

**US Army Corps
of Engineers**
Philadelphia District

Wanamaker Building
100 Penn Square East
Philadelphia, PA 19107-3390
ATTN: CENAP-OP-R

Public Notice

Public Notice No. CENAP-OP-R-2019-00421-95	Date July 26, 2019
Application No. CENAP-OP-R-2019-00421-95	File No.
In Reply Refer to: REGULATORY BRANCH	

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).

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments and recommendations from the public concerning issuance of a Department of the Army permit for the work described below.

APPLICANT: Angler's Club of Absecon Island
Attn: Mr. Jeff Rutizer, President
121 S. Exeter Avenue
Margate City, New Jersey 08402

WATERWAY: Atlantic Ocean

LOCATION: 121 S. Exeter Avenue, Margate City, New Jersey at Atlantic Ocean

ACTIVITY: Extend the existing Margate fishing pier at Exeter Avenue by 300.0-linear feet seaward into the Atlantic Ocean via construction of one (1) 276.0-foot long by 15.0-foot wide timber pier segment with one (1) 60.0-foot long by 24.0-foot wide timber pier segment in "T" orientation at the seaward end. Construction of the pier extension would involve installation, via impact hammer, of a total of twenty-five (25) 12.0-inch diameter and eighty-seven (87) 14.0-inch diameter timber support piles. All construction equipment and materials would be staged on the Exeter Avenue beach. The proposed regulated work is planned for Fall 2019.

PURPOSE: Restore access to appropriate water depths for recreational fishing.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the activity's probable impact including its cumulative impacts on the public interest. The 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 work must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the work 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, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs and

welfare of the people. A Department of the Army permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest.

The Corps of Engineers 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 of Engineers 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 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.

Comments on the proposed work should be submitted, in writing, within 30 days to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District, Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107-3390.

From a review of this application concerning Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the proposed work and/or structures are of such limited nature and scope that little likelihood exists for the proposed project to impact a historic property.

A preliminary review of this application indicates that both land-based and aquatic-based threatened and/or endangered species and their habitat may be present within the project area. Pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA), the Philadelphia District will evaluate the potential effects from the proposed actions to these species and their habitat, and consult with NOAA Fisheries and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as appropriate. Consultation will be concluded prior to the final decision on this permit application.

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act requires all federal agencies to consult with the NOAA Fisheries all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). A preliminary review of this application indicates that EFH is present within the project area. The Philadelphia District will evaluate the potential effects of the proposed actions on EFH and will consult with NOAA Fisheries as appropriate. Consultation will be concluded prior to the final decision on this permit application.

In accordance with Section 307(c) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, applicants for Federal Licenses or Permits to conduct an activity affecting land or water uses in a State's coastal zone must provide certification that the activity complies with the State's Coastal Zone Management Program. The applicant has stated that the proposed activity complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the approved State Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program. No permit will be issued until the State has concurred with the applicant's certification or has waived its right to do so. Comments concerning the impact of the proposed and/or existing activity on the State's coastal zone should be sent to this office, with a copy to the State's Office of Coastal Zone Management.

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.

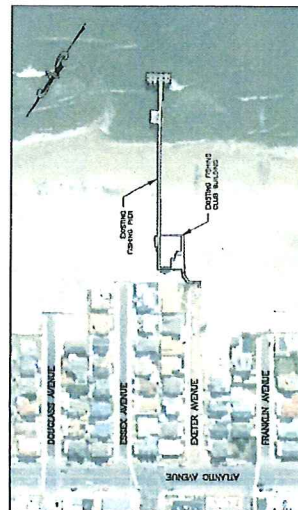
Additional information concerning this permit application may be obtained by contacting Mr. Robert Youhas of my staff at via email at robert.youhas@usace.army.mil, by phone at 215-656-6729, or by writing this office at the above address.



Edward E. Bonner
Chief, Regulatory Branch

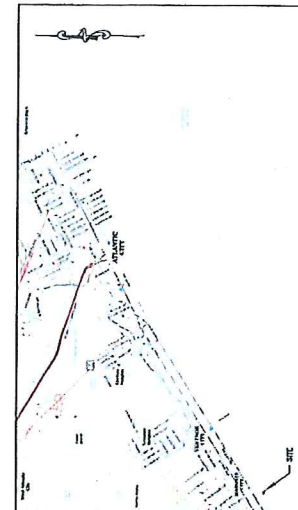
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PIER EXTENSION PROFILE



AREA MAP
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LOCATION PLAN
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GENERAL NOTES

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