

DEPARMENT OF THE ARMY U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT 7400 LEAKE AVE NEW ORLEANS. LA 70118-3651

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

AFTER-THE-FACT (ATF) RESIDENTIAL HOME SITE, BOAT SHED, BOAT RAMP, AND BULKHEADS ALONG BELLE RIVER

NAME OF APPLICANT: RANDALL RICHARDSON c/o Michael Henry, 2323 Hwy 190 E, Suite 2, Hammond, LA 70401.

LOCATION OF WORK: At the end of Rebecca Lane and abutting the Belle River, Latitude 29.860805, Longitude -91.197744, Pierre Part, Louisiana, in Assumption Parish, within the Terrebonne Basin in hydrologic unit (HUC 08090302), as shown on the attached drawings.

The work described below was completed prior to obtaining a Department of the Army permit and was in violation of Section 301 of the Clean Water Act. All legal issues concerning the unauthorized work have since been deferred.

<u>CHARACTER OF WORK</u>: The applicant has requested Department of the Army ATF authorization to clear, grade, excavate and deposit fill and/or aggregate material and excavate waters to construct and maintain a residential house, boat shed, boat ramp, and bulkhead along the Belle River and adjacent to a canal. Approximately 3,098 cubic yards of fill were excavated and placed on site and 458 cubic yards of concrete were placed on site for the development of the property. The ATF project is situated on an approximately 1.843-acre tract that has been determined to be wetlands prior to the development of the site. The entire tract was utilized to construct the residential development and appurtenances. The project impacted 1.313 acres of wetlands. It is anticipated that the action had a minimal impact on adjacent wetlands.

The applicant claims that mitigation will be purchased at an approved bank within the Terrebonne Basin.

The comment period for the Department of Army Permit will close in **20 days** from the

date of this public notice. This public notice is also available for review online at https://go.usa.gov/xennJ. 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 must be mailed 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 preferably emailed to the Corps of Engineers project manager listed above or forwarded to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, **ATTENTION:** REGULATORY DIVISION, RGC, Zachary Steinkoenig. Individuals or parties may request an extension of time in which to comment on the proposed work by writing or emailing 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 Branch 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.

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. The possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, historical sites, or data. Copies of this notice are being sent to the State Archeologist and State Historic Preservation Officer regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

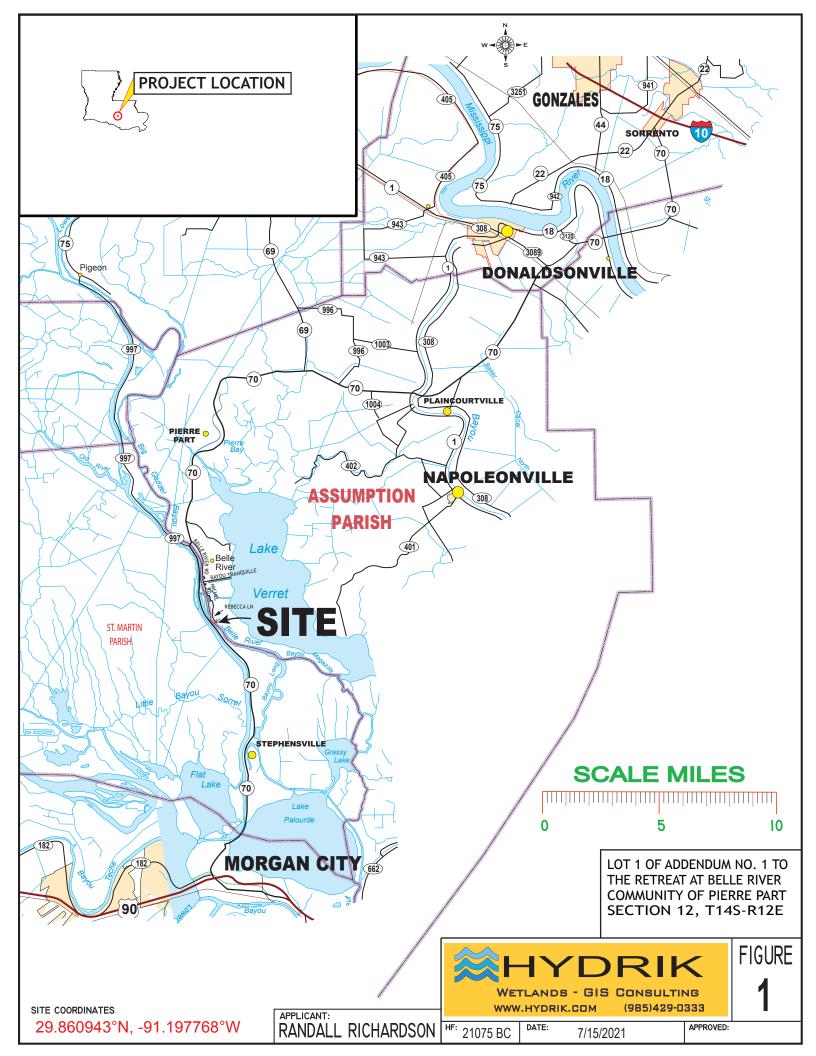
Our initial finding is that the proposed work is to have No Effect any species as endangered by the U.S. Departments of Interior or Commerce, affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of any endangered species. Utilizing the Information Planning and Consultation (IPaC) procedure for Endangered Species in Louisiana, as signed on January 27, 2020, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Corps has determined that the proposed activity would have no effect to any listed species.

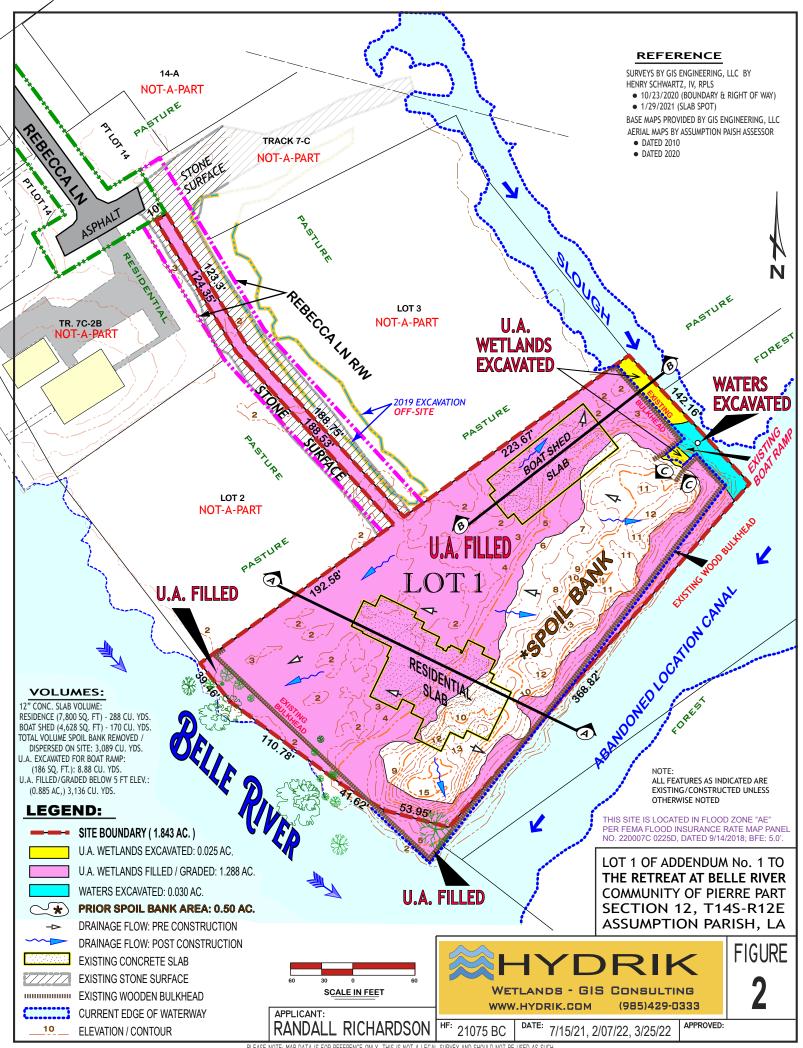
This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal may result in the destruction, alteration and/or disturbance of **N/A** acres of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and 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.

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 Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services before a Department of the Army permit can be issued.

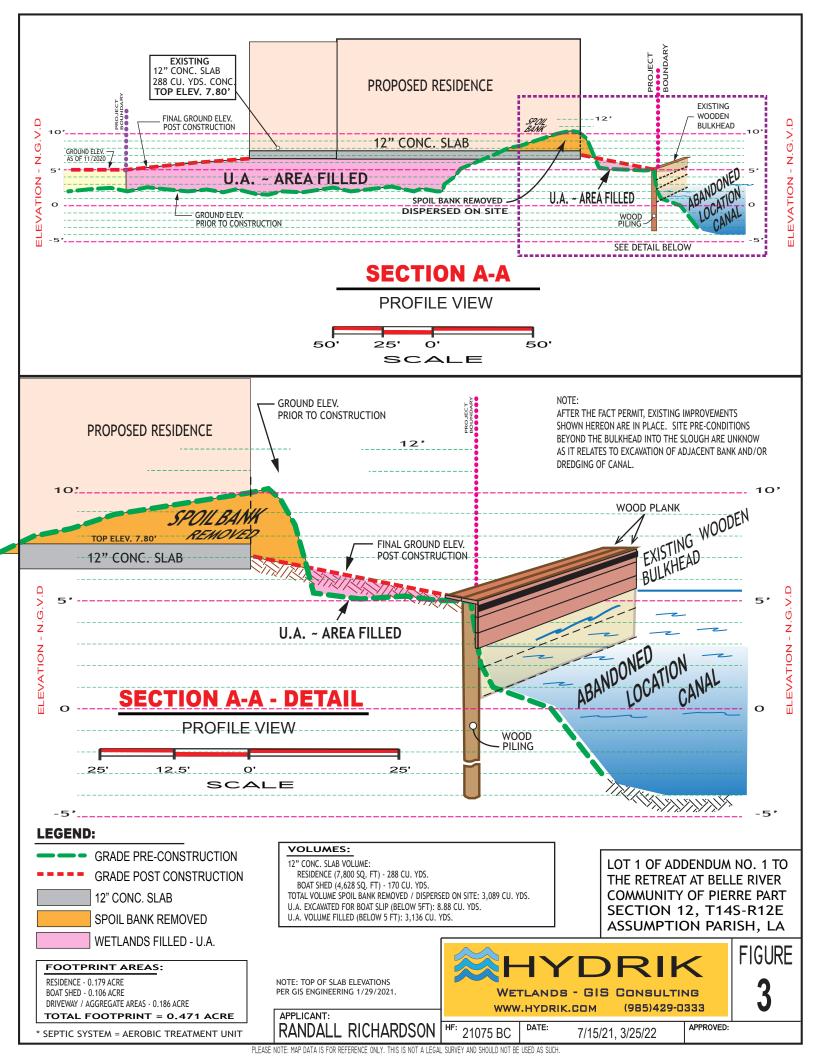
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. You are requested to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

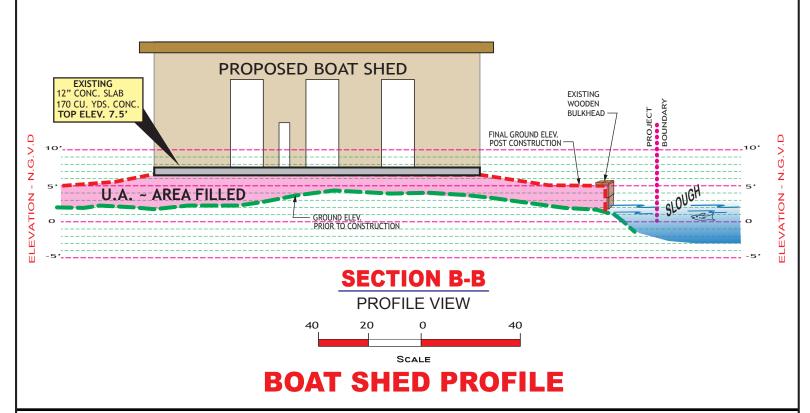
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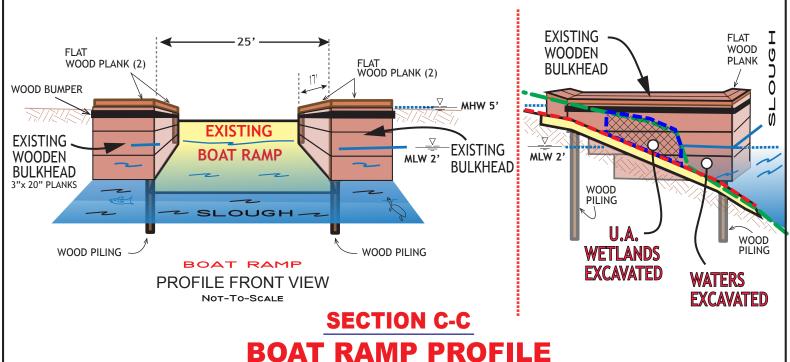




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TOTAL VOLUME U.A. ~ EXCAVATED FOR BOAT SLIP (BELOW 5' ELEV.: 99.8 SQ. FT.): 8.88 CU. YDS.



LOT 1 OF ADDENDUM NO. 1 TO THE RETREAT AT BELLE RIVER COMMUNITY OF PIERRE PART T14S-R12E SECTION 12, ASSUMPTION PARISH,



FIGURE

APPLICANT: RANDALL RICHARDSON

HF: 21075 BC DATE: 7/15/21, 3/25/22 APPROVED: