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Application #: MVN 2011-02928-CO

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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 [ ] Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344).

### **BARGE FLEET MODIFICATION IN THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER IN IBERVILLE PARISH**

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** Carline Companies, c/o Lanier & Associates Consulting Engineers, Inc., 4101 Magazine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70115.

**LOCATION OF WORK:** In the Mississippi River, right descending bank, mile 202.3, near Plaquemine, Louisiana, in Iberville Parish, within the Mississippi River Basin in hydrologic unit (HUC 08070100), as shown on the attached drawings.

**CHARACTER OF WORK:** The applicant has requested a Department of the Army authorization to modify an existing barge fleet to include additional barge breasting and mooring monopiles, as well as three additional blocks of barges. The additional blocks will be set 150' channelward of the existing fleet, and contain two blocks consisting of 3 tiers, each 5 barges wide, and one block consisting of 4 tiers, each 5 barges wide. The three proposed barge blocks will be secured by an anchor pile and chain, as well as a permanently moored spud barge. All structures will be installed from barge mounted equipment in the waterway. No vegetated wetlands will be impacted by the project. Approximately 7.4 acres of non-vegetated waterbottoms will be impacted by project implementation.

**MITIGATION:** The proposed activity does not affect wetland resources; therefore, no mitigation is required.

The comment period for the requested Department of Army will close in **30 days** from the date of this 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 request, and must be submitted so as to be received before

or by the last day of the comment period. Letters and/or comments concerning the subject permit application must reference the Applicant's Name and the Permit Application Number and can be preferably emailed to the Corps of Engineer's project manager listed above or forwarded to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, **ATTENTION: REGULATORY DIVISION, RGC, Jamie Crowe**. This public notice is also available for review online at <https://go.usa.gov/xennJ>.

### **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. Further, all factors that may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the potential cumulative effects associated with the proposed project.

The possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, historical sites, or data. As deemed necessary, copies of this public notice will be sent to the State Archeologist, State Historic Preservation Officer, and federally listed tribes regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would have no effect on any species listed as endangered by the U.S. Department of Commerce, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of any endangered species.

Based on the Information Planning and Consultation (IPaC) tool for Endangered Species in Louisiana, as signed on January 27, 2020, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District (CEMVN) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, CEMVN has determined that the project is not likely to adversely affect the Pallid Sturgeon

(*Scaphirhynchus albus*) and would have no effect to any species listed as endangered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of any such species.

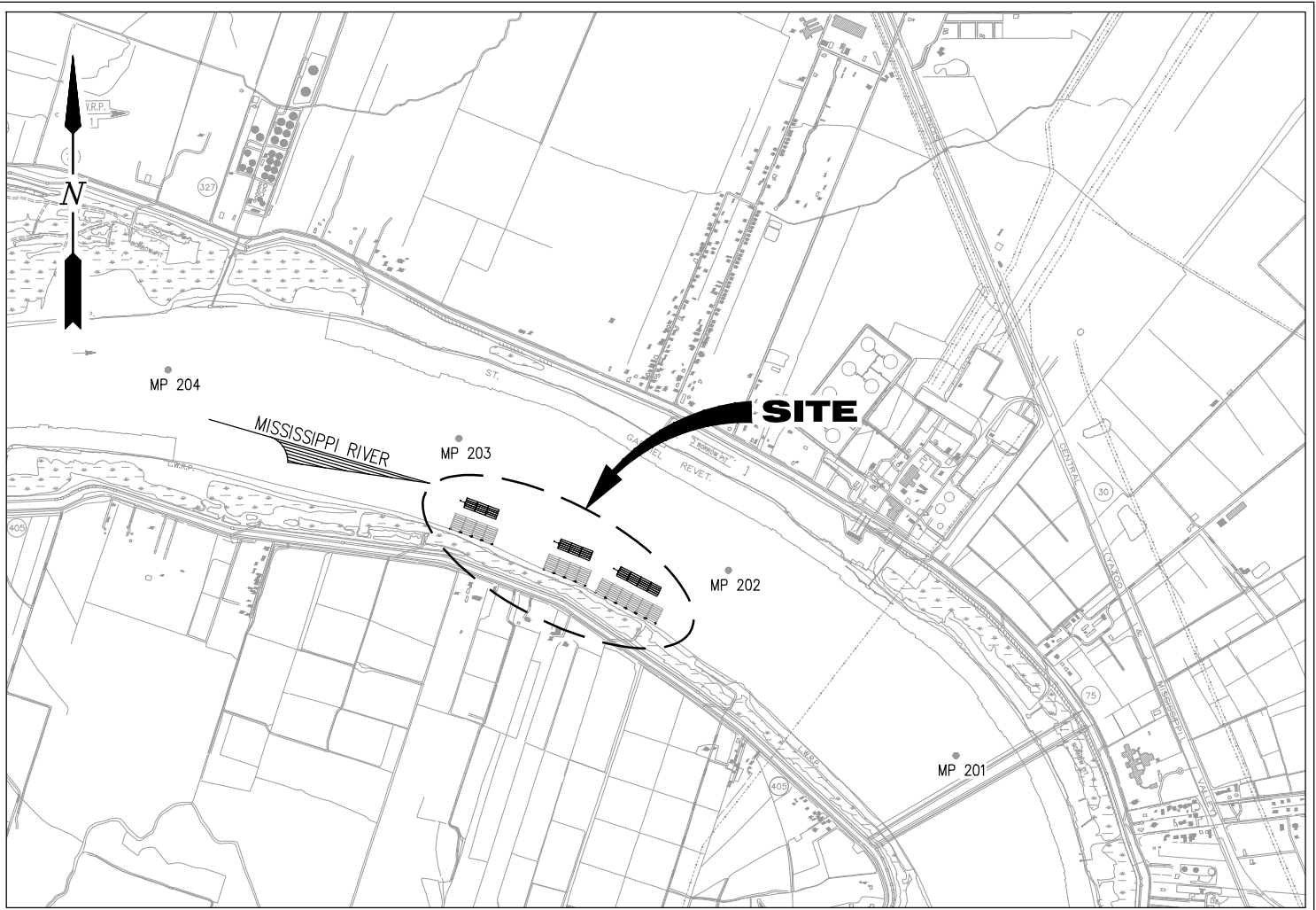
This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal would result in the destruction or alteration of up to n/a acres of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and penaeid shrimp. 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.

Any person may request, (preferably by email to the project manager, or 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 invited to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

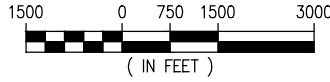
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Chief, Central Evaluation Branch  
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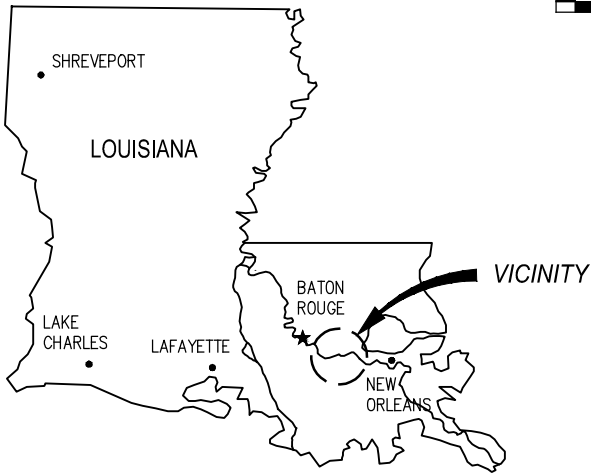


**VICINITY MAP**

SCALE: 1" = 3000'



IBERVILLE PARISH  
 LAT. 30° 16' 08" N  
 LONG. 91° 08' 02" W

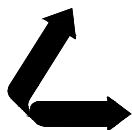


**AREA MAP**

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**BARGE FLEET MODIFICATIONS**  
**VICINITY MAP & AREA MAP**

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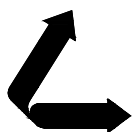
**NOTES**

1. NO IMPACTS TO RARE, THREATENED OR ENDANGERED SPECIES OR CRITICAL HABITATS ARE ANTICIPATED FROM THE PROPOSED PROJECT. NO STATE OR FEDERAL PARKS, WILDLIFE REFUGES, WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS OR SCENIC RIVERS ARE KNOWN AT THE SPECIFIED SITE OR WITHIN ¼ MILE OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT. THE WILDLIFE DIVERSITY PROGRAM (WDP) REPORTS SUMMARIZE THE EXISTING INFORMATION KNOWN AT THE TIME OF THE REQUEST REGARDING THE LOCATION IN QUESTION. WDP REPORTS SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED FINAL STATEMENTS ON THE BIOLOGICAL ELEMENTS OR AREAS BEING CONSIDERED, NOR SHOULD THEY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR ON-SITE SURVEYS REQUIRED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS. IF AT ANY TIME WPD TRACKED SPECIES ARE ENCOUNTERED WITHIN THE PROJECT AREA, PLEASE CONTACT OUR BIOLOGIST AT 225-763-3554.
2. AS-BUILT DRAWINGS AND/OR PLATS SHALL HAVE WRITTEN ON THEM THE DATE OF COMPLETION OF SAID ACTIVITIES AND SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, OFFICE OF COASTAL MANAGEMENT, P. O. BOX 44487, BATON ROUGE, LA 70804-4487 WITHIN 30 DAYS FOLLOWING PROJECT COMPLETION.
3. ALL STRUCTURES BUILT UNDER THE AUTHORIZATION AND CONDITIONS OF THIS PERMIT SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE SITE WITHIN 120 DAYS OF ABANDONMENT OF THE FACILITIES FOR THE HEREIN PERMITTED USE, OR WHEN THESE STRUCTURES FALL INTO A STATE OF DISREPAIR SUCH THAT THEY CAN NO LONGER FUNCTION AS INTENDED. THIS CONDITION DOES NOT PRECLUDE THE NECESSITY FOR REVISING THE CURRENT PERMIT OR OBTAINING A SEPARATE COASTAL USE PERMIT, SHOULD ONE BE REQUIRED, FOR SUCH REMOVAL ACTIVITIES.
4. STRUCTURES MUST ALSO BE MARKED/LIGHTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH U. S. COAST GUARD REGULATIONS.
5. 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.
6. ALL ELEVATIONS REFER TO NAVD 88 UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE.

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**BARGE FLEET MODIFICATIONS**  
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MISSISSIPPI RIVER

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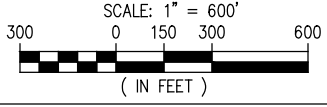
EXISTING PERMITTED BARGE FLEET (MVN-2011-02928-CS) (SE-MISSISSIPPI RIVER 1456)

STA. 483+731.5

USACE LEVEE BASELINE

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**EXISTING SITE PLAN**



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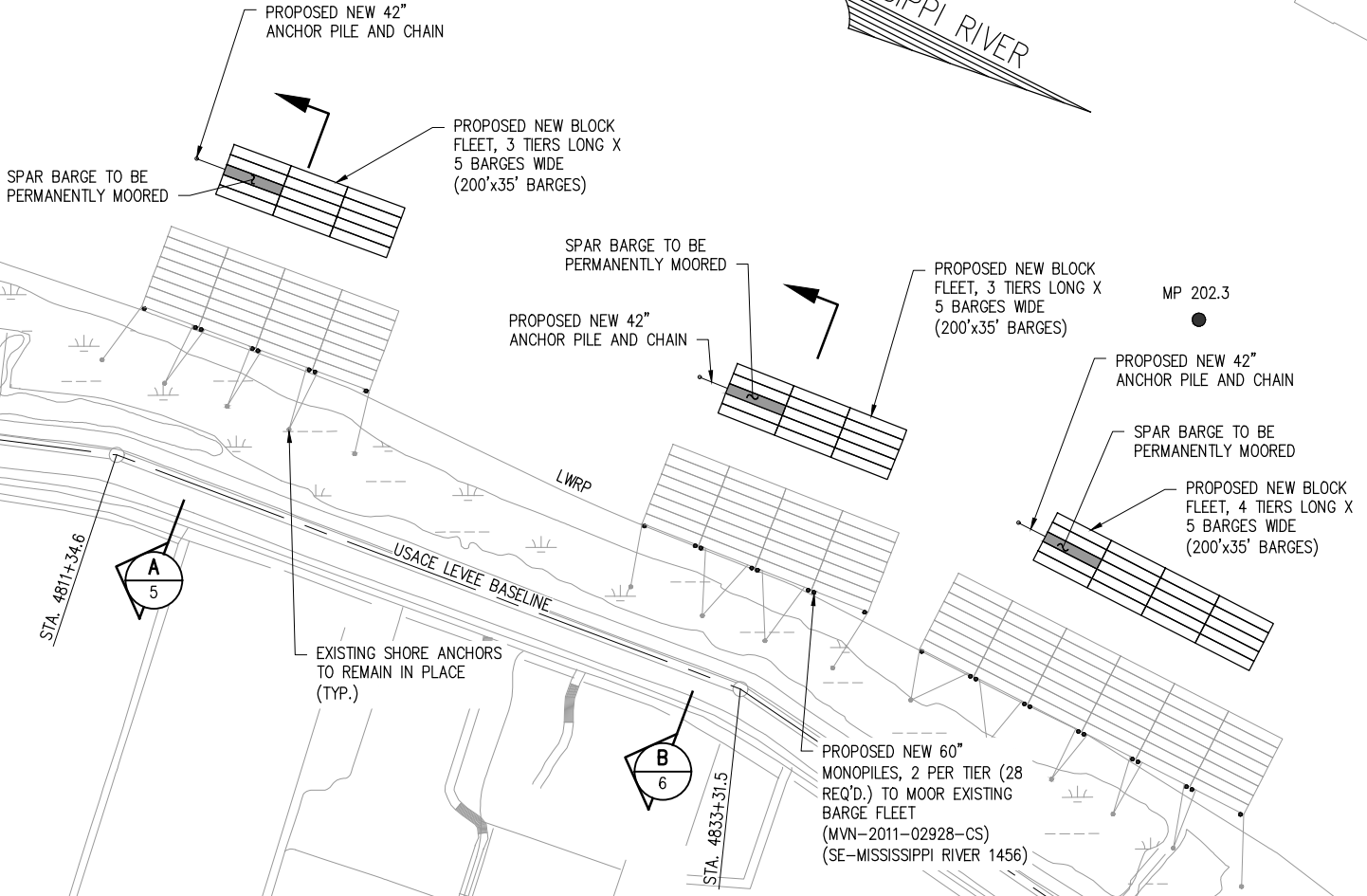
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**OPERATING CONDITION:**

- BLOCK FLEETS WILL BE RIGGED TOGETHER WITH MONOPILE FLEETS OR REMOVED DURING STORM EVENTS.

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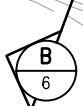
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EXISTING SHORE ANCHORS TO REMAIN IN PLACE (TYP.)

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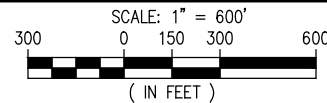
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PROPOSED NEW 60" MONOPILES, 2 PER TIER (28 REQ'D.) TO MOOR EXISTING BARGE FLEET (MVN-2011-02928-CS) (SE-MISSISSIPPI RIVER 1456)

**PROPOSED NEW SITE PLAN**



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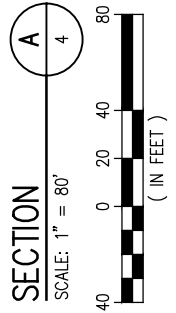
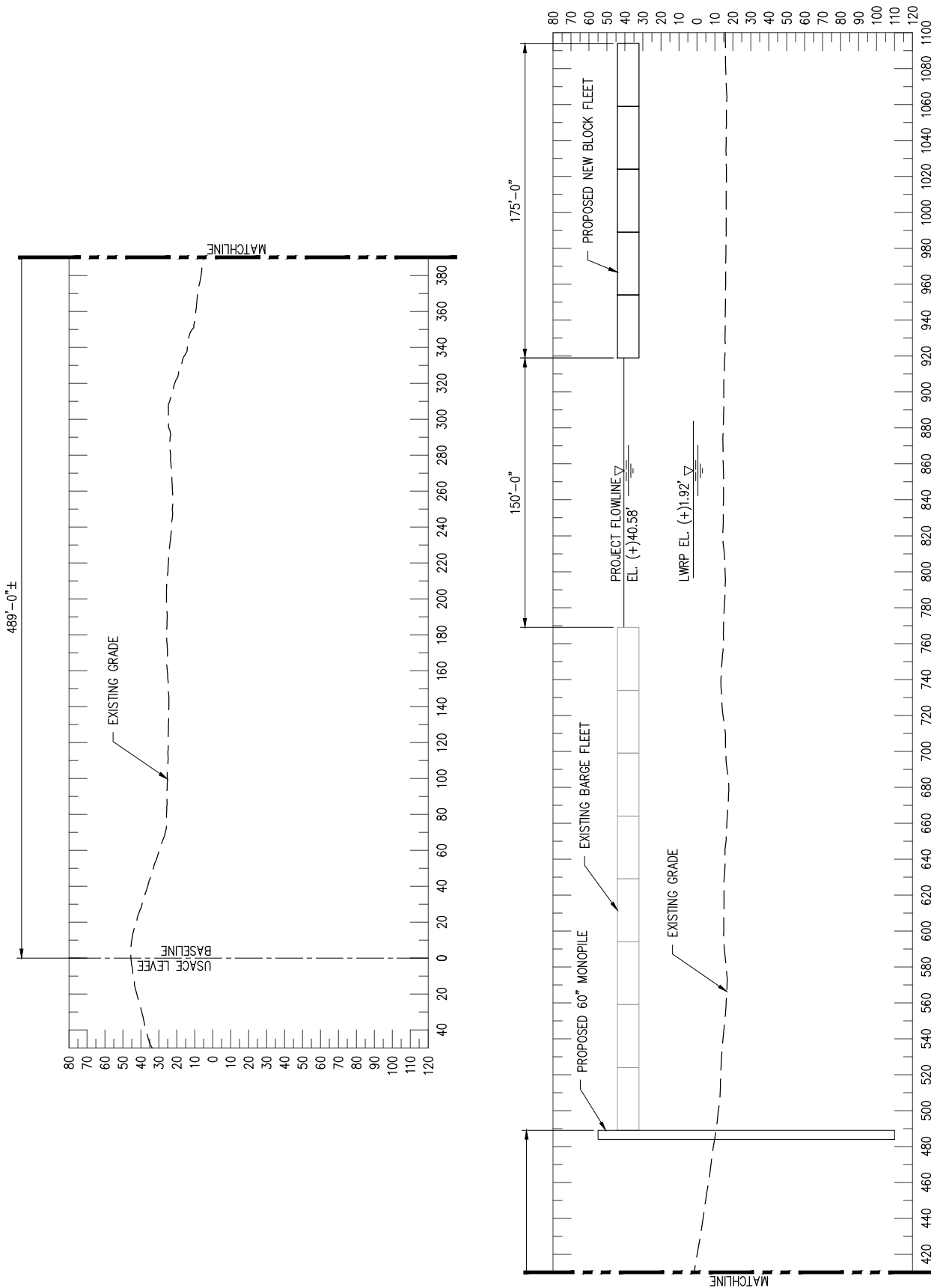
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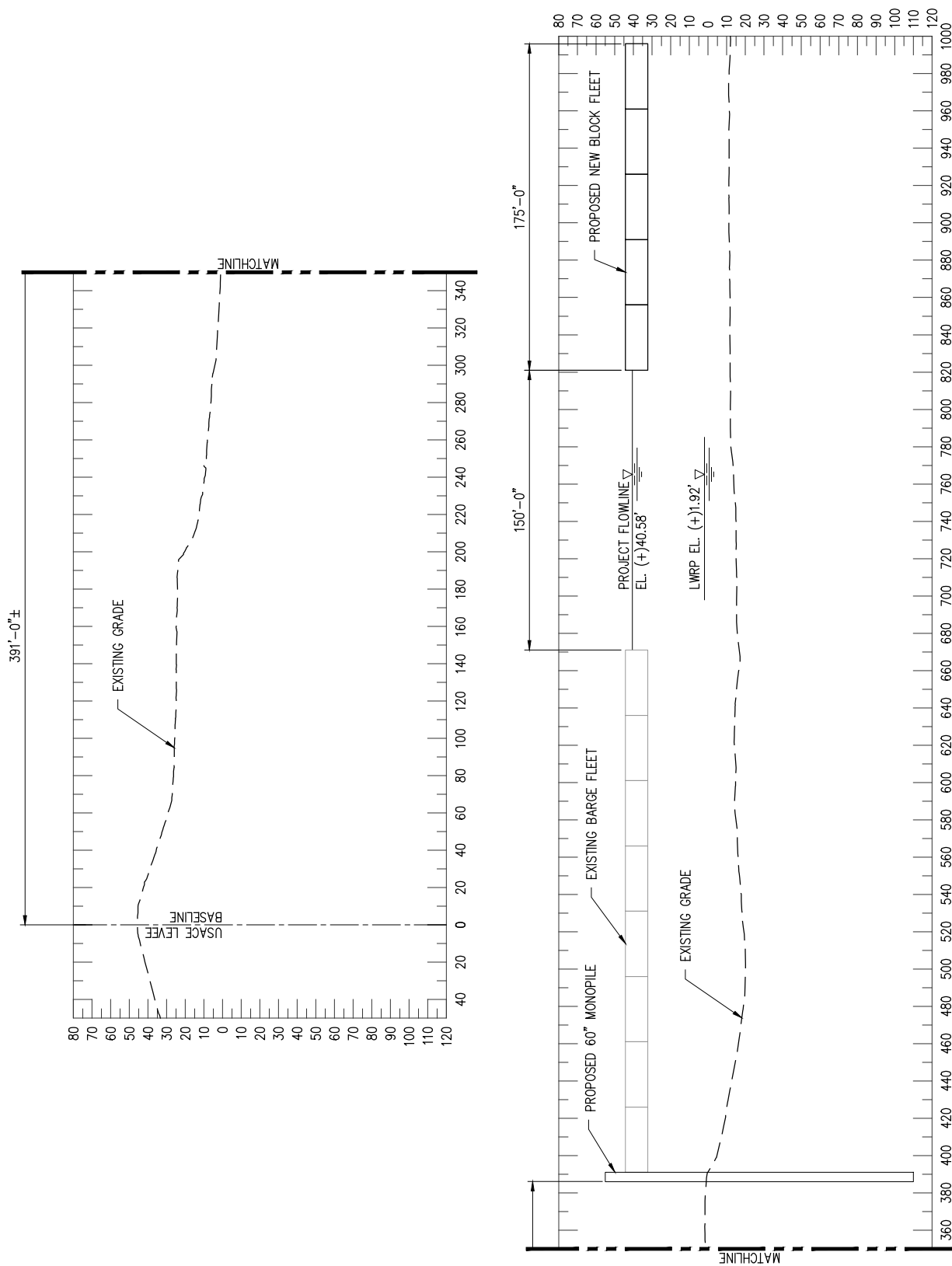
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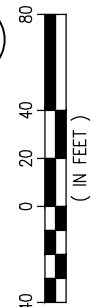
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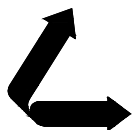
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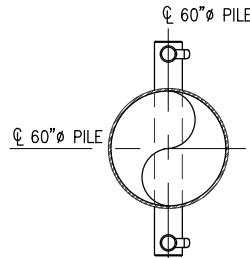
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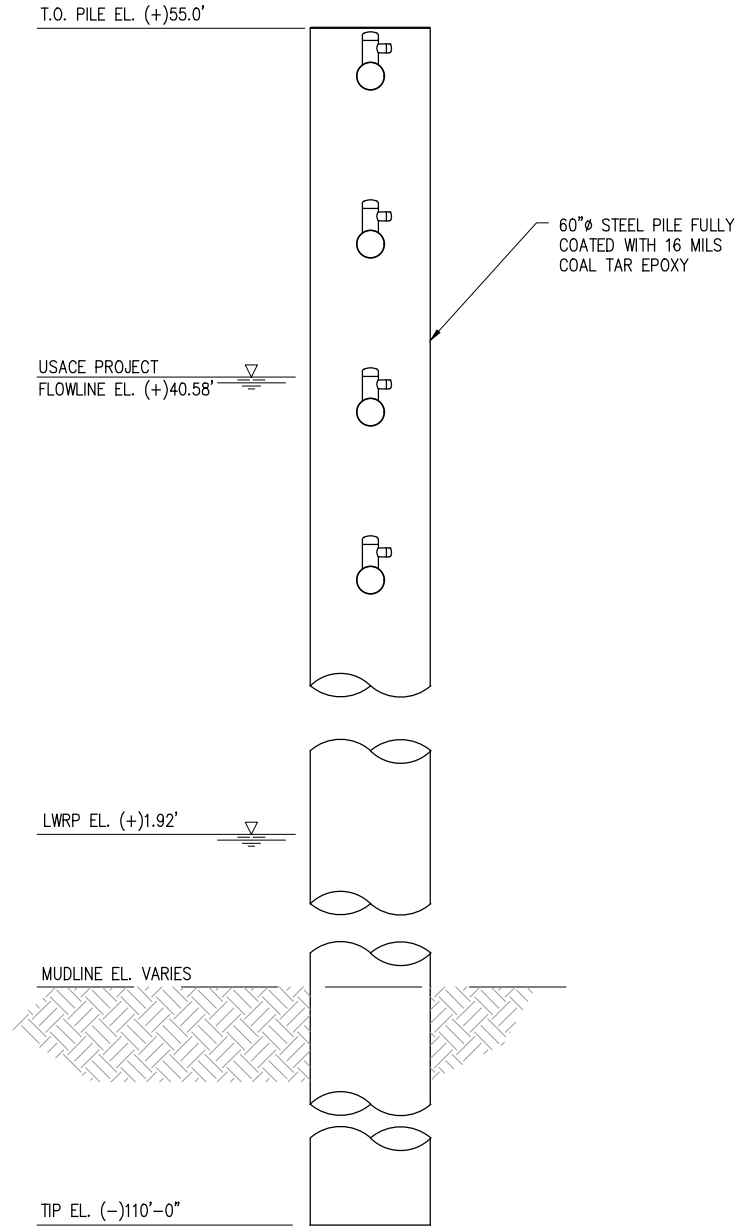
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### BARGE MONOPILE PLAN

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(28 REQUIRED)



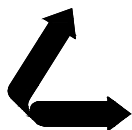
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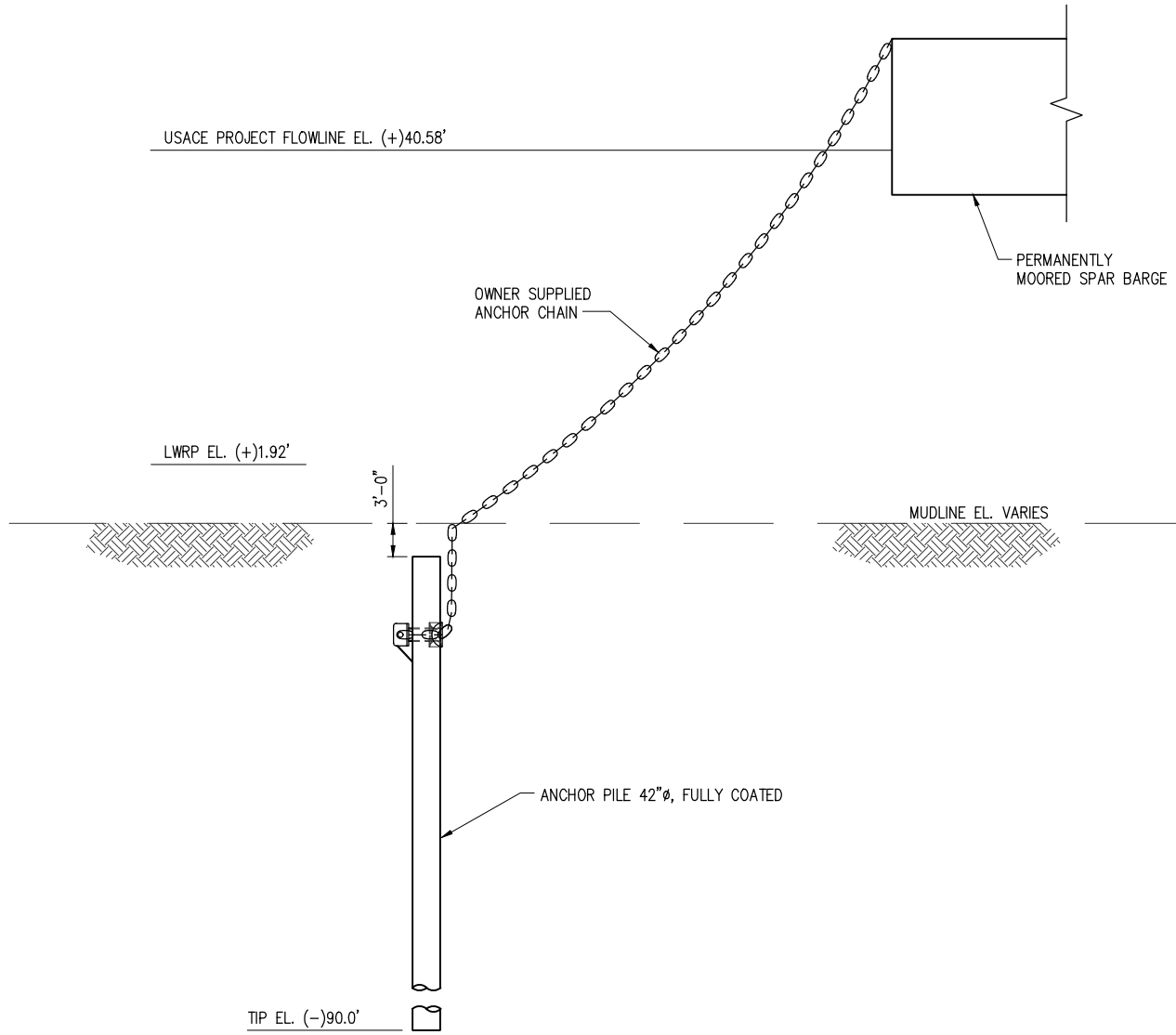
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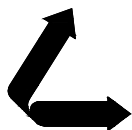
**ELEVATION – ANCHOR PILE & CHAIN**

SCALE: N.T.S.

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