

# JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

August 8, 2016

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MVN 2016-00965 ES

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WQC Application Number  
WQC 160801-02

Interested parties are hereby notified that a permit application has been received by the New Orleans District of the U.S. 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, for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with statutory authority contained in LRS30:2047 A(3), and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L.95-17).

## **Construct and Maintain a Pier within the Mississippi River Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana**

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** Port Ship Service, Inc. Attn: Robert J. Nunez, 7121 N. Peters St. P. O. Box 369 Arabi, LA 70032-0369

**LOCATION OF WORK:** Project site is located on the right descending bank of the Mississippi River, at Mile Marker 48.7 above Head of Passes, near Pointe a la Hache ferry landing, in Pointe a la Hache, in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the attached drawings.

Hydrologic Unit Code: 08090100 - Lower Mississippi Region Location: Latitude: 29.56959, Longitude: -89.79718

**CHARACTER OF WORK:** The applicant proposes to construct and maintain a new pier along the Mississippi River. The proposed project would cause temporary impacts to .02 acres of jurisdictional wetlands. No permanent impacts to jurisdictional wetlands are anticipated with project implementation, thus, no compensatory mitigation measures are proposed at this time.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality WQC will close **30 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.

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 U.S. 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 U.S. 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 at this time. 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.

The New Orleans District has determined that the project footprint is located in waters known to be utilized by the pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*) and determined the activity is "not likely to adversely affect" this species based on the Standard Local Operating Procedure for Endangered Species in Louisiana (SLOPES), dated October 22, 2014, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Office.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would not affect any species, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of such species, listed as endangered by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

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 **0.0** 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 applicable water quality standards will be required from the Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Certifications, before a permit is issued.

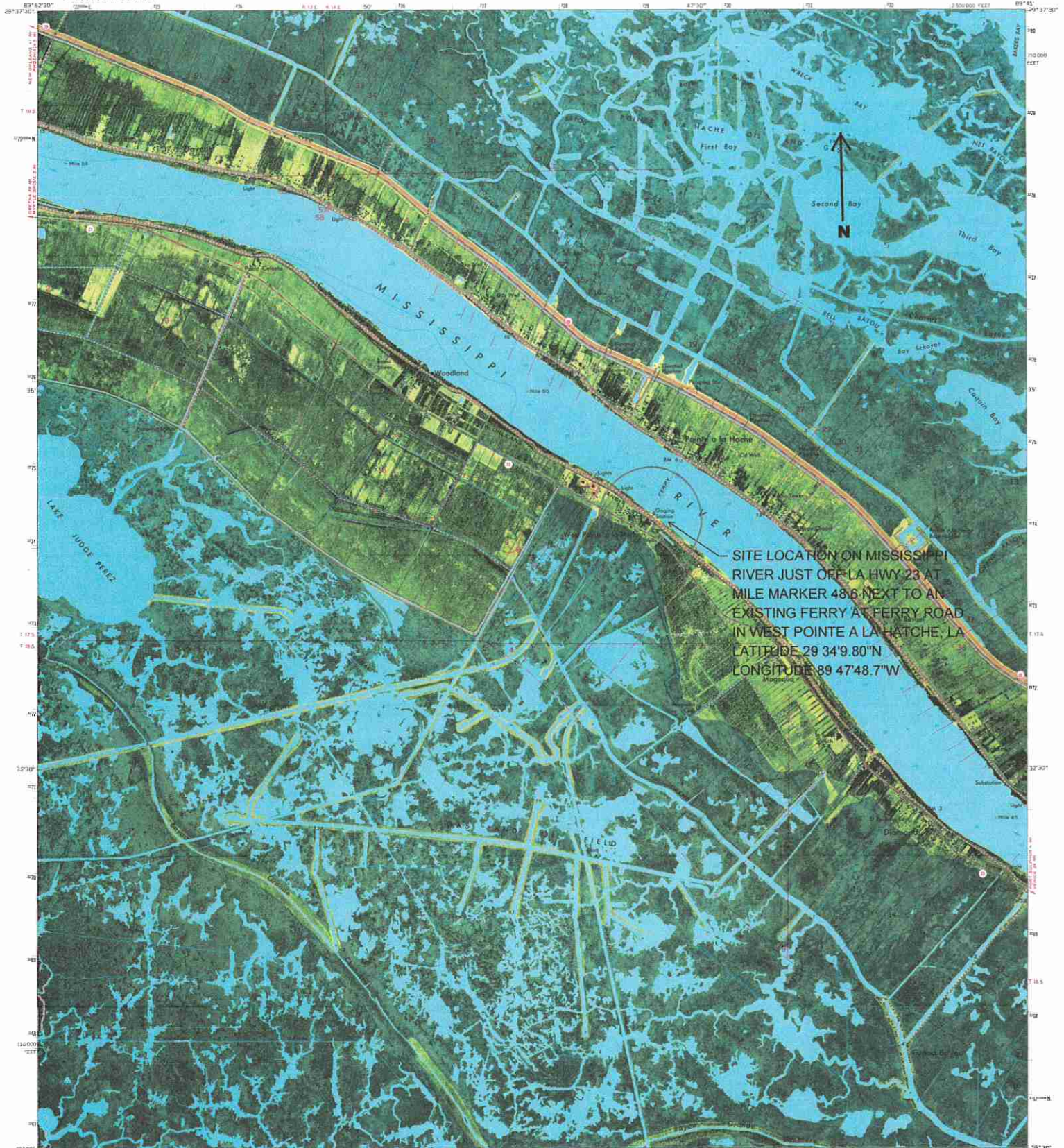
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

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.

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.

Michael V. Farabee  
Chief, Eastern Evaluation Section

Enclosure



SITE LOCATION ON MISSISSIPPI RIVER JUST OFF LA HWY 23 AT MILE MARKER 48.6 NEXT TO AN EXISTING FERRY AT FERRY ROAD IN WEST POINTE A LA HACHE, LA  
LATITUDE 29 34' 9.80" N  
LONGITUDE 89 47' 48.7" W

Produced by the United States Geological Survey  
Control by USGS and NAD83/NA  
Orthophotomaps prepared from high-altitude aerial photographs taken Oct. 24, 1971. Topography by planimetric surveys 1973.  
Selected hydrographic data compiled from USCGS Chart 127 (1982).  
This information is not intended for navigational purposes.  
Projection and 10,000-foot grid ticks: Louisiana coordinate system, North American datum.  
1500-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 18, shown in blue. 1927 North American datum.  
Tie to reference between 1927 North American Datum and North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83) for 7.5-minute orthophotomaps is given in USGS Bulletin 1875. The NAD 83 is shown by dashed corner ticks.  
All or part of this quadrangle lies within a subsidence area subject to control, and lines have not been established or are not shown because of insufficient data.

VERTICAL DATUM FROM MEAN TIDE NORTH  
OCEANIC CENTER OF GRAVITY  
PHOTOCOPIED FROM 1983 SOURCE; NO MAJOR CHANGE OF  
DRAINAGE CHANGES OBSERVED. Boundaries, other than  
corporate, and names revised 1992.

SCALE 1:24,000  
CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 FEET  
NATIONAL GEODESIC SURVEY DATUM OF 1983  
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM U.S. MEAN LOW WATER  
THE MEAN TIDE OF THE U.S. CAROLINE ISLANDS

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

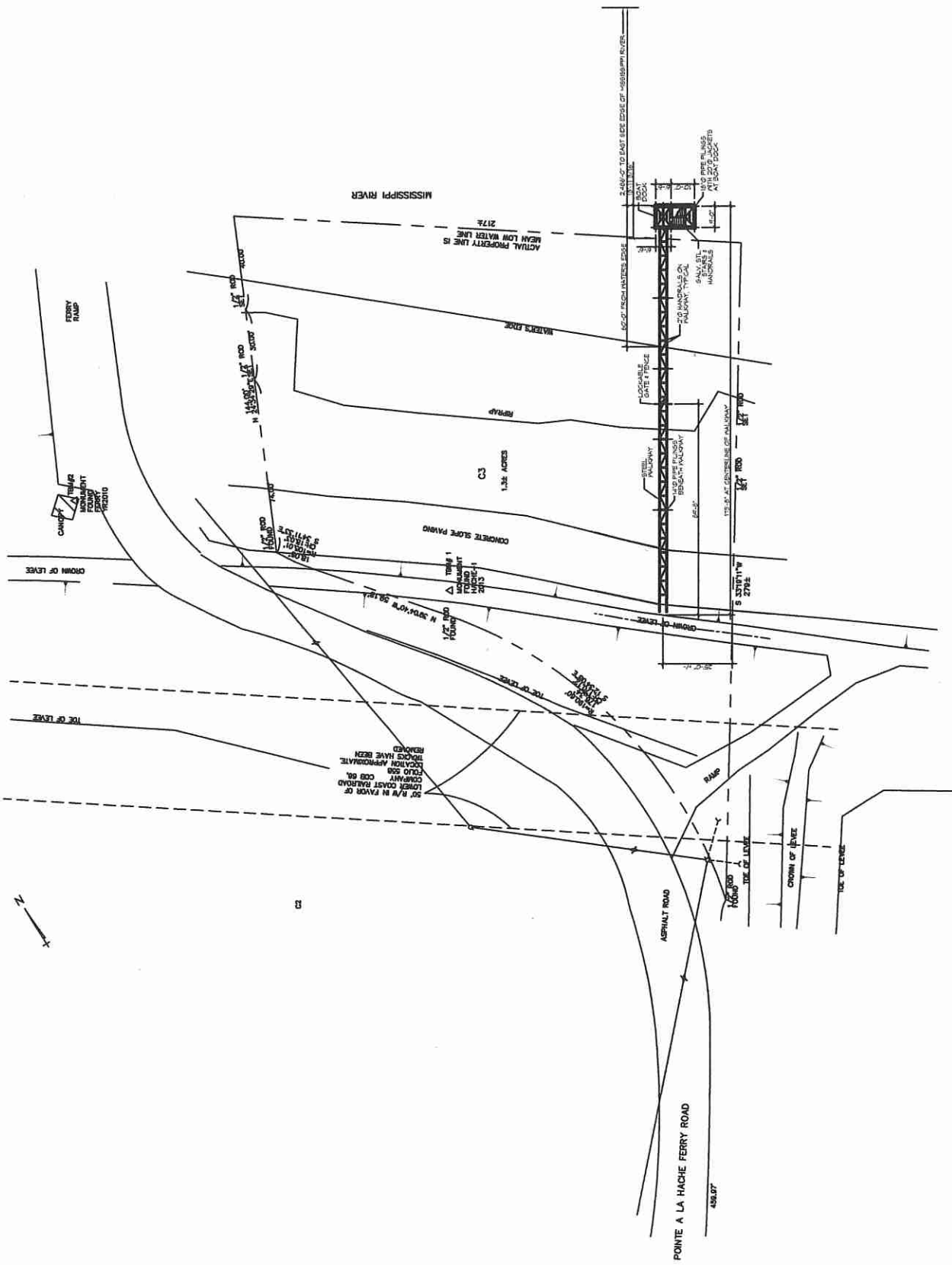
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- Secondary highway: hard surface
- Unimproved road
- Interstate Route
- U.S. Route
- State Route
- Light duty road: hard or improved surface
- Unimproved road
- U.S. Route
- State Route

QUADRANGLE LOCATION

FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR RESTON, VIRGINIA 20192  
AND LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70804  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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DATA FROM 1:25,000 SERIES 7500

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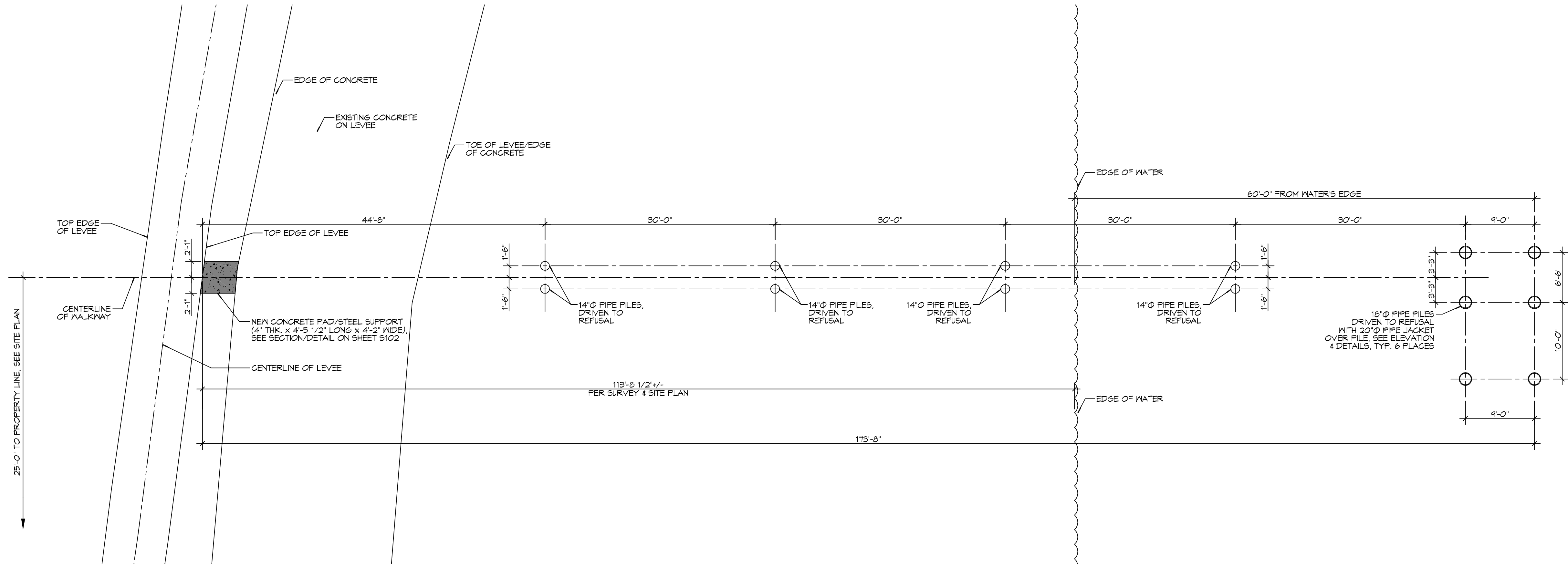
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1 SITE PLAN VIEW MAP

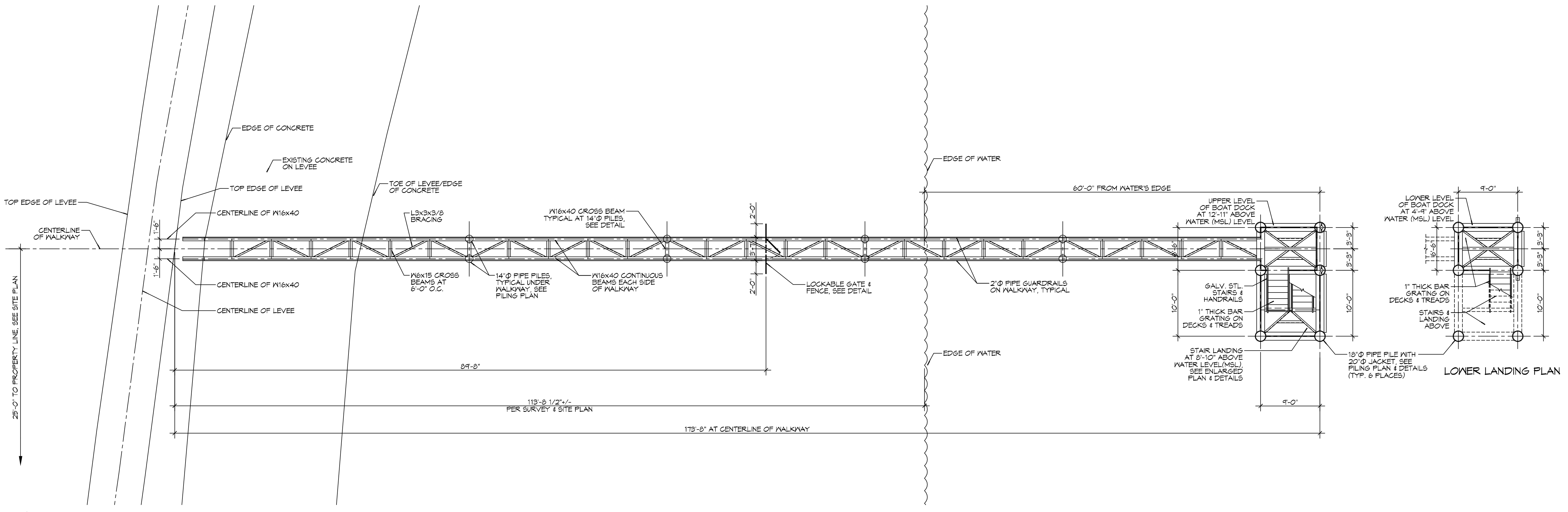




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**2 WALKWAY AND BOAT DOCK PILING PLAN**  
SCALE: 1/8"=1'-0"



**1 WALKWAY AND BOAT DOCK PLAN**  
SCALE: 1/8"=1'-0"

**GENERAL NOTES**

- DIMENSION AND MEMBER SIZES SHOWN ARE BASED ON FIELD OBSERVATION AND SHOULD BE VERIFIED PRIOR TO ANY FUTURE WORK OR CONSTRUCTION.
- DETAIL, FABRICATE, AND ERECT STRUCTURAL STEEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LATEST AISC SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE DESIGN, FABRICATION, AND ERECTION OF STRUCTURAL STEEL FOR BUILDINGS.
- MATERIAL:
  - STRUCTURAL SHAPES, PLATES-ASTM A572 GRADE 50.
  - TUBE COLUMNS - ASTM A500-GRADE B-F41-46 KSI.
  - BOLTS: CONNECTIONS ASTM A525. ANCHOR BOLTS ASTM A307.
  - WELDING ELECTRODES: ETOXX SERIES.
  - PAINT: APPROVED PRIMER-2 MILS THICK. DO NOT PAINT SURFACES TO BE WELDED, EMBEDDED IN CONCRETE/MASONRY, OR CONTACT SURFACES OF FRICTION CONNECTIONS.
- FIELD CONNECTIONS: 3/4" HIGH STRENGTH BOLTS, AS REQUIRED.
- WELDING BY CERTIFIED WELDERS AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH AWS D1.1-94, STRUCTURAL WELDING CODE.
- ELECTRODES USED FOR SUBMERGED ARC AND SHIELDED METAL ARC WELDING SHALL BE COMPATIBLE WITH THE STRUCTURAL STEEL AS SPECIFIED IN AWS AND AISC.
- PROVIDE HOLES IN THE STRUCTURAL STEEL AS REQUIRED TO ATTACH THE WOOD BLOCKING (BUMPER) AS INDICATED ON THE PLANS AND ELEVATIONS.
- ALL PILES ARE TO BE DRIVEN TO REFUSAL.

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PORT SHIP SERVICES  
POINTE A LA HATCHE PROJECT  
**NEW PERSONNEL PIER**  
ON MISSISSIPPI RIVER & LA HIGHWAY 25 AT MILE MARKER 48.9 AHP  
NEAR PEST POINT A LA HATCHE IN PLaquemines PARISH, LOUISIANA 70098  
JOB No: 2264 | DATE: JULY 12, 2016  
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**WALKWAY AND BOAT DOCK PLAN & PILING LAYOUT**  
DRAWING NUMBER:  
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