



US Army Corps
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Joint Public Notice

Application for a Department of the Army Permit and a Washington Department of Ecology Water Quality Certification and/or Coastal Zone Management Consistency Concurrence

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Public Notice Date: December 20, 2021
Expiration Date: January 19, 2022

Reference No.: NWS-2020-260
Name: City of Anacortes

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) have received an application to perform work in waters of the U.S. as described below and shown on the enclosed drawings dated February 21, 2020.

The Corps will review the work in accordance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. Ecology will review the work pursuant to Section 401 of the CWA, with applicable provisions of State water pollution control laws and the Coastal Zone Management Act.

APPLICANT: City of Anacortes
PO Box 547
Anacortes, Washington 98221
Attention: Mr. Jonn Lunsford
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LOCATION: In Guemes Channel (Washington Park Boat Launch) at Anacortes, Skagit County, Washington.

WORK: 10-year maintenance program.

PURPOSE: Maintain navigational access at existing boat launch

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The applicant proposes a 10-year maintenance program to remove accumulated sand, gravel, and wood distributed on the existing concrete ramp by regular tidal action and occasional storm surges. Removal of material would occur up to 24 times per year, with up to 120 cubic yards (CY) of material removed per year over a 10-year period for a total of 1,200 CY of material removed. Work would occur at low water when the ramp is exposed, and equipment stationed on the ramp. Disposal of materials is proposed to be placed on the beach updrift of the launch as beach nourishment. Any materials removed outside of the allowable in-water work window would be stored at an upland site.

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The location of the mean high water/ high tide line shown on the project drawings have not yet been verified by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). If the Corps determines the boundaries of the wetland/waters are substantially inaccurate a new public notice may be published.

MITIGATION: No mitigation is proposed.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The Endangered Species Act (ESA) requires federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and/or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) pursuant to Section 7 of the ESA on all actions that may affect a species listed (or proposed for listing) under the ESA as threatened or endangered or any designated critical habitat. A preliminary determination indicates that the activity will affect endangered or threatened species, or their critical habitat. Consultation under Section 7 of the ESA is required.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, requires all Federal agencies to consult with the NMFS on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). The proposed action would impact EFH in the project area. If the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) determines that the proposed action may adversely affect EFH for federally managed fisheries in Washington waters, the Corps will initiate EFH consultation with the NMFS. The Corps' final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the NMFS.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The Corps has reviewed the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places, Washington Information System for Architectural and Archaeological Records Data and other sources of information. Historic properties are recorded near the proposed project. However, they do not occur in the permit area. The permit area has been so extensively disturbed by modern development that little likelihood exists for the proposed project to impinge upon an undisturbed historic property. The Corps invites responses to this public notice from Native American Nations or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies; historical and archeological societies; and other parties likely to have knowledge of or concerns regarding historic properties and sites of religious and cultural significance at or near the project area. After receipt of comments from this public notice, the Corps will evaluate potential impacts and consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer and Native American Nations in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as appropriate.

PUBLIC HEARING: 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 – CORPS: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, 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 benefits, 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, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; Native American Nations or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for the work. 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.

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Comments are used in the 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 activity.

The described discharge will be evaluated for compliance with guidelines promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency under authority of Section 404(b)(1) of the CWA. These guidelines require an alternatives analysis for any proposed discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.

EVALUATION – ECOLOGY: Ecology is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, Native American Nations or tribal governments, State, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Ecology will be considering all comments to determine whether to certify or deny certification for the proposed project.

COMMENT AND REVIEW PERIOD: Conventional mail or e-mail comments on this public notice will be accepted and made part of the record and will be considered in determining whether authorizing the work would not be contrary to the public interest. In order to be accepted, e-mail comments must originate from the author's e-mail account and must include on the subject line of the e-mail message the permit applicant's name and reference number as shown below. Either conventional mail or e-mail comments must include the permit applicant's name and reference number, as shown below, and the commenter's name, address, and phone number. All comments whether conventional mail or e-mail must reach this office, no later than the expiration date of this public notice to ensure consideration.

CORPS COMMENTS: All e-mail comments should be sent to danette.l.guy@usace.army.mil. Conventional mail comments should be sent to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, Attention: Danette L. Guy, 4735 E. Marginal Way S., Bldg 1202, Seattle, Washington 98134-2388. All comments received will become part of the administrative record and are subject to public release under the Freedom of Information Act including any personally identifiable information such as names, phone numbers, and addresses.

ECOLOGY COMMENTS: Any person desiring to present views on the project pertaining to a request for water quality certification under Section 401 of the CWA and/or Coastal Zone Management consistency concurrence, may do so by submitting written comments to the following address: Washington State Department of Ecology, Attention: Federal Permit Coordinator, Post Office Box 47600, Olympia, Washington 98504-7600, or e-mail to ecyrefedpermits@ecy.wa.gov.

To ensure proper consideration of all comments, responders must include the following name and reference number in the text of their comments: NWS-2020-260; City of Anacortes

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ISLAND

CITY OF ANACORTES

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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WASHINGTON PARK

BOAT LAUNCH

MAINTENANCE PERMIT

GUMES ISLAND

SW 1/4 SECTION 21 : T35N : R01E : W.M.

COORDINATES 48.500209 X -122.692546

ROSARIO
STRAIT

GUMES CHANNEL

PROJECT LOCATION



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STATE FERRY

OAKES AVE

12TH ST

COMMERCIAL AVE

CAP SANTE

FIDALGO
BAY

MARCH PT

FIDALGO
HEAD

BURROWS
ISLAND

BURROWS
BAY

ALLAN
ISLAND

FIDALGO ISLAND

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GRAPHIC SCALE

DECEPTION PASS

VICINITY MAP



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WASHINGTON PARK

BOAT LAUNCH

MAINTENANCE PERMIT



SHORELINE

EDGE OF BEACH

BEACH NOURISHMENT AREA

GRASS
&
OPEN

BOAT LAUNCH

100.00'

PAVED PARKING

KITCHEN
SHELTERS

PLAY
GROUND

GRASS
&
OPEN

GRASS
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GRASS
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OPEN

TREES
&
BRUSH

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COMFORT
STATION

TREES
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PARK
OFFICE

KITCHEN
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LOT

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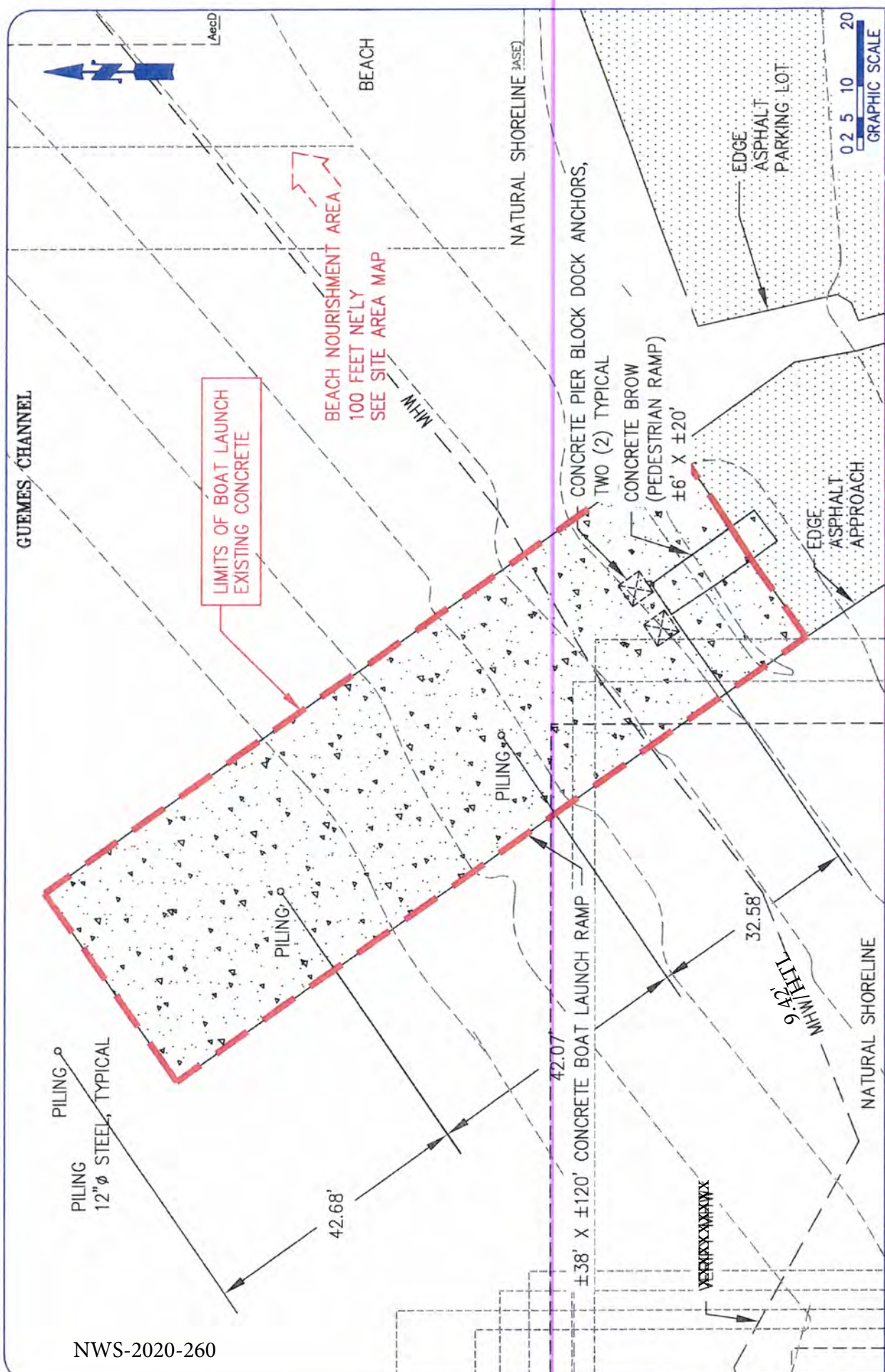
PARKING

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SITE AREA

GRAPHIC SCALE



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EXISTING CONDITIONS PLAN VIEW
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 CITY OF ANACORTES
 REFERENCE #
 GUEMES CHANNEL
 SEC.21 T35 R01
 WASHINGTON PARK
 6300 SUNSET AVE
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SCALE: 1"=20'
 21 FEB 2020
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