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CESAM-RD-A PUBLIC NOTICE NO. SAM-2014-01182-DEM

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

PROPOSED FILLING OF WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES IN CONJUNCTION WITH RECLAMATION AND STABILIZATION OF ERODED SHORELINE IN BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: This District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403), and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). Please communicate this information to interested parties.

APPLICANTS: Ms. Harriet and Mr. Thomas McMillan 5 Perdido Point Orange Beach, Alabama 36561

> Mr. James L. Minish III 5610 East Oak Ridge Drive Orange Beach, Alabama 36561

LOCATION OF WORK: The proposed project is located on Perdido Bay, at three adjoining properties, including 5 Perdido Point, Lot #25 Perdido Gate, and 5610 East Oak Ridge Drive; within Section 37 of Township 8 South, Range 5 East; at Latitude 30.307283° North, Longitude -87.514911° West; in Orange Beach, Baldwin County, Alabama. The project site is located within the Alabama Coastal Zone Management Area.

PROJECT PURPOSE: The purpose of the proposed project is to reclaim property that has been lost to erosion, stabilize the re-established shoreline with a bulkhead and with riprap in order to protect the property from erosion, and restore water bottoms around existing piers and boat shelters to navigable depths.

PROPOSED WORK: The applicants propose to construct approximately 275 linear feet of bulkhead and then backfill approximately 8,480 square feet (0.19 acre) of open water area with 1,182 cubic yards of dredged sand fill, of which 472 cubic yards would be placed below the plane of mean high water (MHW). In addition, the applicants propose to place approximately 213 cubic yards of riprap rock (133 cubic yards of which will be below the plane of MHW) along the waterward toe of the bulkhead (287 linear feet). The riprap would extend out a maximum of 8 feet from the toe of the bulkhead. The completed reclaimed area would extend a maximum of 70 feet waterward from the existing shoreline.

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The applicants propose to hydraulically dredge the areas immediately surrounding their existing docks and boat shelters for navigational access. The dredging will remove enough sand material to allow the applicants' to use their boat shelters and backfill the bulkhead. This will include the removal of 1,182 cubic yards of sand from 7,700 square feet (0.18 acres) of open waters and water bottoms of Perdido Bay, to depths up to -8 feet below MHW. A dredged material catch basin consisting of a sand berm, hay bales and silt fencing will be used for dewatering the dredged material behind the new bulkhead.

AVOIDANCE & MINIMIZATION: The applicant has indicated the fill has been minimized to the greatest extent practicable while still reclaiming some of the eroded shoreline within the applicant's lot-lines, which extend over 100 feet beyond the current MHW line. The dredging is minimized to the areas immediately surrounding the applicants' boat shelters, as the water depths in some areas are as shallow as 2 feet at MHW. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has not determined the adequacy of the applicant's avoidance and minimization efforts for the proposed activity.

COMPENSATORY MITIGATION: Since this project would only reclaim eroded shoreline areas, no mitigation is required.

WATER QUALITY / COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT: The applicant has applied for certification from the State of Alabama in accordance with Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, and for a consistency determination regarding Coastal Zone regulations in accordance with the Alabama Coastal Area Management Program. Upon completion of the required advertising and public comment review, a determination relative to Water Quality Certification and Coastal Zone consistency will be made by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

HISTORIC PROPERTIES: In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and Appendix C of 33 CFR 325, the undertaking defined in this notice has been considered for the potential to affect 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 the this undertaking have also been considered. The National Register of Historic Places will be consulted for properties listed in or eligible for the National Register which are known to exist and would be affected by the proposed work. The Mobile District is seeking comment from the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) regarding the existence, or the potential for existence, of significant cultural and historic properties within the permit area. The permit area described above is currently under review by District Archaeologists to provide a determination on the potential for existence of significant cultural and historic properties.

In addition to the provided comments from the SHPO (the Alabama Historical Commission), we are seeking comments from federally-recognized American Indian tribes, local historical societies, museums, universities, the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Division of Archeological Services and concerned citizens regarding the existence or the potential for existence of significant cultural and historic properties within the permit area.

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ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The proposed project would impact approximately 0.424 acres (18,476 square feet) of estuarine substrate. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have an adverse impact on EFH or federally managed fisheries due to the lack of submerged aquatic vegetation, tidal marsh wetlands, or other EFH in the project vicinity. Our final determination is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service and/or the U.S. Department of Interior, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

ENDANGERED SPECIES: Preliminary review of the U.S. Department of the Interior's List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants indicate the following listed endangered or threatened species with the potential to exist within Mobile Bay or the watershed of the project: Alabama beach mouse (*Peromyscus polionotus ammobates*) (E), Perdido Key beach mouse (*Peromyscus polionotus trissyllepsis*) (E), West Indian manatee (*Trichechus manatus*) (T), Wood stork (*Mycteria americana*) (T), Eastern Indigo snake (*Drymarchon corais couperi*) (T), Gopher tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*) (candidate species), Green sea turtle (*Chelonia mydas*) (T), Kemp's Ridley sea turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*) (E), and Loggerhead sea turtle (*Caretta caretta*) (T). There is no designated critical habitat within the project's action area.

Preliminary review of this application and the above list of threatened or endangered species indicate that the proposed activity will have <u>no effect</u> on any species currently listed as endangered or threatened within Baldwin County, or on any designated critical habitat. This determination is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and state agencies regarding any potential effects on the listed species via this Public Notice.

PUBLIC REVIEW: This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons in order to assist in developing facts on which a decision by the USACE 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 use 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 USACE is soliciting comments from the public; federal, state and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity and 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 preparation of an Environmental

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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 discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States will include the application of the Section 404(b)(1) guidelines established by the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

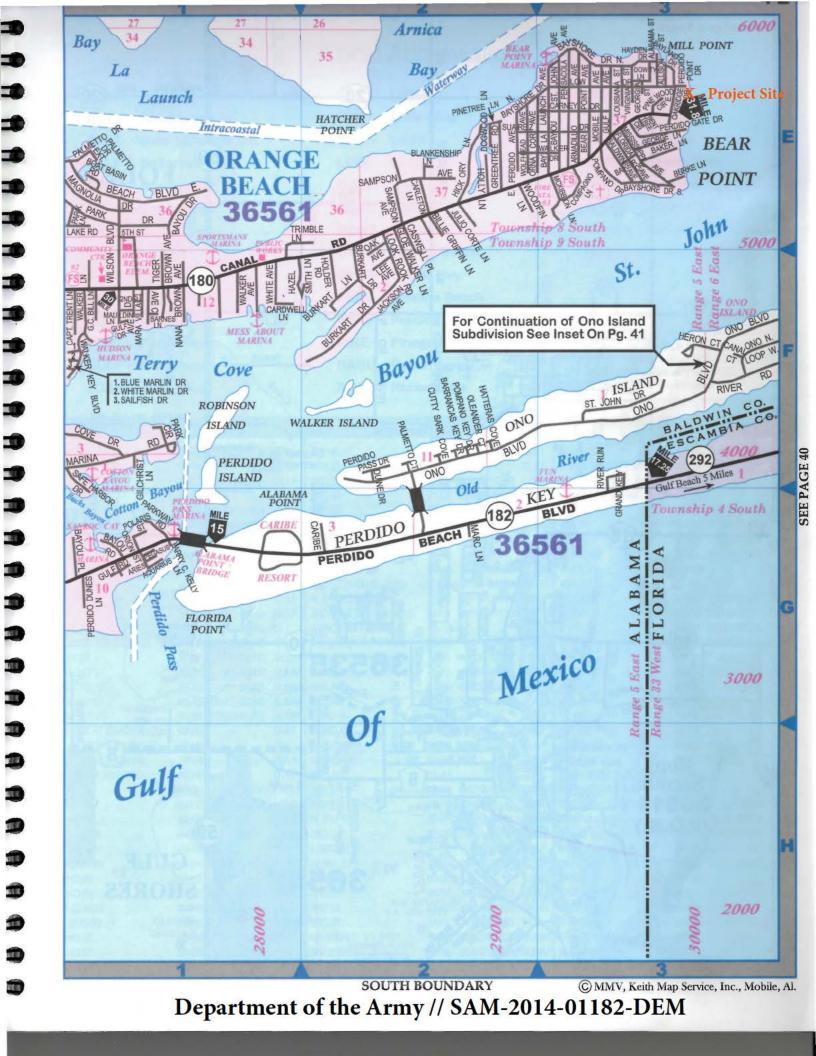
Any correspondence concerning this notice should <u>refer to Public Notice Number SAM-</u> <u>2014-01182-DEM</u> and should be directed to the project manager, Ms. Jessica C. Comeaux at <u>Jessica.C.Comeaux@usace.army.mil</u>, or to the U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile, Regulatory Division (RD-A), Attention: Ms. Jessica C. Comeaux, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001. Copies of all comments should be furnished to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management at <u>coastal@adem.alabama.gov</u>, or sent to: Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Mobile Branch / Coastal Section, 3664 Dauphin Street, Suite B, Mobile, Alabama 36608.

All comments should be received no later than 30 days from the date of issuance of this Public Notice. If you have any questions concerning this publication, you may contact the project manager, Ms. Jessica C. Comeaux by email at <u>Jessica.C.Comeaux@usace.army.mil</u>, or (251) 690-3262. Please refer to the Public Notice Number SAM-2019-00141-JCC, in any communication regarding this project.

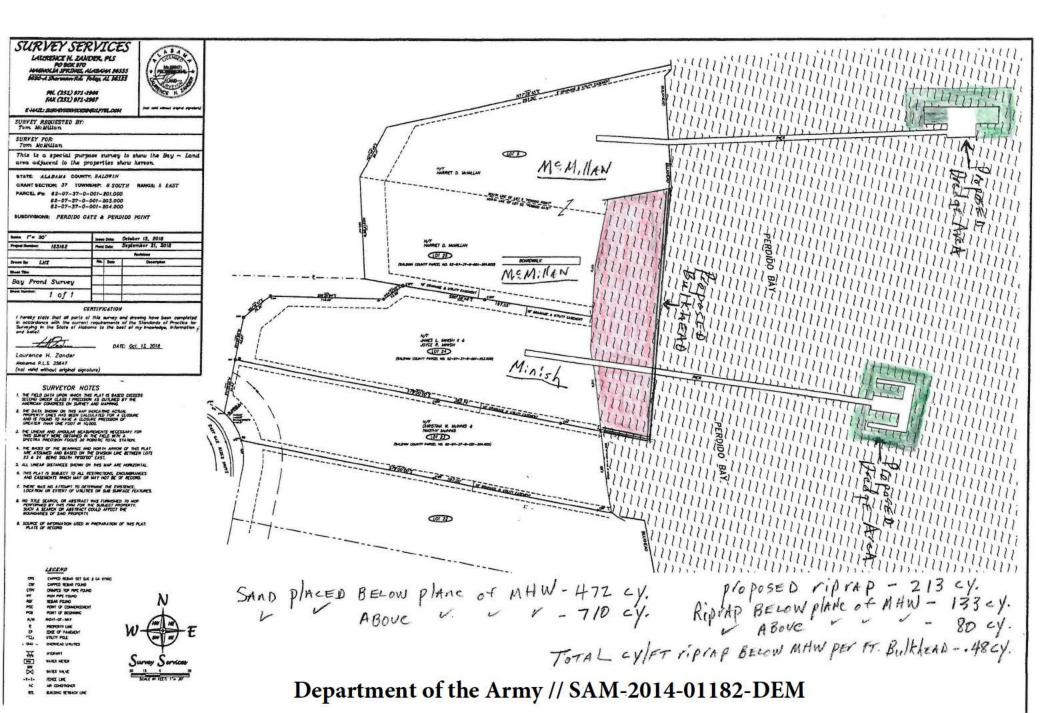
For additional information about our Regulatory Program, please visit our web site at <u>www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx</u>.

MOBILE DISTRICT U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Attachments



Proposed MEM. MAN. Minish Project to construct 275 FT. BulkhEAD Dredge AND BACKFILL - 1182 CUBIC YAVDS SAND place 213 CY. riprap in Front of BulkhEAD



Existing Pier PIOPOSED riprAp 125' Long M: M: IAN PERDIDO BAY 8' WIDE 5' high (MHW - 3 FT. BELOW TOP OF BUIKhEAN = TO CY BELOW MHW = . 56 CY / FT OF BUIKHEAD BELOW MAW ProposeD WATER DEPTH AT BUIKLERD BulkhEAD Existing BulkhEAD ZIMHW Existing BalkhEAD 000000 125/LONG Propose p BullchEND Dredge Spoil AreA EArthern 5 50 BACKFILL (AVE Bein with Silt Ferec WES LAMBEAT MLW 12' MHW Applicients Property Lot #5 PEVOINO Pt. JACK Minish Applicants Property Lot # 25 Perdino Gate 5610 EAST OAK Kinge DR. O.B. AL Department of the Army # SAM-2014-01182-DEM

Minish Existing PERDIDO BAN Proposed Rip RAP 120' Long 8' WIDE WATER DEPTH C. BulkhEAD C. BulkhEAD 5' High Proposed BulkkEAD ZMAW Appitional Proposed 120" AlkhEAD - HAVVICT MªMillAN J Applicant 500 proposto BulchEAD 10 DREDGE EArthern BERM With Silk Fence 1/20 Long And Ful 30 40 12 MHW MLW Christin A Timothy HArriET ApplicAnTS MEINNIS MEMILLAN PropERTY Lot # 24 Lot #23 5 PErpino Pt. 0.B. AL 36561 PERDiAO GATE PEVAINO GATE SUDDIVISION SUBDIVISION Lot # 25 5606 PENAIAO GATE EAST OAK RingE DR. Suppivisi oN O.B. AL 36561

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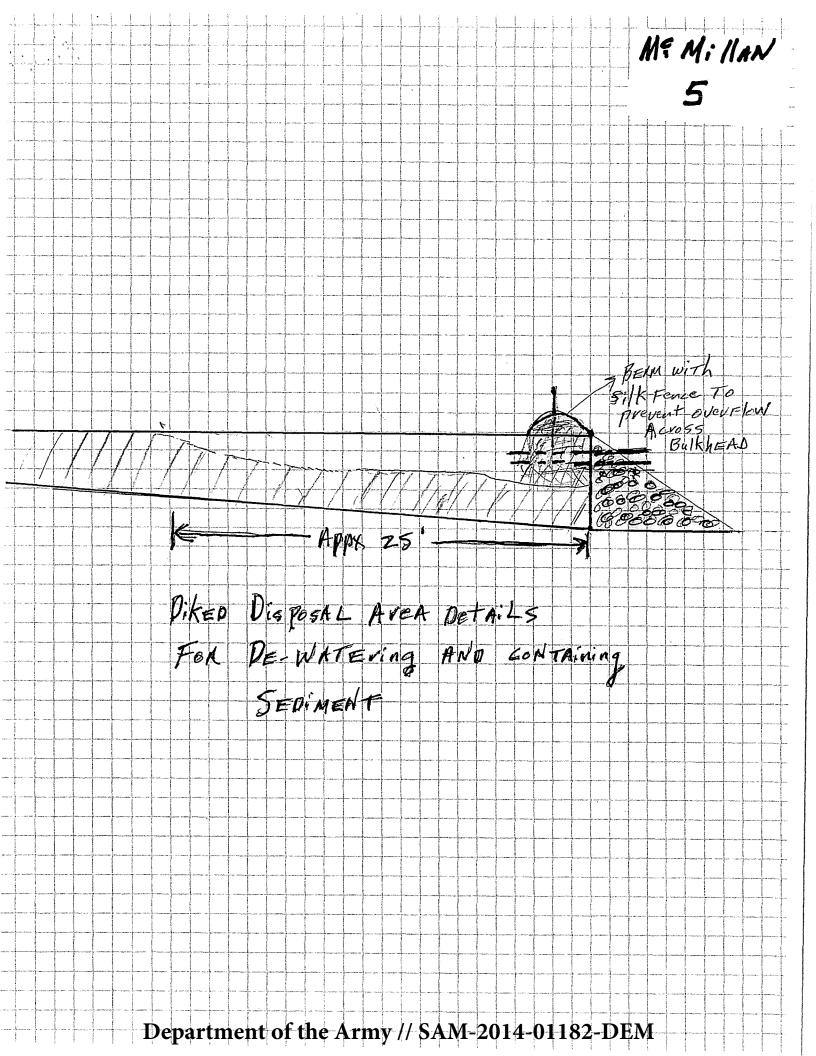
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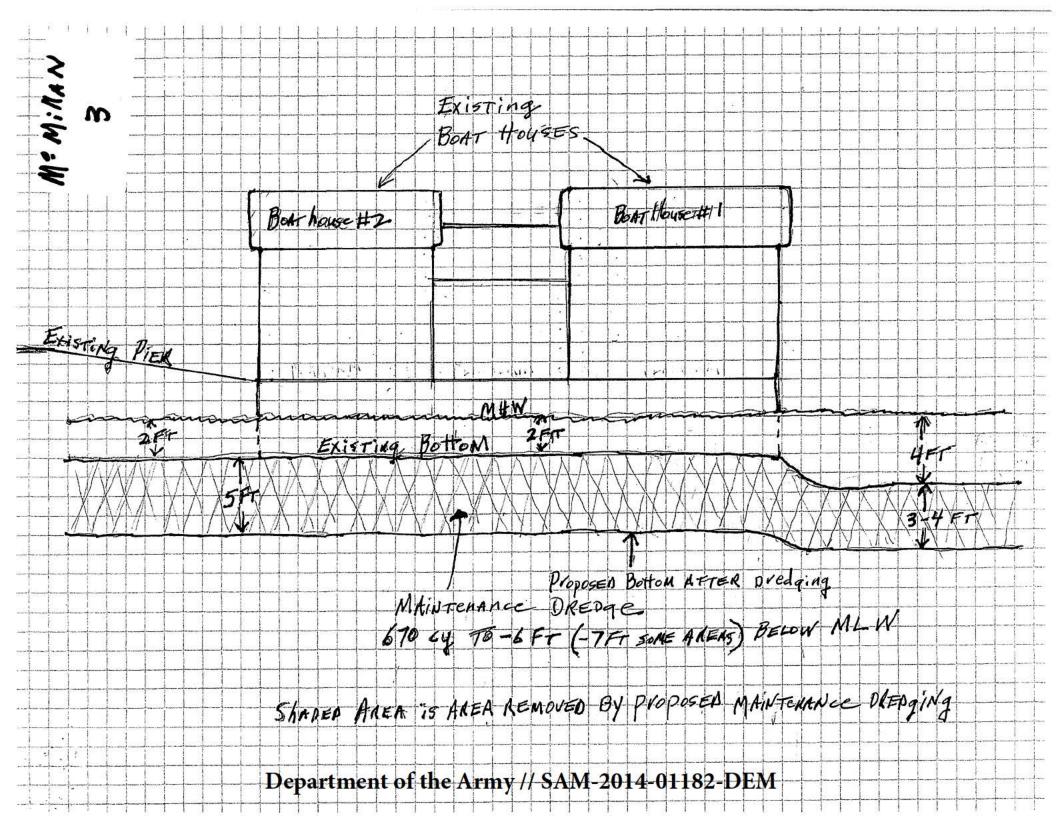
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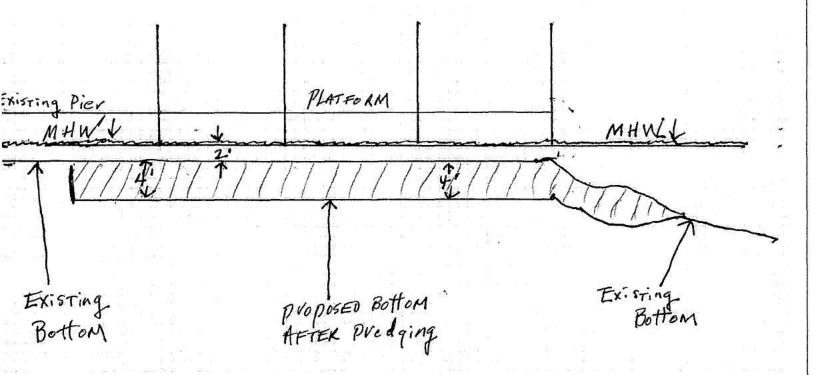
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Existing Bottom





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Proposal is To MAINTENANCE Dredge 522 cy. Dredge TO -6 TO -8 FEET BELOW MHW SHADED AVER is PROPOSED STAD REMOVAL AVER

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