

# JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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WQC Application Number  
WQC 140924-01

Interested parties are hereby notified that a permit application has been received by the New Orleans District of the US Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to: [X] Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151; 33 USC 403); and/or [X] Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344).

Application has also been made to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Certifications Section, for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with statutory authority contained in LRS 30:2074 A(3) and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

## **PORT EXPANSION AND SHORE LINE PROTECTION IN TANGIPAHOA PARISH**

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** SOUTH TANGIPAHOA PARISH PORT COMMISSION, c/o URS Corporation, Attn: Jim Leblanc, 3500 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 900, Metairie, Louisiana 70002.

**LOCATION OF WORK:** On North Pass Manchac, at 31450 Highway 51 South, in Manchac, Louisiana, in Tangipahoa Parish, within the Lake Maurepas Basin, in hydrologic unit (HUC 08070204), as shown on the attached drawings.

**CHARACTER OF WORK:** The applicant has requested Department of the Army authorization to place concrete slab panels, pilings, rock, and crushed stone for the construction and maintenance of two timber cluster mooring dolphins, shore line protection, a concrete loading dock expansion, and a boat ramp with a timber dock. Approximately 545 cubic yards of rock will be placed along approximately 900 feet of the existing shore line for protection and approximately 7 cubic yards of gravel will be placed for the completion of the boat launch. Precast concrete slab will be placed on new pilings to complete the construction of the loading dock expansion. The proposed project will permanently impact approximately one acre of "other waters of the US" in the form of waters bottoms. It is anticipated that the proposed action would have minimal impact on adjacent wetlands.

The applicant has designed the project to avoid and minimize direct and secondary adverse impacts to the maximum extent practicable. Any further reduction would limit usage of the property and, therefore function deeming the project impracticable. No wetlands or special aquatic sites will be impacted as a result of this project therefore there is no need for compensatory mitigation.

The comment period for the Department of Army will close in **20 days** from the date of this joint public notice. Written comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work, stating reasons thereof, are being solicited from anyone having interest in this permit and/or this WQC request and must be mailed so as to be received before or by the last day of the comment period. Letters concerning the Corps of Engineers permit application must reference the applicant's name and the Permit Application Number, and be mailed to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, **ATTENTION: REGULATORY BRANCH**. Similar letters concerning the Water Quality Certification must reference the applicant's name and the WQC application number and be mailed to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality at the address above. Individuals or parties may request an extension of time in which to comment on the proposed work by writing or e-mailing the Corps of Engineers Project Manager listed above. Any request must be specific and substantively supportive of the requested extension, and received by this office prior to the end of the initial comment period. The Section Chief will review the request and the requestor will be promptly notified of the decision to grant or deny the request. If granted, the time extension will be continuous to the initial comment period and, inclusive of the initial comment period, will not exceed a total of 30 calendar days.

The application for this proposed project is on file with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and may be examined during weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Copies may be obtained upon payment of costs of reproduction.

### **Corps of Engineers Permit Criteria**

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 benefit 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 US Army 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 US Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to make, 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 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.

The New Orleans District is unaware of properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places near the proposed work. The possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, historical sites, or data. Issuance of this public notice solicits input from the State Archeologist and State Historic Preservation Officer regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would neither affect any species listed as endangered by the U.S. Departments of Interior or Commerce, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of any endangered species.

The proposed activity is located in waters known to be utilized by the West Indian Manatee (*Trichechus manatus*). The project although in an area known to be utilized by the manatee does not have good foraging habitat and with special conditions added to the potential authorization, the Corps has determined that this activity is not likely to adversely affect the West Indian Manatee.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal would result in the destruction or alteration of up to 1.0 acres of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and penaeid shrimp. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial adverse impact on EFH or federally managed fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico. Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

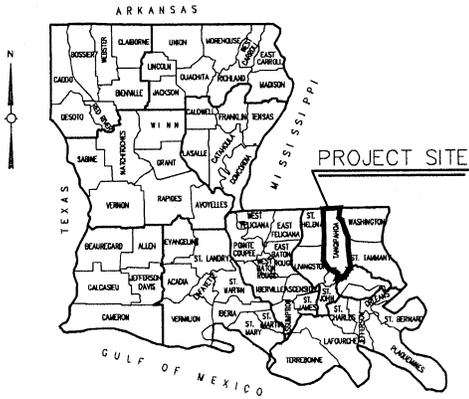
If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not violate water quality standards will be required from the Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Certifications Section before a permit is issued.

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. You are requested to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

The applicant has certified that the proposed activity described in the application complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program. The Department of the Army permit will not be issued unless the applicant received approval or a waiver of the Coastal Use Permit by the Department of Natural Resources.

JOHN M. HERMAN  
Chief, Central Evaluation Section  
Regulatory Branch

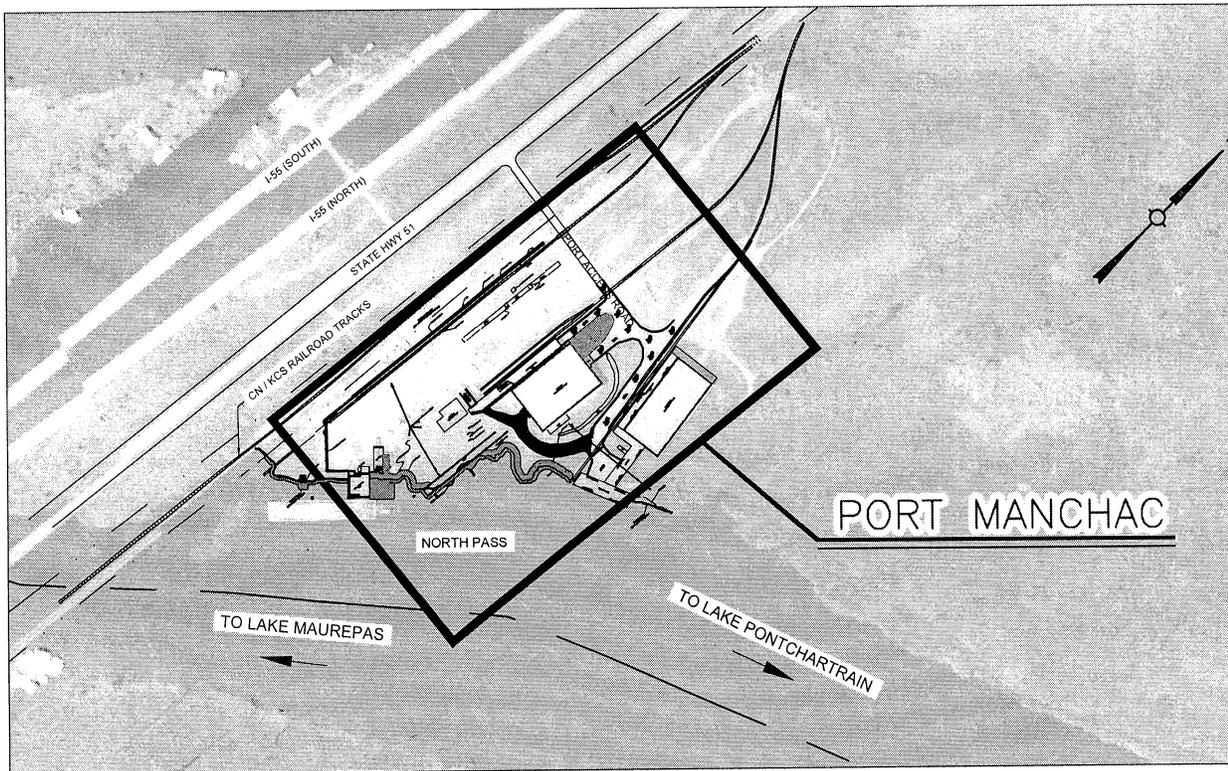
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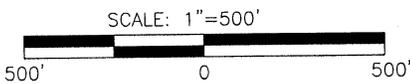
VICINITY MAP

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
 SOUTH TANGIPAHOA PARISH PORT COMMISSION  
 STATE PROJECT NO. 578-53-0012/H.003600 (322)

SHORELINE PROTECTION, DREDGING, LOADING DOCK  
 AND LAYDOWN YARD  
 TANGIPAHOA PARISH, LA



LOCATION MAP

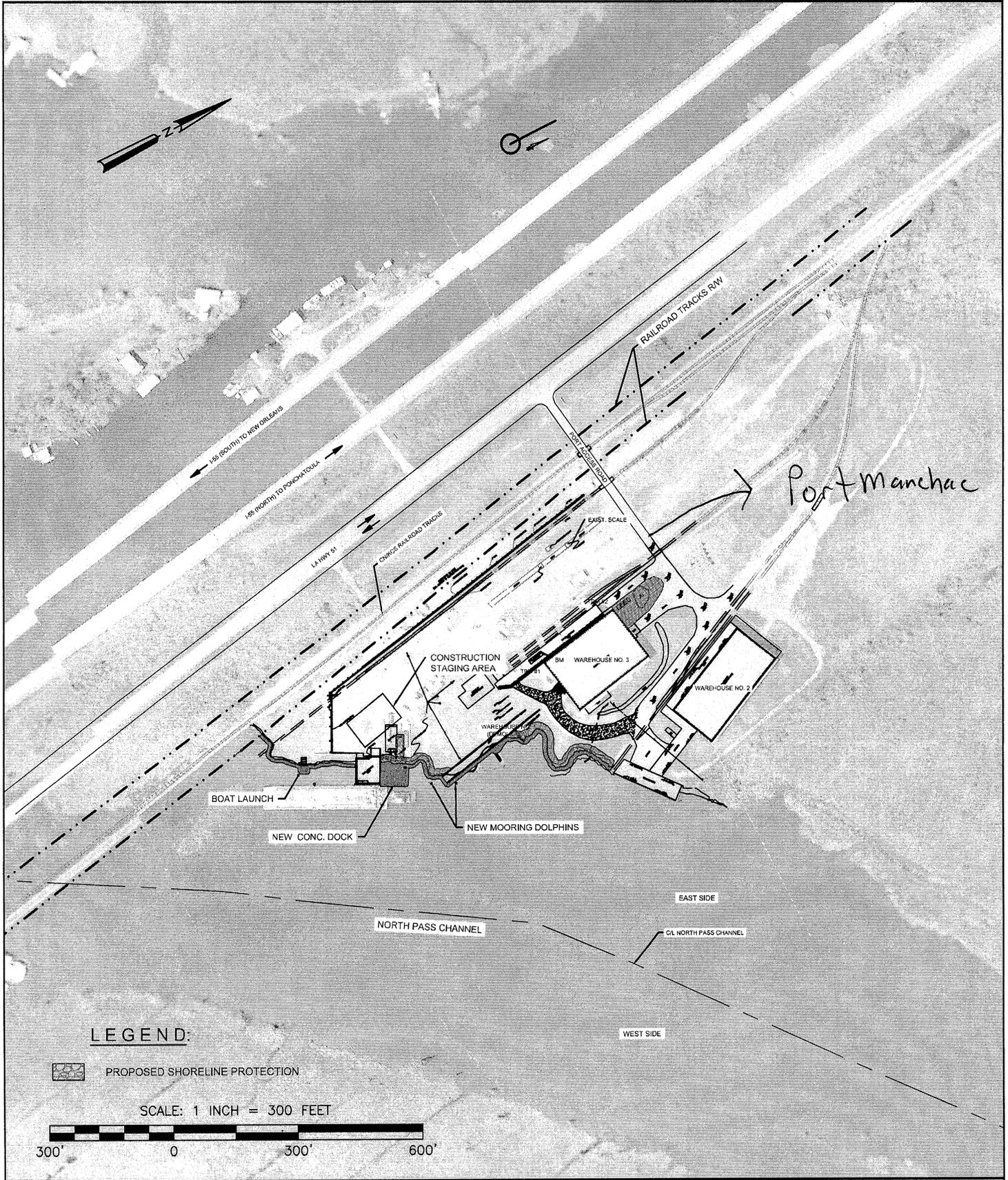


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VICINITY MAP

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**LEGEND:**

 PROPOSED SHORELINE PROTECTION

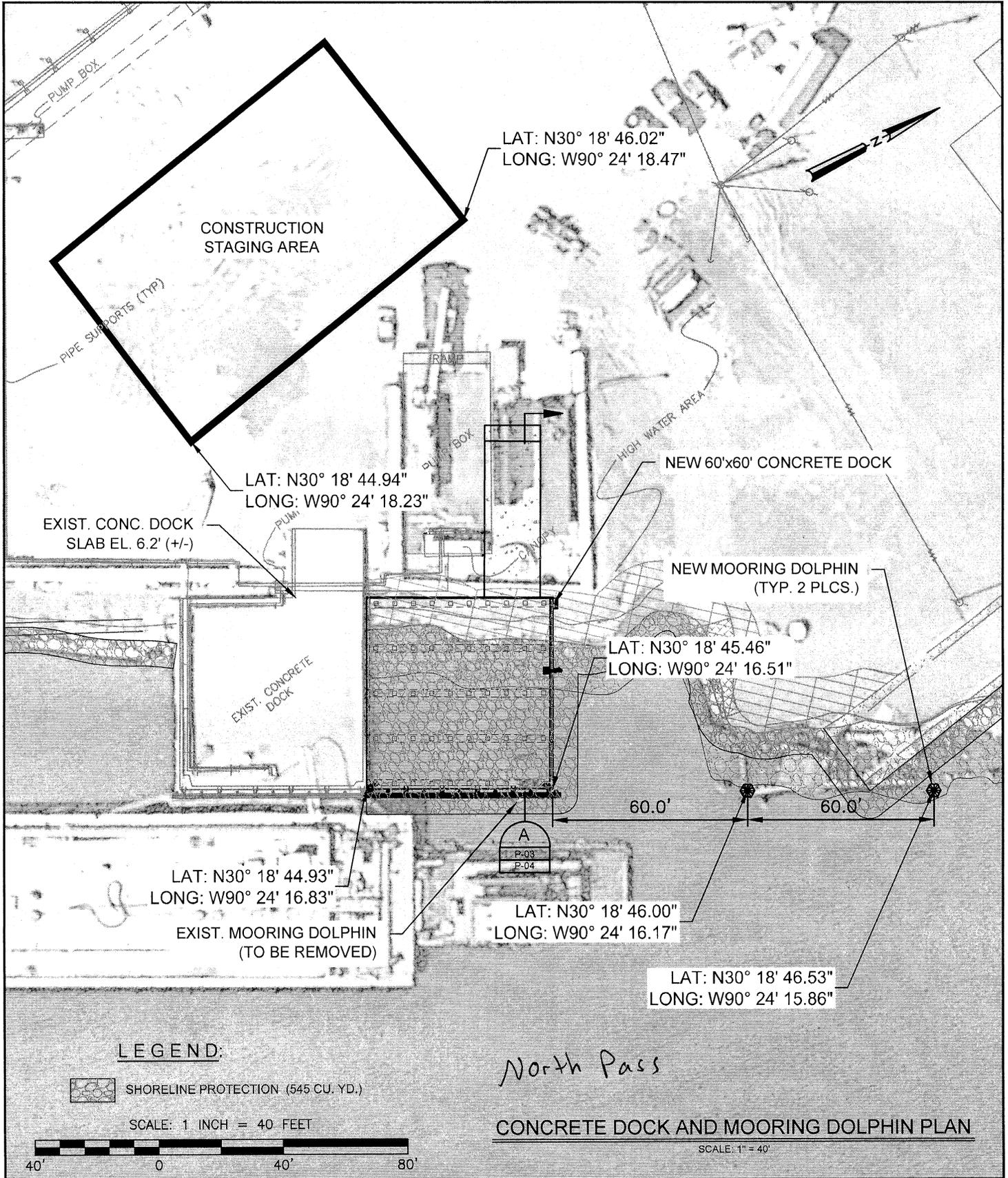
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**OVERALL  
 SITE PLAN**

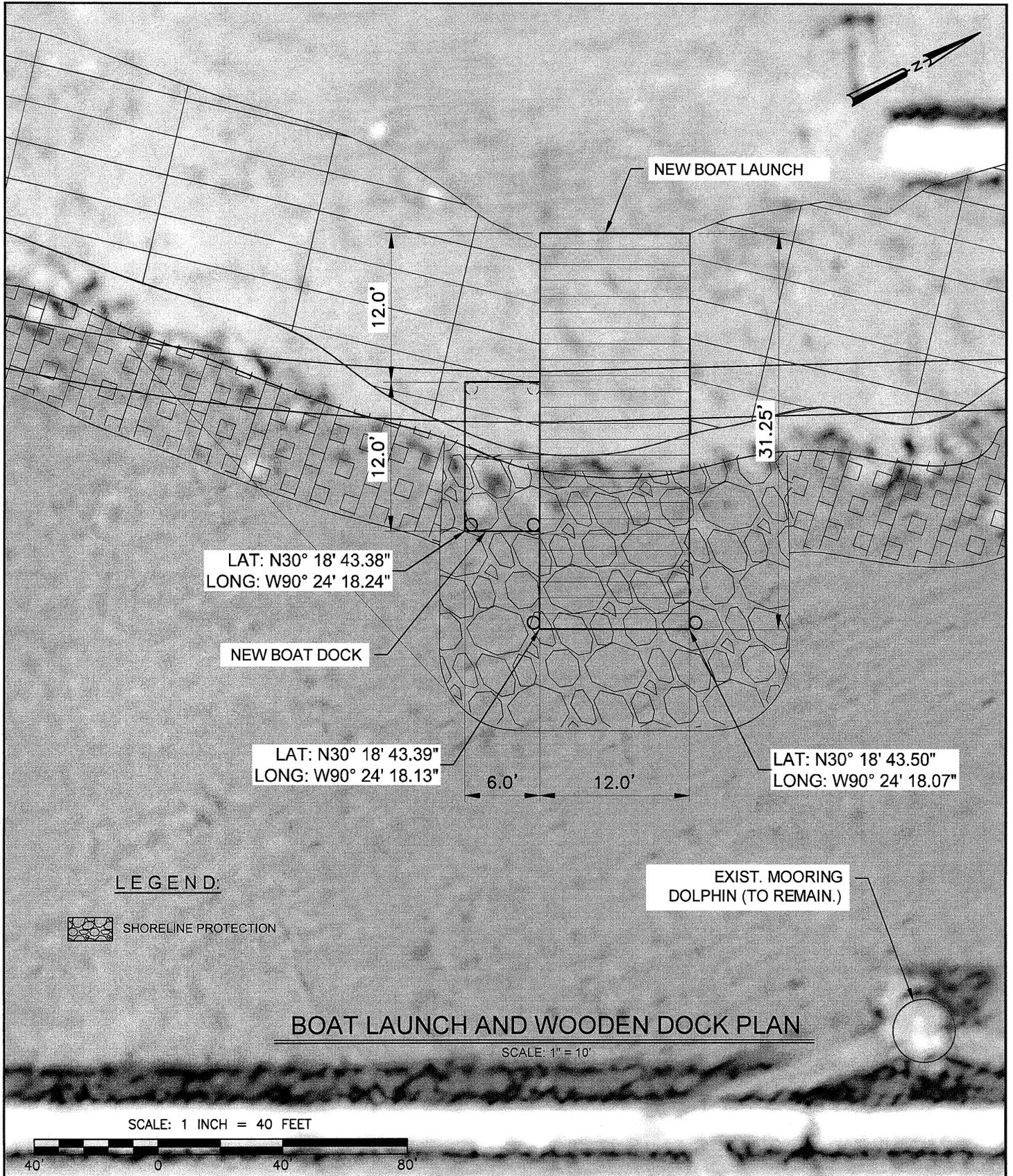
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ARRANGEMENT PLAN  
FOR CONCRETE DOCK & DOLPHINS

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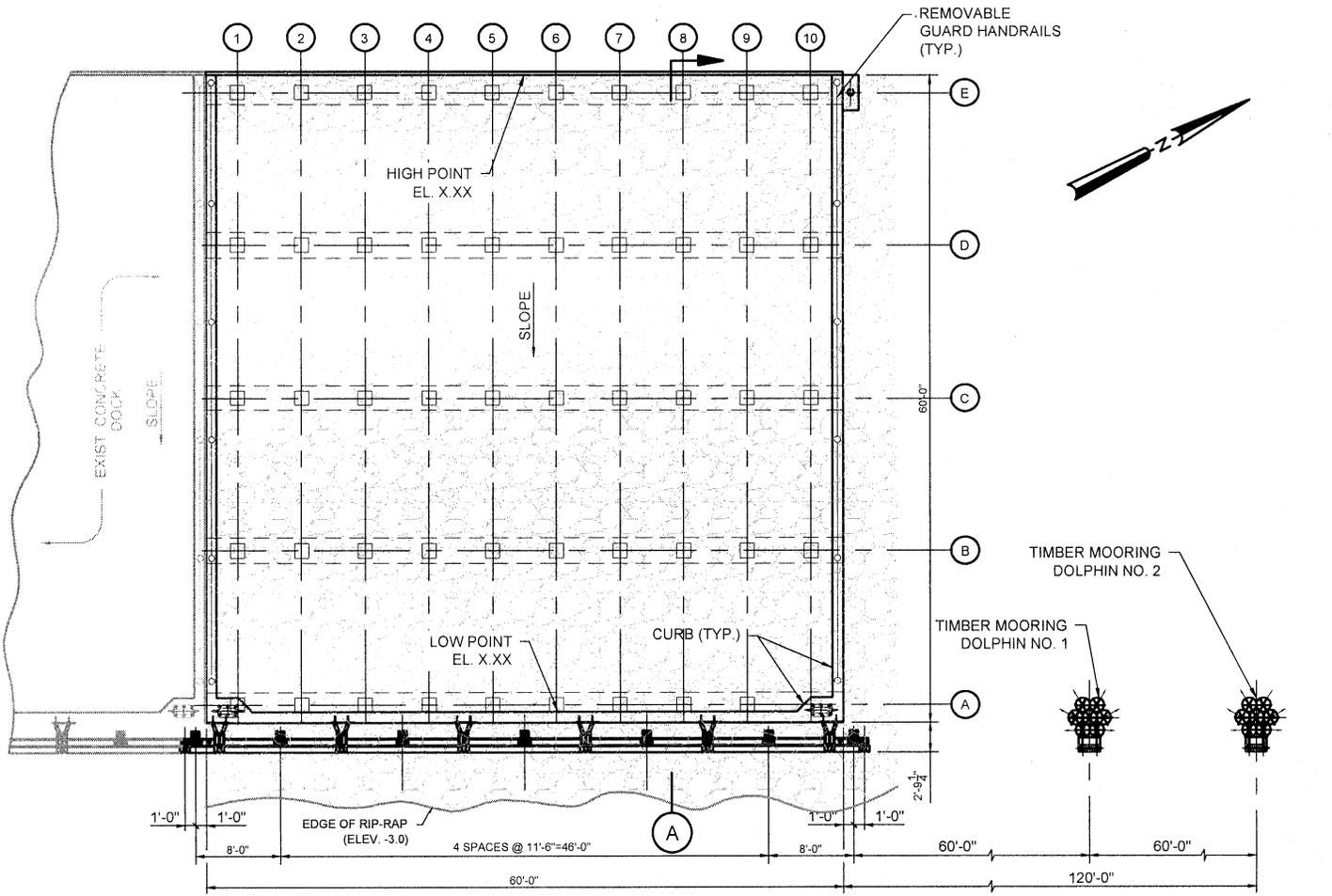


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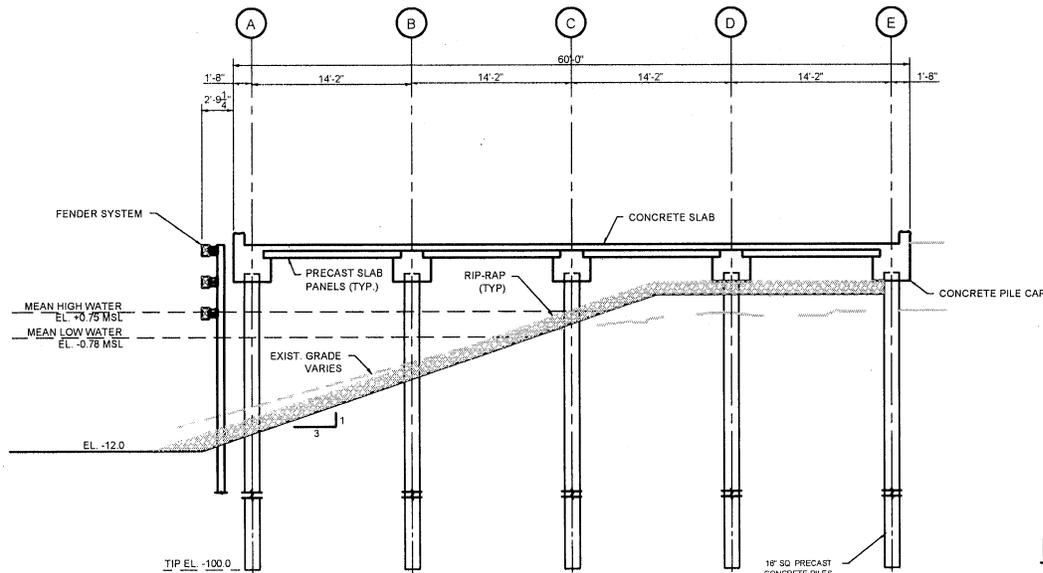
**ARRANGEMENT PLAN  
FOR BOAT LAUNCH**

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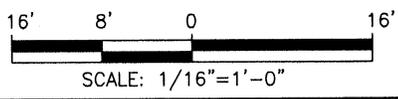
CONCRETE DOCK PLAN VIEW



CONCRETE DOCK SECTION VIEW

LEGEND:

SHORELINE PROTECTION (545 CU. YD.)



(A) SECTION  
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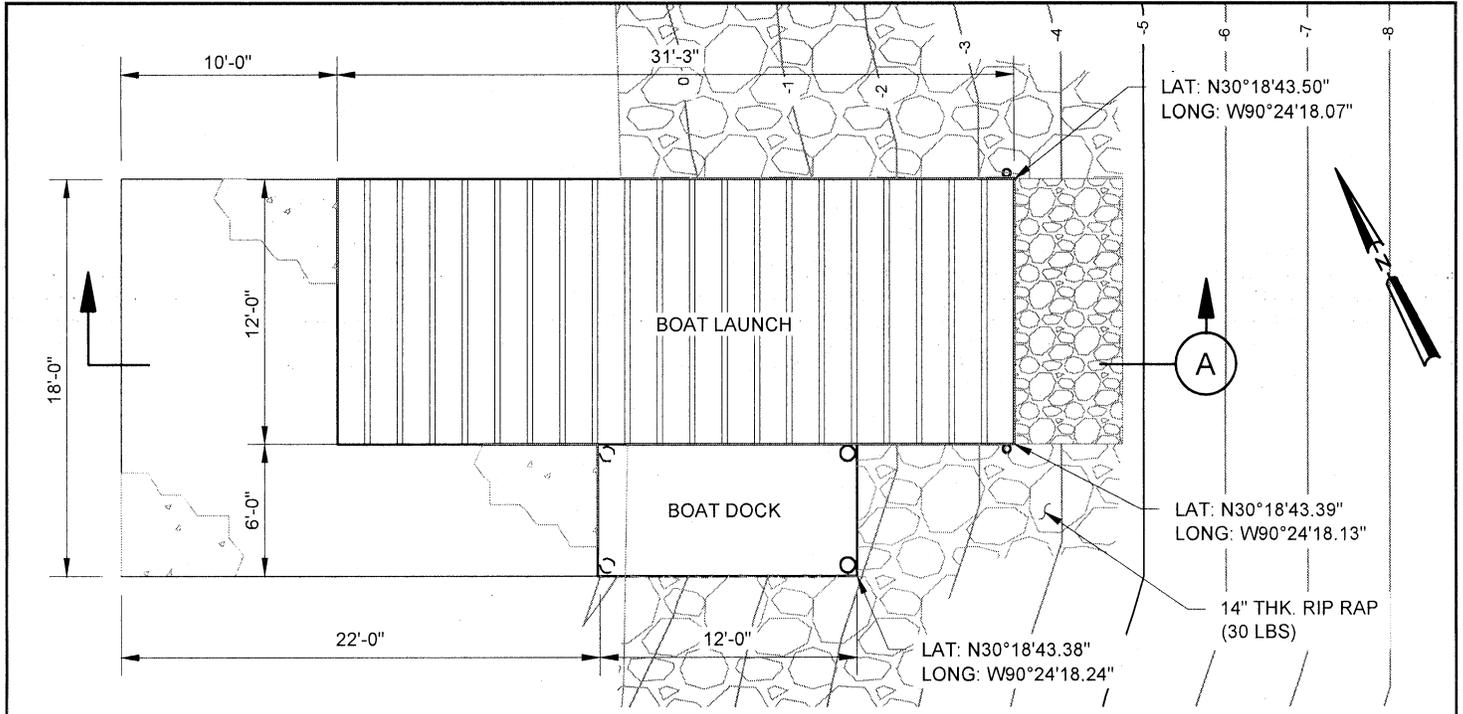


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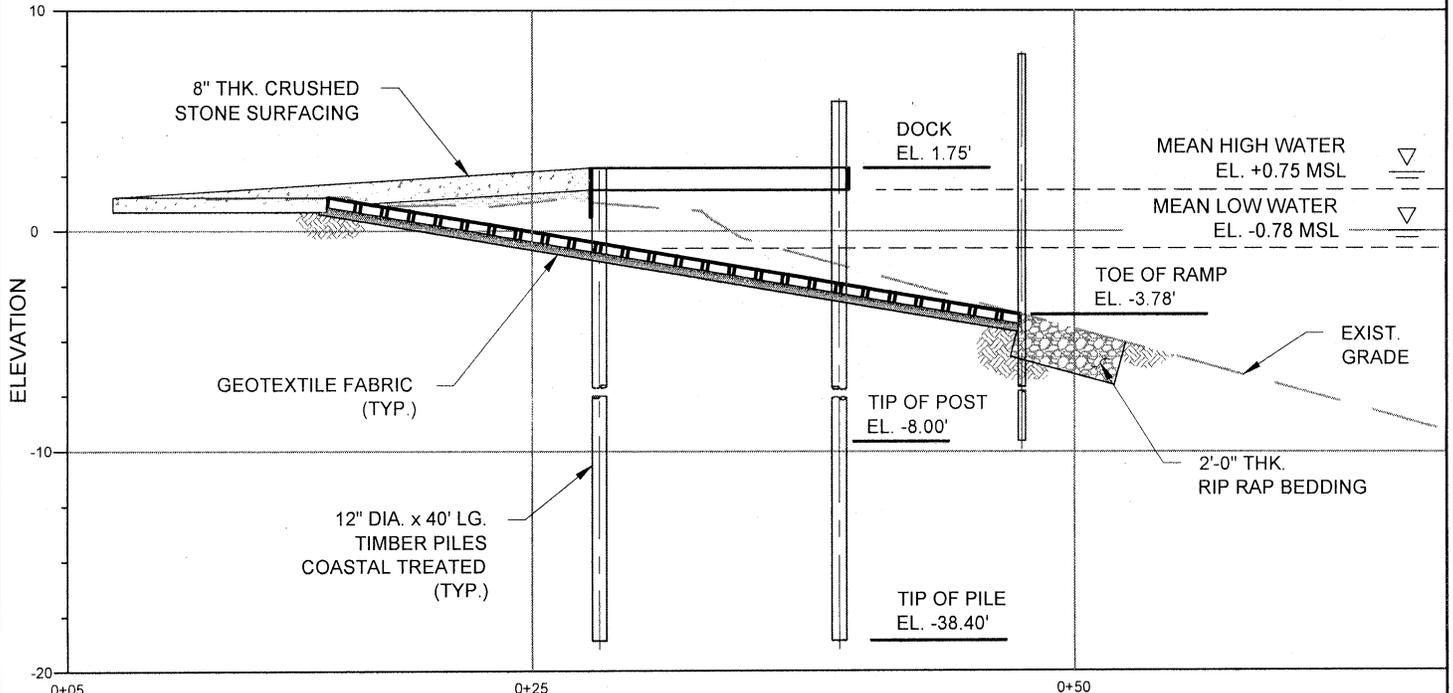
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TYPICAL PRE-CAST CONCRETE BOAT LAUNCH PLAN

SCALE: 1"=100'



LEGEND:

-  CRUSHED STONE (6.25 CU. YD.)
-  SHORELINE PROTECTION (545 CU. YD.)

CROSS SECTIONAL VIEW

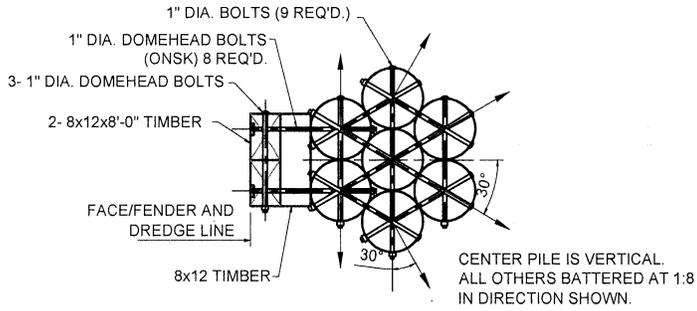
A SECTION  
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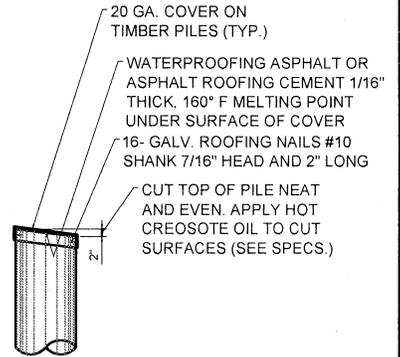
BOAT LAUNCH  
PLAN AND ELEVATION

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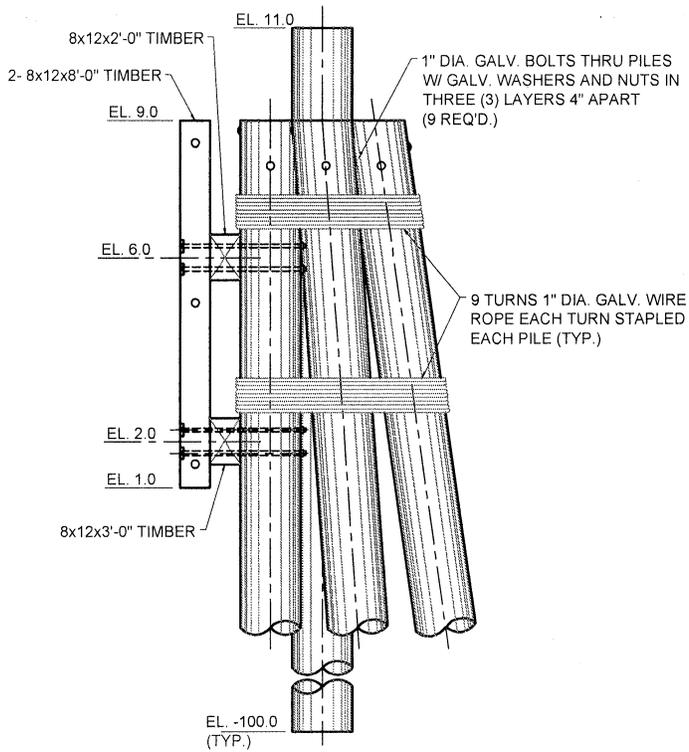
**MOORING DOLPHIN PLAN**

SCALE: 1/4"=1'-0"



**TYPICAL PILE CAP PROTECTION**

SCALE: 1/4"=1'-0"



**MOORING DOLPHIN SIDE ELEVATION**

SCALE: 1/4"=1'-0"



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**MOORING DOLPHINS  
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NOTES:

1. ALL STRUCTURES, FACILITIES, WELL AND PIPELINES/FLOWLINES OCCURRING IN OPEN WATER AREAS OR IN OIL FIELD CANALS OR SLIPS SHALL BE REMOVED WITHIN 120 DAYS OF ABANDONMENT OR THE FACILITIES FOR THE HEREIN PERMITTED USE UNLESS PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL TO LEAVE SUCH STRUCTURES IN PLACE IS RECEIVED FROM THE OFFICE OF COASTAL MANAGEMENT. THIS CONDITION DOES NOT PRECLUDE THE NECESSITY FOR REVISING THE CURRENT PERMIT OR OBTAINING A SEPARATE COASTAL USE PERMIT, SHOULD ONE BE REQUIRED.
2. STRUCTURES MUST ALSO BE MARKED/LIGHTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH US COAST GUARD REGULATIONS.
3. IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ALL PARTIES, THE PERMITTEE SHALL CONTACT THE LOUISIANA ONE CALL SYSTEM (1-800-272-3020) A MINIMUM OF 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF ANY EXCAVATION (DIGGING, DREDGING, JETTING, ETC.) OR DEMOLITION ACTIVITY.
4. APPLICANT SHALL PROVIDE THAT ADEQUATE EROSION/SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES ARE IMPLEMENTED TO INSURE THAT NO SEDIMENTS OR OTHER ACTIVITY RELATED DEBRIS ARE ALLOWED TO ENTER WATERS OF THE STATE. ACCEPTED MEASURES INCLUDE THE PROPER USE OF VEGETATED BUFFERS, SILT FENCES OR OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY CONSTRUCTION SITE STORM-WATER RUNOFF CONTROL BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES.



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GENERAL NOTES

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