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Application No.

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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:	Brigantine Marina and Paddle Club
CONTACT:	Waters Edge, Environmental, LLC
WATERWAY:	Main Channel

4401 Atlantic-Brigantine Boulevard, Lots 7, 7.01, 7.02, 8, and 9, Block 5702, LOCATION: City of Brigantine, Atlantic County, New Jersey

ACTIVITY: The applicant proposes to perform the following activities.

A) Mechanical Dredging : The applicant would perform maintenance and new dredging dredging of approximately 1,461 cubic yards of material to a depth of -3.00' mean low water datum. Material would be placed on hopper barges and then transferred to trucks to be transported to the disposal site. The area to be dredged would be approximately 25,234 S.F. (0.58 acres - 0.23 acre maintenance dredging and 0.35 acre new dredging). A silt curtain would be deployed around the excavator and hopper barge at all times during dredging. Material would be disposed on uplands at Surran's Soil Replenishment, LLC, in Corbin City, Atlantic County, NJ. The dredged material would consist of approximately 67.5% silts/clay and 28.4% sand.

B) Bulkhead Reconstruction with Boardwalk Construction: Approximately 104 linear feet of sheetpile bulkhead would be reconstructed in place of the existing timber bulkhead with an adjacent boardwalk. The bulkhead would be constructed of 146 fiberglass sheet piles, each 20 feet in length, using vibratory hammer method with "soft start". No discharge of backfill would be required. A public access boardwalk made from "alternative" materials would be constructed along the bulkhead, as well.

C) Pier Reconstruction: Existing piers would be reconstructed of "alternative" materials to accommodate 62 boat slips and 26 personal water craft slips for a total of 88 slips. The project would include the placement of 136 new timber piles using vibratory hammer method with "soft start".

Historically, the site was authorized for dredging by this office under individual Department of the Army permit CENAP-OP-R-197800392 (expired 12/31/88).

The applicant has stated that A) they request a 10-year dredging allowance, B) no over-dredging is proposed, and C) no other work is proposed than what is described above for the completion of the project.

PURPOSE: The applicant's stated purposes for the work are as follows:

Dredging: The proposed dredging of the docks and mooring areas within the marina is necessary for the purpose of providing sufficient water depths for the mooring of pleasure crafts associated with the marina.

Docking: The proposed docking facility is for access to Main Channel including the mooring of pleasure vessels at the marina.

Bulkhead/Boardwalk: The proposed bulkhead replacement and associated boardwalk are to be constructed in order to maintain upland fill and prevent the leaching of sediment from the upland into the waterway as well as to provide public access to Main Channel.

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 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 (ACOE), Philadelphia District, Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107-3390.

A preliminary review of this application indicates that the proposed work may affect listed species pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) as amended. The ACOE will forward this notice to the US Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service with a request for technical assistance on whether any ESA listed species or their critical habitat maybe present in the area which would be affected by the proposed activity. The Philadelphia District will evaluate the potential effects of the proposed actions on ESA listed species or their critical habitat and will consult with National Marine Fisheries Service as appropriate. ESA Section 7 consultation will be concluded prior to the final decision on this permit application.

With regard to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, this office has determined that the project has no potential to cause an effect on historic properties based on the following: A) the permit area has been so extensively modified that little likelihood exists for the proposed project to impact a historic property and B) 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 Review of the National Register of Historic Places indicates that no registered properties or properties listed as eligible for inclusion therein are located within the permit area of the work.

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act 1996 (Public Law 104-267), requires all Federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency that may adversely effect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). No permit shall be issued until this office has completed coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

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) Programs of New Jersey. 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 States' Offices of Coastal Zone Management. It should be noted that the State of New Jersey issued its concurrence on June 9, 2021.

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 215-605-7029 or by e-mailing Mr. David Caplan of my office at David.J.Caplan@usace.army.mil.

FOR Todd A. Schaible Chief, Regulatory Branch









