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Reference is made to Public Notice CENAP-OP-R-2016-00755-84 dated August 15, 2016. describing an application by the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife 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). The purpose of our public notice is to solicit comments and recommendations from the public concerning issuance of a Department of the Army permit for the proposed work described therein. The comment period for the notice

The purpose of this notice is to advise the public of erroneous information contained in the narrative descriptions of the proposed work. This information can be found on pages 2 and 3 of the notice, and pertains to the originally authorized vertical clearances at four (4) of the existing sites. No clearance information for the proposed two (2) new reef sites was indicated. The enclosed charts reflected the accurate, authorized vertical clearances for the existing sites and this office has since received depth proposals for the new sites. In light of the necessary corrections and to ensure that ample opportunity for comment is available to the public, the comment period is being extended 15 days. Comments on the proposed work should be submitted, in writing, within 45 days of the original notice to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District, Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107-3390. This includes comments relating to any of the sixteen indicated reef sites between Sandy Hook and Cape May, or the proposed site in the Delaware Bay.

APPLICANT: NJDEP, Division of Fish and Wildlife

WATERWAY: Atlantic Ocean, Delaware Bay

was indicated to expire on September 15, 2016.

LOCATION: Within the Atlantic Ocean along the coast of New Jersey at sixteen (16) locations between Sandy Hook and Cape May and one in the Delaware Bay. These include previously authorized sites within the New York District boundaries and within the Philadelphia District boundaries, and proposed new sites within the Philadelphia District boundaries.

ACTION: The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has requested authorization to continue placement of artificial reef materials within the fifteen (15) previously authorized sites in the Atlantic Ocean and to begin placing materials at two (2) new locations. The project descriptions, with corrections in bold font, should appear as follows:

- 1. Sandy Hook Reef site is located approximately 1.4 miles east of Sea Bright in Monmouth County, New Jersey. This site is located approximately 5.7 miles at a direction of 157 degrees from Sandy Hook Channel. The Sandy Hook site requires a minimum vertical clearance of **thirty (30)** feet below mean low water.
- 2. Sea Girt Reef site is located approximately 3.4 miles east of Sea Girt, in Monmouth County New Jersey. The Sea Girt site requires a minimum vertical clearance of fifty (50) feet below mean low water.
- 3. Shark River Reef site is located approximately 15.6 Nautical miles and at a direction of 100 degrees from the Manasquan Inlet, in Monmouth/Ocean County, New Jersey. The Shark River site requires a minimum vertical clearance of fifty (50) feet below mean low water.
- 4. Axel Carlson Reef site (formerly known as Mantoloking Reef site) is located approximately 2.1 miles east of Mantoloking in Ocean County, New Jersey. This site is located approximately 4.35 Nautical miles at a direction of 166 degrees from Manasquan Inlet. The Axel Carlson site requires a minimum vertical clearance of **forty** (40) feet below mean low water.
- 5. Barnegat Light Reef site is located approximately 3.1 Nautical miles east of Barnegat Light in Ocean County, New Jersey. This site is approximately 3.1 miles from Barnegat Inlet at a direction of 103 degrees. The Barnegat Light site requires a minimum vertical clearance of **forty** (40) feet below mean low water.
- 6. Garden State North Reef site is located approximately 6.5 nautical miles east of Harvey Cedars in Ocean County, New Jersey. This site is approximately 7.7 nautical miles at a direction of 172 degrees from Barnegat Inlet. The Garden State North site requires a minimum vertical clearance of fifty two (52) feet below mean low water.
- 7. Garden State South Reef site is located approximately 5.1 nautical miles east of Spray Beach in Ocean County, New Jersey. This site is located approximately 9.1 nautical miles at a direction of 64 degrees from Little Egg Inlet. The Garden State South site requires a minimum vertical clearance of fifty two (52) feet below mean low water.
- 8. Little Egg Reef site is located approximately 3.8 nautical miles east of Holgate in Ocean County, New Jersey. This site is located approximately 5.05 nautical miles at a direction of 93 degrees from Little Egg Inlet. The Little Egg site requires a minimum vertical clearance of fifty (50) feet below mean low water.
- 9. Atlantic City Reef site is located approximately 12. 2 nautical miles east of Atlantic City in Atlantic County, New Jersey. This site is located approximately 8.5 nautical miles at a direction of 142 degrees from Absecon Inlet. The Atlantic City site requires a minimum vertical clearance of fifty (50) feet below mean low water.
- 10. Great Egg Reef site is located approximately 7 nautical miles southeast of Atlantic City in Atlantic County, New Jersey. This site is located approximately 9.2 miles at a direction of 110 degrees from Great Egg Harbor Inlet. The Great Egg site requires a minimum vertical clearance of **forty (40)** feet below mean low water.

- 11. Ocean City Reef site is located approximately 4.5 nautical miles southeast of Ocean City in Cape May County, New Jersey. This is located 4.3 nautical miles at a direction of 131 degrees from Carson's Inlet. The Ocean City site requires a minimum vertical clearance of fifty (50) feet below mean low water.
- 12. Townsends Inlet Reef site is located approximately 3.8 nautical miles southeast of Townsends Inlet in Cape May County, New Jersey. The Townsends Inlet Reef site requires a minimum vertical clearance of thirty (30) feet below mean low water.
- 13. Wildwood Reef site is located approximately 4.4 nautical miles southeast of Wildwood in Cape May County, New Jersey. This site is located 4.5 nautical miles at a direction of 135 degrees from Hereford Inlet. The Wildwood site requires a minimum vertical clearance of thirty (30) feet below mean low water.
- 14. Cape May Reef site is located approximately 8.5 nautical miles southeast of Wildwood in Cape May County, New Jersey. It is located 9.1 nautical miles at a direction of 128 degrees from Cape May Inlet. The Cape May site requires a minimum vertical clearance of thirty (30) feet below mean low water.
- 15. Deepwater Reef site is located approximately 25.1 nautical miles southeast of Avalon in Cape May County, New Jersey. This site is located 31.5 nautical miles at a direction of 99 degrees from Cape May Inlet. The Deepwater site requires a minimum vertical clearance of fifty (50) feet below mean low water.
- 16. The proposed Manasquan Inlet Reef site is located 1.7 nautical miles southeast of Manasquan Inlet bearing 120 degrees off Ocean County, New Jersey. The charted area would occupy 0.95 square miles with a depth range of 67-74 feet. **The applicant is proposing a minimum vertical clearance of forty (40) feet below mean low water for all materials placed at this site**.
- 17. The proposed Delaware Bay Reef site is located approximately 9.2 nautical miles southwest of the mouth of the Maurice River bearing 188 degrees off Cumberland County, New Jersey. The charted area would occupy 1.13 square miles with a depth range of 23-35 feet. The applicant is proposing a minimum vertical clearance of fifteen (15) feet below mean low water for all materials placed at this site.

Any person may request, in writing, to the District Engineer, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for a public hearing shall state in writing, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. Additional information concerning this permit application may be obtained by calling Brian Anthony at 215-656-0542 between 1:00 and 3:00 PM, via email at brian.r.anthony@usace.army.mil, or writing this office at the above address.

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