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Philadelphia District

Philadelphia, PA 19107-3390

of Engineers.

Wanamaker Building 100 Penn Square East

ATTN: CENAP-OP-R

## Public Notice

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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:	Harbour Bay, LLC 3330 Bargaintown Road, Suite 2 Egg Harbor, NJ 08234
AGENT:	Arthur W. Ponzio Co. & Associates, Inc. 400 North Dover Avenue Atlantic City, NJ 08401
WATERWAY:	Beach Thorofare
LOCATION:	9317 Amherst Avenue Margate City, NJ 08402

## **ACTIVITY:**

The proposed activity includes the construction of a new marina. The proposed marina will include one (1) 8 foot by 6 foot wide fixed pier with one (1) 30 foot by 4 foot wide ramp leading to a 24 foot by 4 foot wide floating pier that connects to an "L" shaped floating pier. The "L" shaped pier will be 189.5 feet in length by 6 feet wide. The end of the "L" shaped pier is 56 feet in length by 8 feet wide. The "L" shaped pier includes four (4) 24 foot by 4 foot wide finger piers, one (1) of which will have a boarding platform servicing one (1) proposed boat lift, two (2) 45 foot by 6 foot wide finger piers with associated boarding platforms to service two (2) proposed boat lifts and, twenty two (22) moorings for personal watercrafts. One (1) additional mooring area will be reserved for the fueling station located at the end of the pier. A proposed fish cleaning station will be at the end of the row of moored personal watercrafts. Additionally there will be a 8 foot by 6 foot wide fixed pier with a 30 foot by 4 foot wide ramp leading to one (1) 24 foot by 4 foot wide floating pier that services two (2) boat lifts. Approximately 80 pilings will be installed to secure the piers and boat lift structures. All piles will be driven to an approximate depth of 25' below the dredge line.

## PURPOSE:

The stated purpose of this proposed activity is the needed redevelopment of an existing facility that sustained major damage during super storm Sandy.

A preliminary review of this application indicates that the proposed work would not affect listed species or their critical habitat pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act as amended. As the evaluation of this application continues, additional information may become available which could modify this preliminary determination.

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.

The permit action may have the potential to impact historic properties eligible for or listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The USACE Cultural Resource Specialist will consult with the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office and make a determination on potential impacts to historic properties.

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). A preliminary assessment of the species listed in the "Guide to Essential Fish Habitat Designations"

in the Northeastern United States, Volume IV: New Jersey and Delaware", dated March 1999, specifically page

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.

Compensatory Mitigation: There is no proposed placement of dredged or fill material in waters or wetlands. As such, compensatory mitigation has not been proposed and is not anticipated.

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 Genevieve Rybicki at (215) 656-8597, via email at Genevieve.T.Rybicki@usace.army.mil, or writing this office at the above address.

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