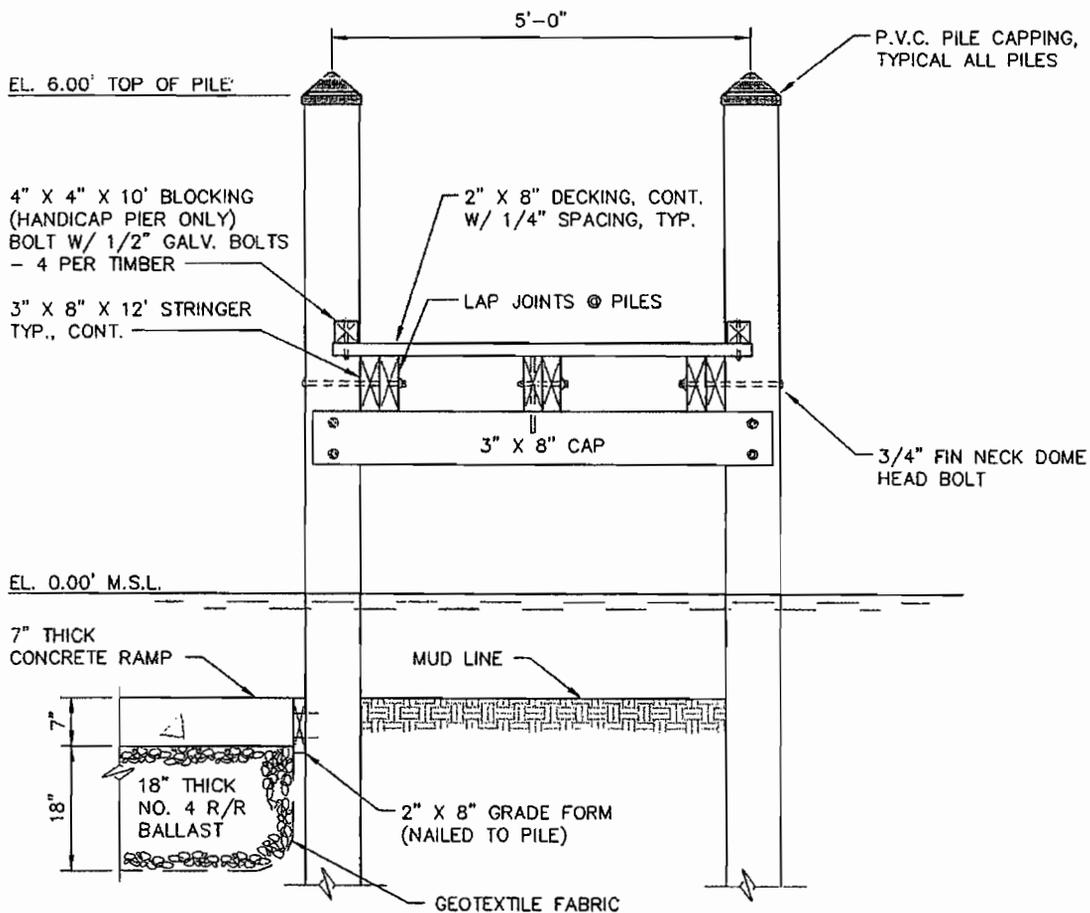
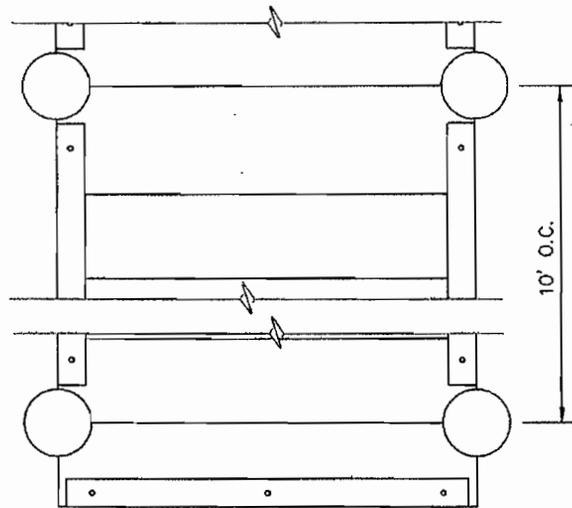
**BOAT LAUNCH PLAN**  
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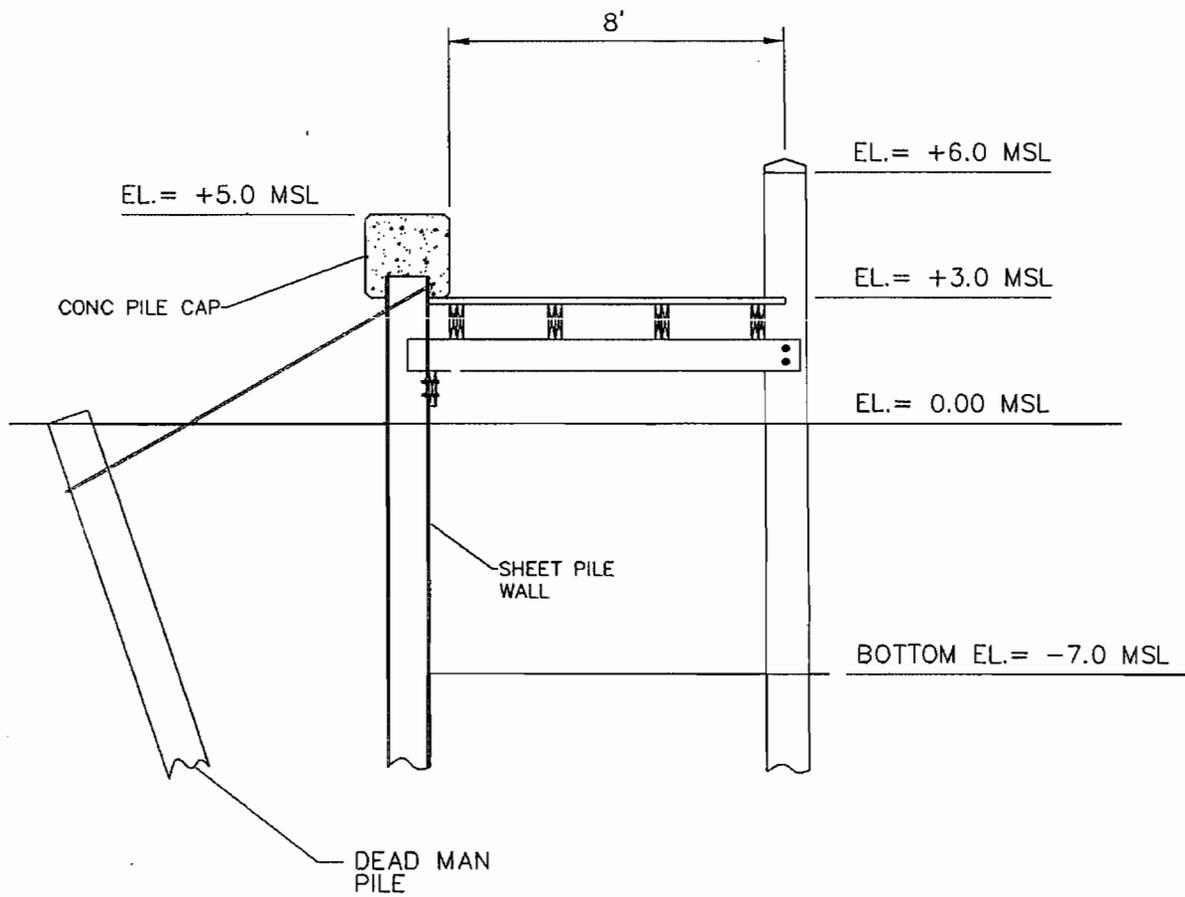


**TYPICAL PIER PLAN & SECTION**  
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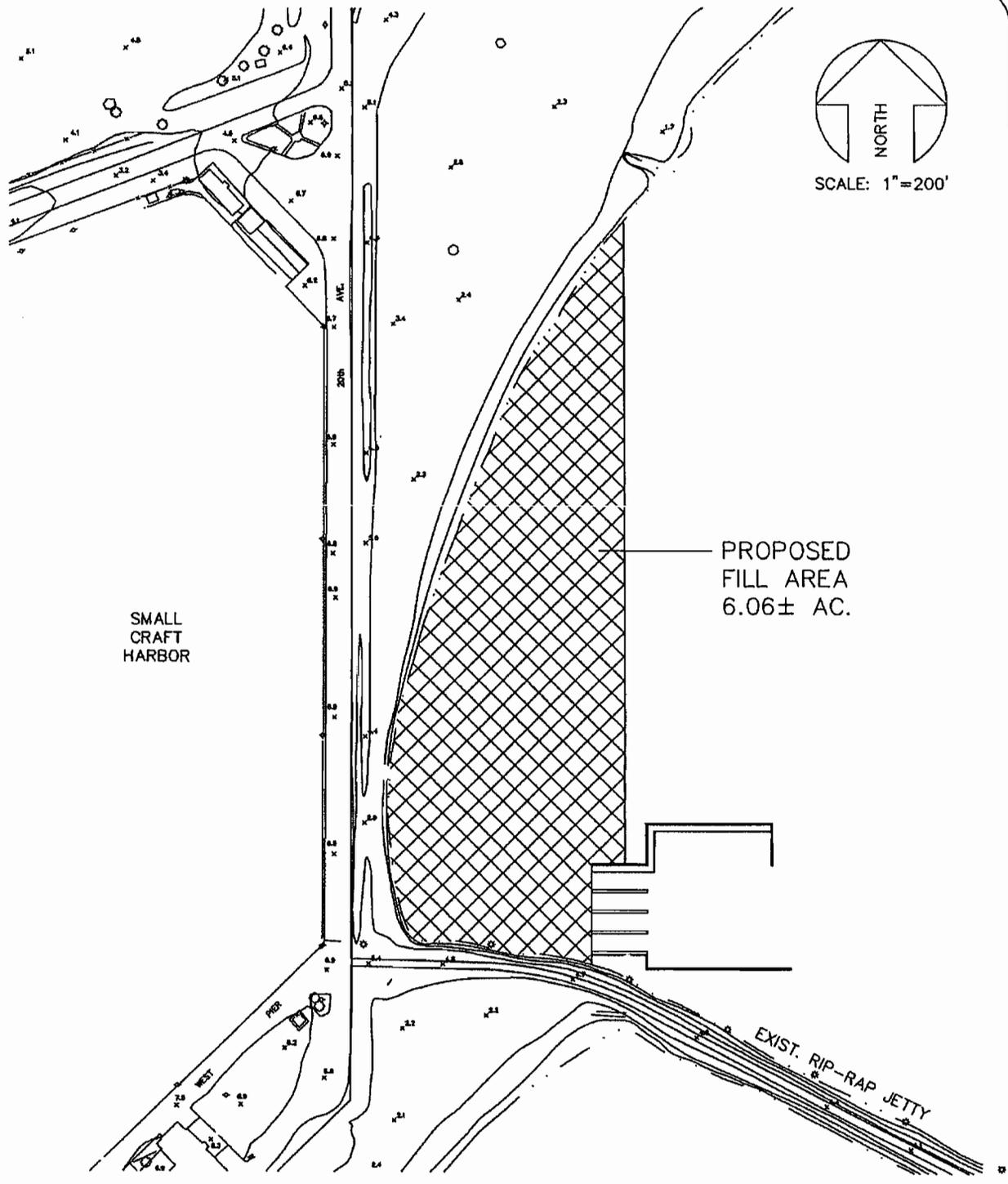


**BULKHEAD w/ PIER SECTION**  
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PARKING FILL AREA  
 MOSES JETTY BOAT LAUNCH  
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