

JOINT
PUBLIC NOTICE

CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
69A Hagood Avenue
Charleston, South Carolina 29403-5107
and the
S.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL
OFFICE OF OCEAN AND COASTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
1362 McMillan Avenue, Suite 400
Charleston, South Carolina 29405

REGULATORY DIVISION
Refer to: P/N #2008-00846-2IH

April 25, 2008

Pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403), which was extended to the seaward limit of the Outer Continental Shelf by Section 4(e) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act of 1953, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1333(e)), Sections 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), and the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Act (48-39-10 et.seq.), an application has been submitted to the Department of the Army by the

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (SCDNR)
c/o ARTIFICIAL REEF COORDINATOR
P.O. BOX 12559
CHARLESTON, SC 29422

for an extension of time to continue work at 5 existing artificial fishing reef sites authorized by Department of the Army permits numbered 98-1D-185, 98-1D-363, 2003-1Z-188, 2003-1Z-275, 2004-1Z-197 located in the

ATLANTIC OCEAN, ST. HELENA SOUND, and THE STONO RIVER

at locations off of the coast of Charleston and Beaufort Counties, South Carolina. The corresponding names, latitude and longitude for each reef site are identified on the plans attached to this public notice.

In order to give all interested parties an opportunity to express their views

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is hereby given that written statements regarding the proposed work will be received by both of the above mentioned offices until

12 O'CLOCK NOON, TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2008

from those interested in the activity and whose interests may be affected by the proposed work.

The proposed extension will allow the continuation of placing suitable materials on the existing General Gordon Reef, Lowcountry Anglers Reef, CCA-McClellanville Reef, St. Helena Inshore Reef and the Stono River Inshore Reef sites constructed and maintained by the SCDNR. The applicant proposes to continue over the next ten years, the addition of structures such as landing craft, steel hulled vessels including trawlers and barges, steel cubes, fish aggregation devices, concrete pipe, subway cars, and other suitable materials and devices to the existing sites for expansion as materials become available. Existing buoys marking the location of the reefs will continue to be maintained in good condition by the applicant. No structure will be added to any reef that is greater in height from the ocean floor, than previously permitted. Approval of these permit extensions will give Federal authorization to add materials to the reef site for a period of ten (10) years. The applicant will be required to present plans for future expansion to the District Engineer for approval prior to accomplishing the work. All work is to be performed in accordance with Federal and State regulations governing such activities at the time the work is undertaken. The purpose of the reef program is to provide habitat for a number of marine finfish species and enhance fishing opportunities for the State's recreational fishermen.

NOTE: Plans depicting the work described in this notice are available and will be provided, upon receipt of a written request, to anyone that is interested in obtaining a copy of the plans for the specific project. The request must identify the project of interest by public notice number and a self-addressed stamped envelope must also be provided for mailing the drawings to you. Your request for drawings should be addressed to the

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The District Engineer has concluded that the discharges associated with this project, both direct and indirect, should be reviewed by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control in accordance with provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. As such, this notice constitutes a request, on behalf of the applicant, for certification that this project will comply with applicable effluent limitations and water quality standards. The work shown on this application must also be certified as consistent with applicable provisions the Coastal Zone Management Program (15 CFR 930). The District Engineer will not process this application to a conclusion until such certifications are received. The applicant is hereby advised that supplemental information may be required by the State to facilitate the review.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Implementation of the proposed project over the next 10 years would impact areas associated with estuarine substrates and emergent wetlands utilized by various life stages of species comprising the red drum, shrimp, and snapper-grouper management complexes. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial individual or cumulative adverse impact on EFH or fisheries managed by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the NMFS.

The District Engineer has consulted the most recently available information and has determined that the project will have no effect on any Federally endangered, threatened, or proposed species and will not result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated or proposed critical habitat. This public notice serves as a request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service for any additional information they may have on whether any listed or proposed endangered or threatened species or designated or proposed critical habitat may be present in the area which would be affected by the activity, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (as amended).

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), this public notice also constitutes a request to Indian Tribes to notify the District Engineer of any historic properties of religious and cultural significance to them that may be affected by the proposed undertaking.

In accordance with the NHPA, the District Engineer has also consulted the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places for the presence or absence of registered properties, or properties listed as being eligible for inclusion therein, and this worksite is not included as a registered property or property listed as being eligible for inclusion in the Register. To insure that other cultural resources that the District Engineer is not aware of are not overlooked, this public notice also serves as a request to the State Historic Preservation Office to provide any information it may have with regard to historic and cultural resources.

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 a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest and will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act and, as appropriate, the criteria established under authority of Section 102 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, as amended. 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 project must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the project 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, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. A permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest. In cases of conflicting property rights, the Corps of Engineers cannot undertake to adjudicate rival claims.

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 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 project. 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 activity.

If there are any questions concerning this public notice, please contact Ms. Holland Youngman at 843-329-8044 or toll free at 1-866-329-8187.

**Requested artificial reef
permit extensions**

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REQUESTED ARTIFICIAL REEF PERMIT EXTENSIONS

<u>REEF</u>	<u>PERMIT NUMBER</u>
PA-41, General Gordon Reef	98-1D -185
PA-28, Lowcountry Anglers Reef	98-1D -363
PA-34, CCA-McClellanville Reef	2003-1Z-188
IS-03, St. Helena Inshore Reef	2003-1Z-275
IS-04, Stono River Inshore Reef	2004-1Z-197

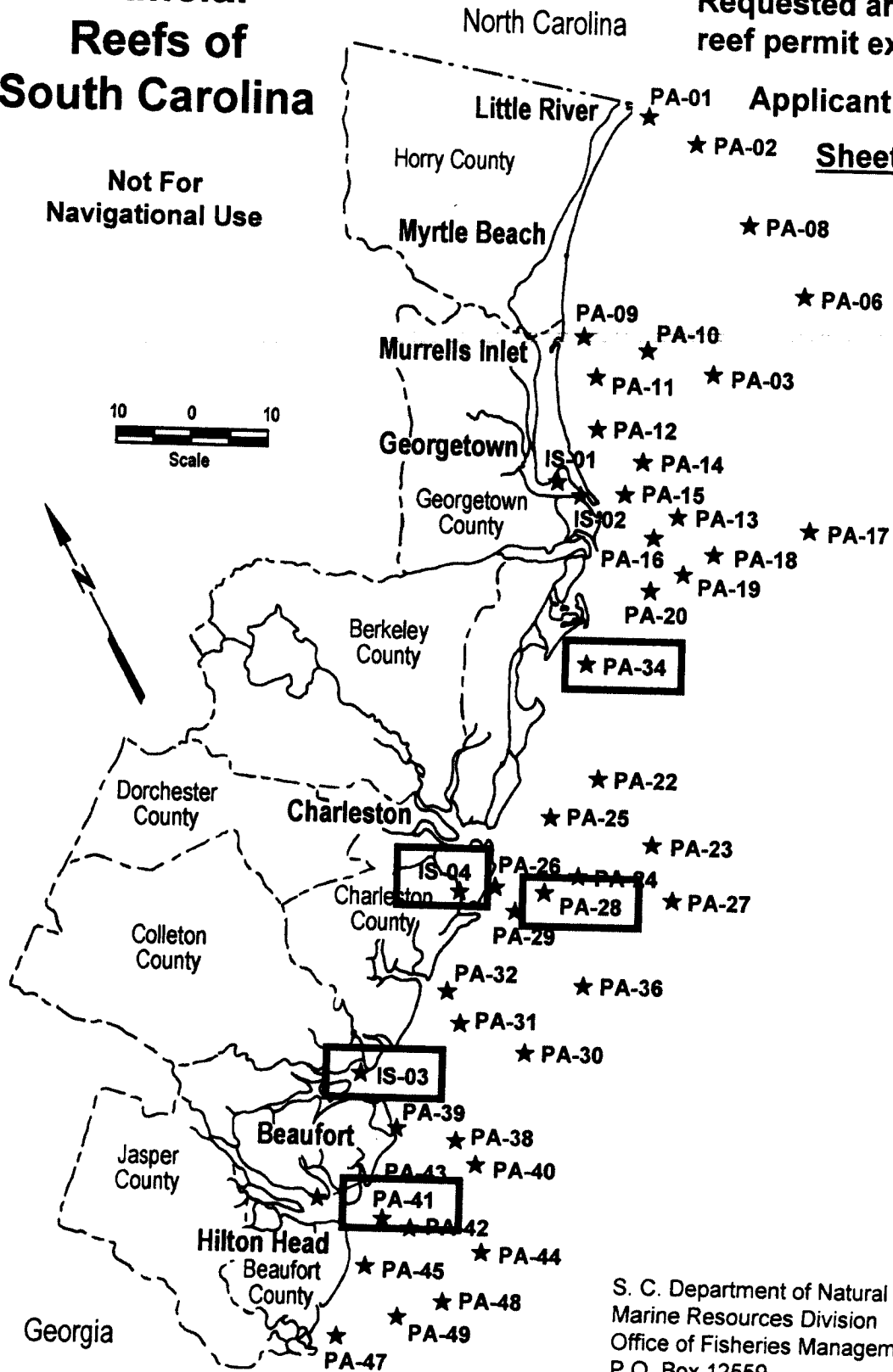
Artificial Reefs of South Carolina

Not For Navigational Use

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Marine Resources Division
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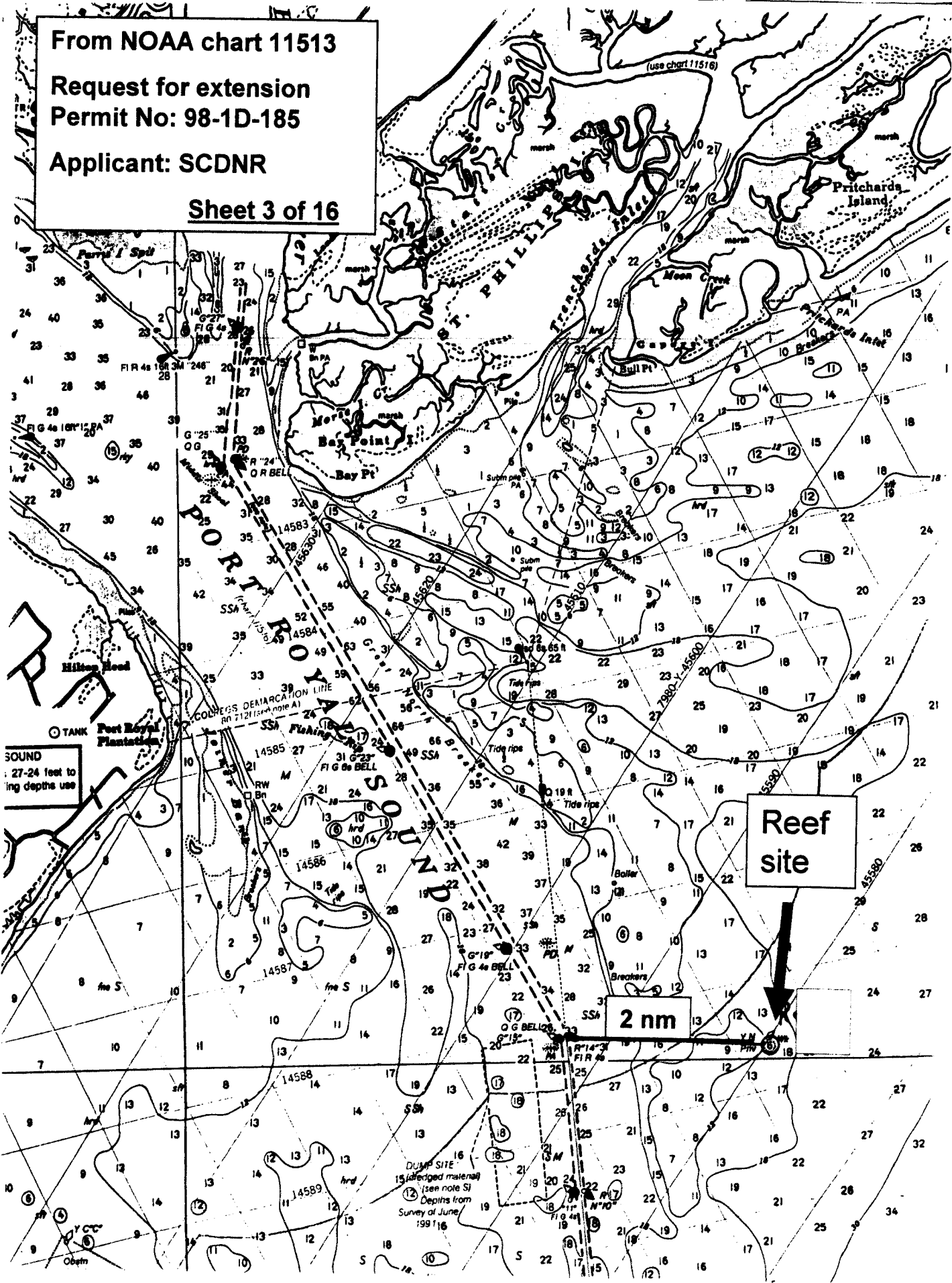
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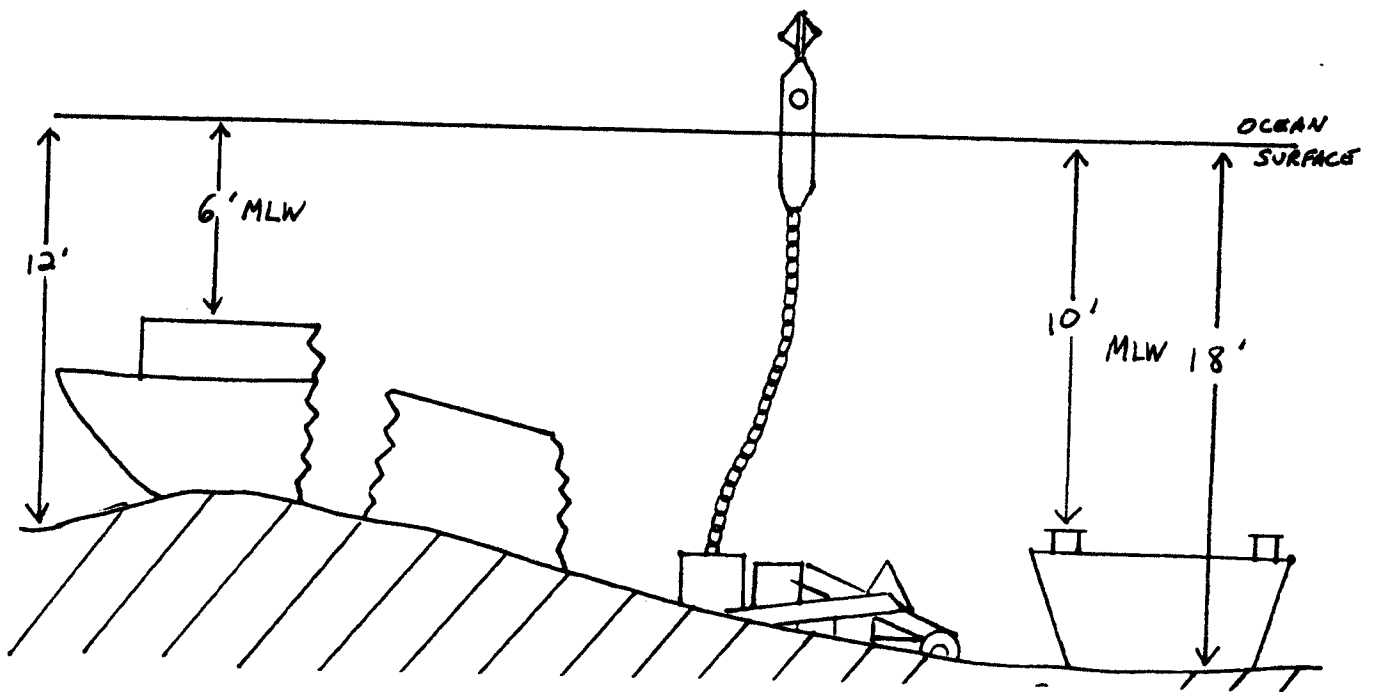
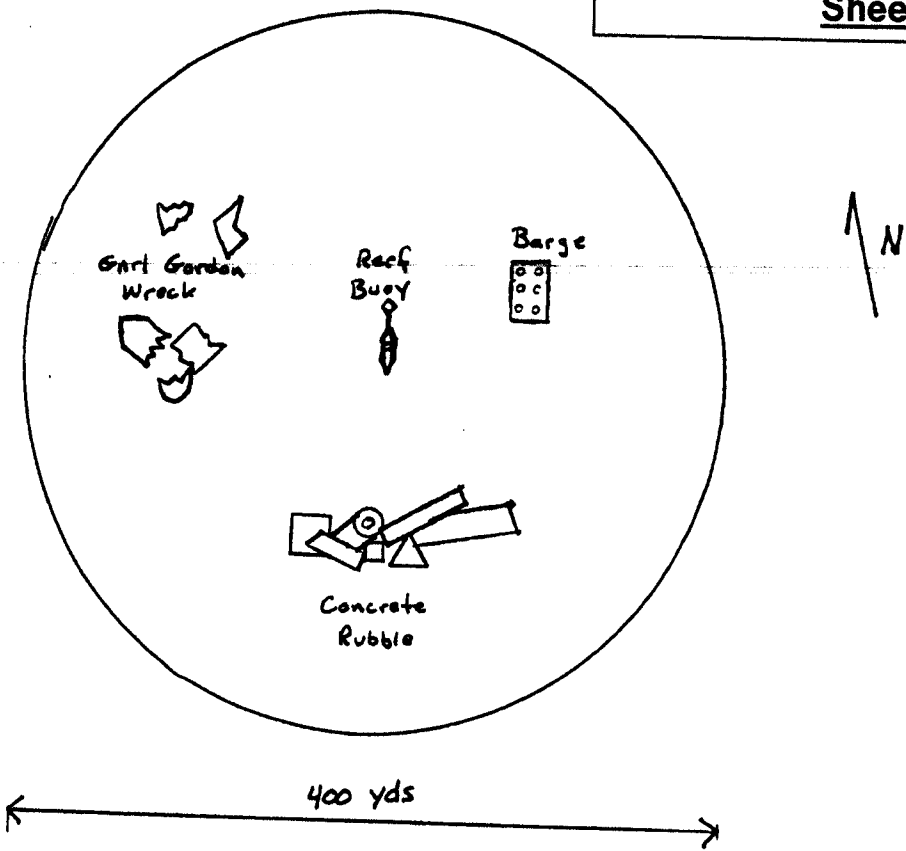


Reef site



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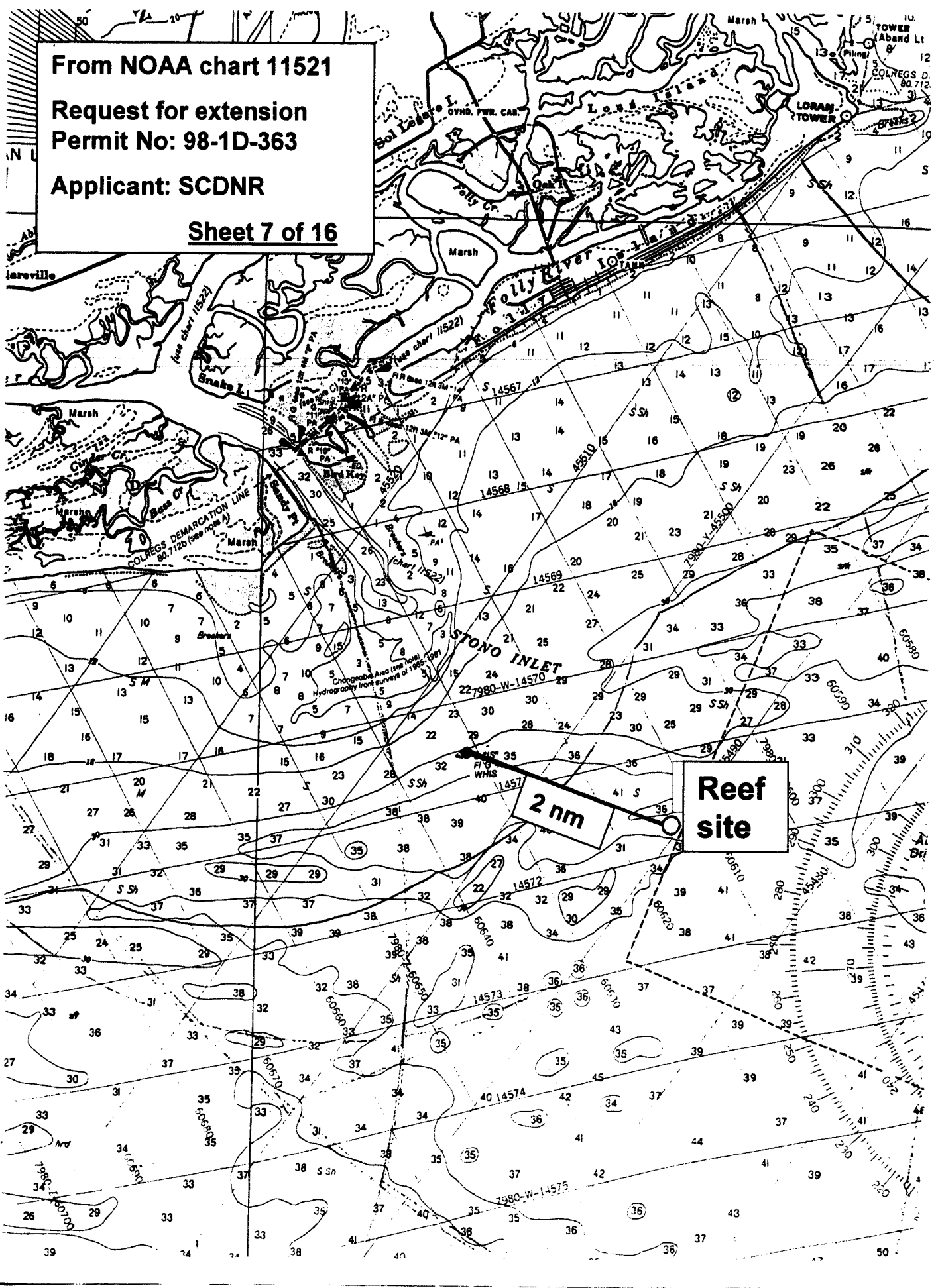
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**PA-41
General Gordon Reef**

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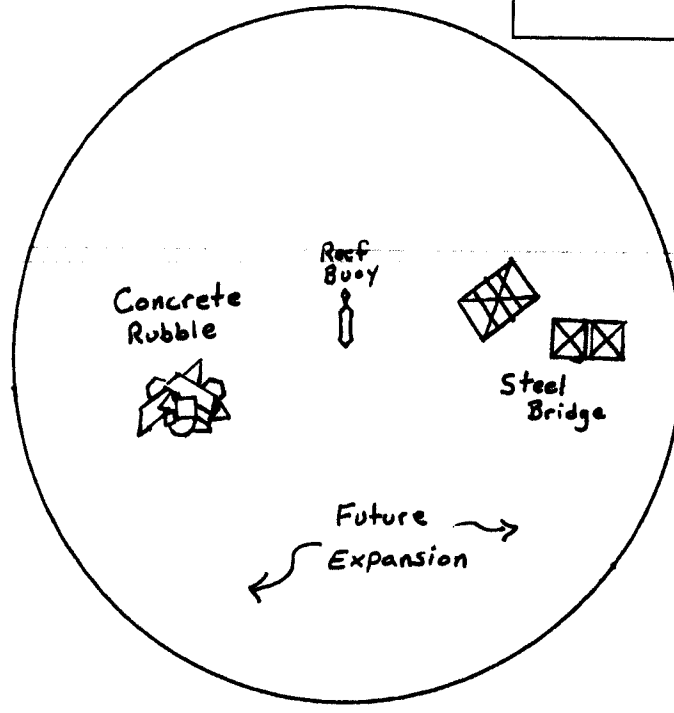
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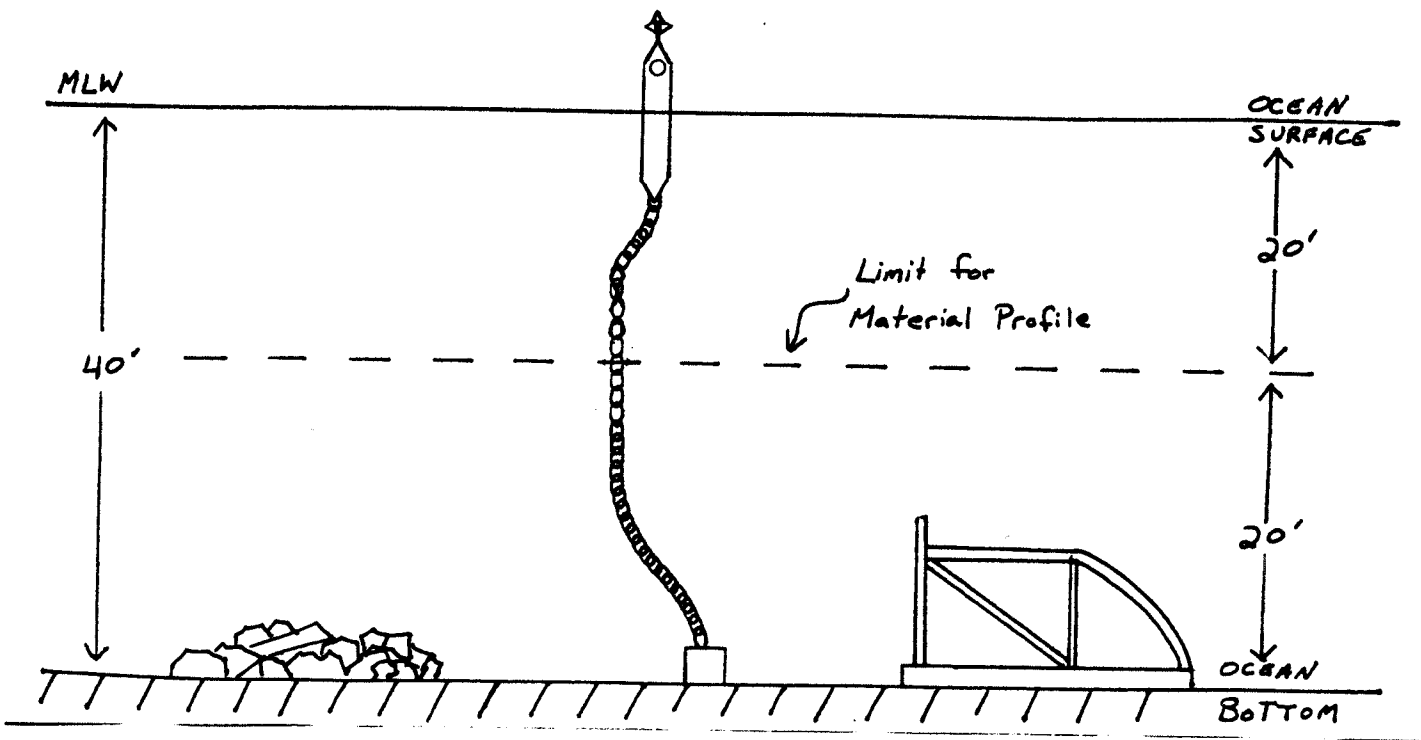
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400 yds.



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Lowcountry Anglers Reef

	79 55.3	79 55.2	79 55.1	79 55	79 54.9
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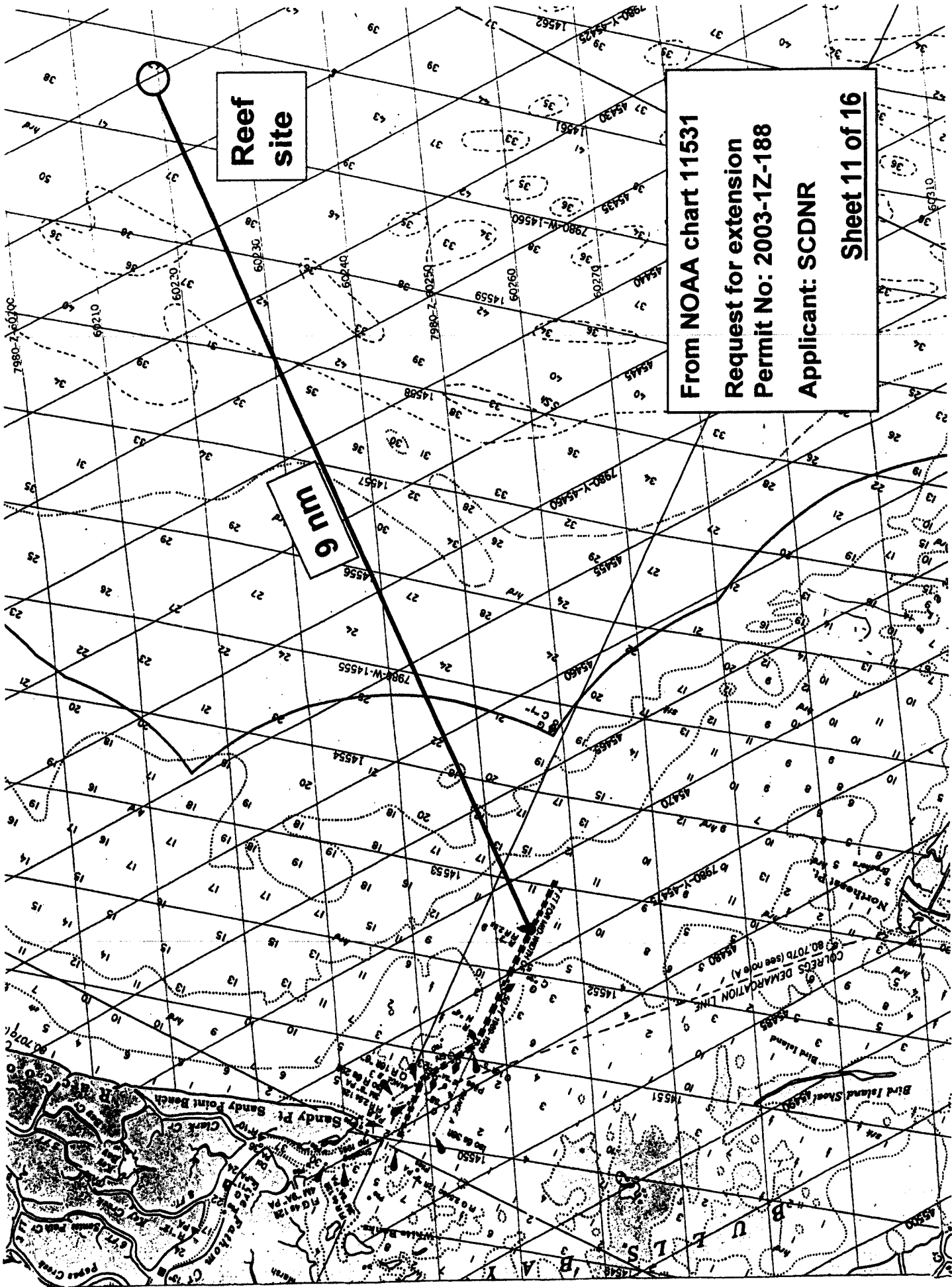
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Lowcountry Anglers Reef

Num	Lat	Lon	Description
1	32 34.265	79 55.172	REEF BUOY
2	32 34.262	79 55.145	CONCRETE PYRAMIDS/MOTOR CRADLES
3	32 34.279	79 55.135	CONCRETE PYRAMIDS/MOTOR CRADLES
4	32 34.254	79 55.120	CONCRETE PYRAMIDS/MOTOR CRADLES
5	32 34.268	79 55.173	CAFB RUNWAY RUBBLE
6	32 34.260	79 55.162	CAFB RUNWAY RUBBLE
7	32 34.234	79 55.171	CAFB RUNWAY RUBBLE
8	32 34.449	79 55.114	50 FT. HOUSEBOAT
9	32 34.300	79 55.100	CPW CONCRETE
10	32 34.330	79 55.070	LIMEHOUSE BRIDGE RUBBLE
11	32 34.345	79 55.153	COOPER RIVER BRIDGE RUBBLE
12	32 34.240	79 55.065	COOPER RIVER BRIDGE RUBBLE
13	32 34.265	79 55.200	COOPER RIVER BRIDGE RUBBLE
14	32 34.340	79 55.130	COOPER RIVER BRIDGE RUBBLE
15	32 34.360	79 55.100	COOPER RIVER BRIDGE RUBBLE



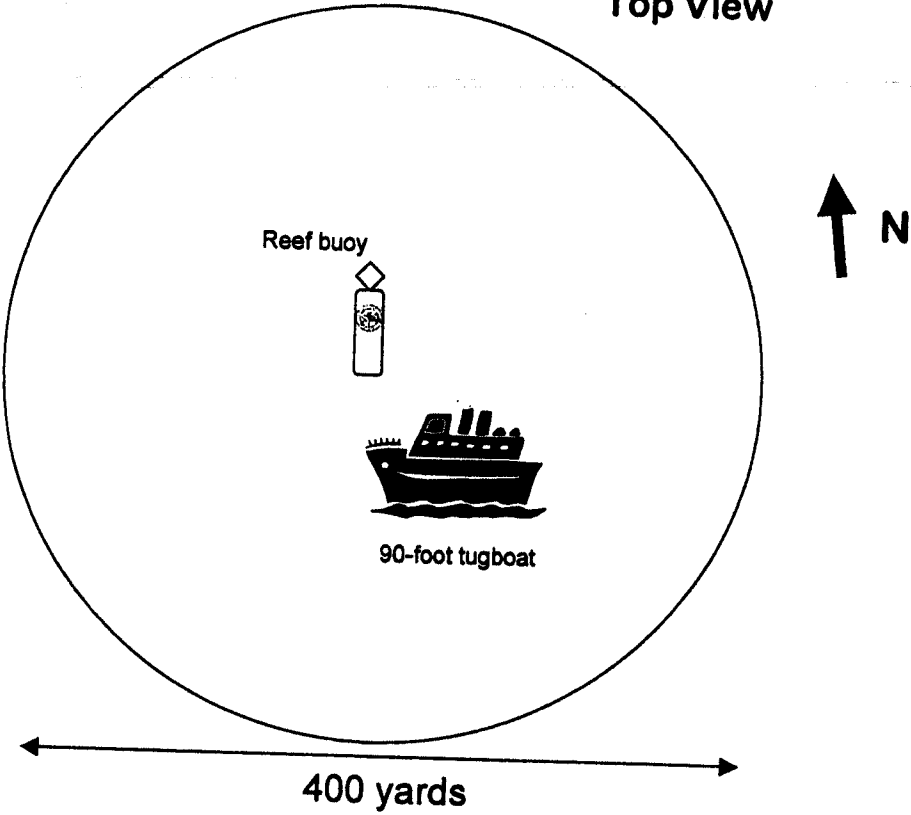
**Reef
site**

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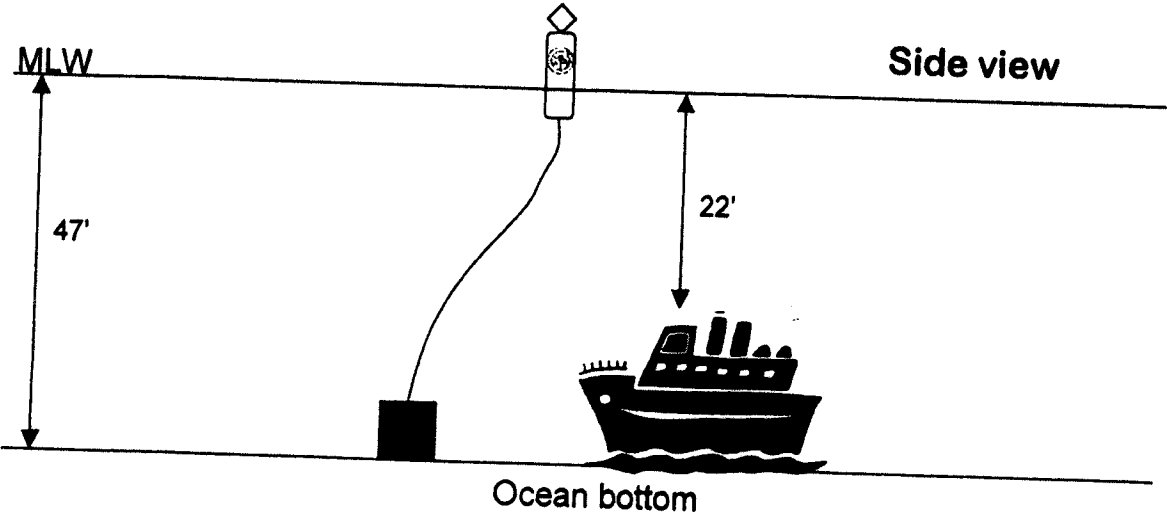
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Top View



Side view

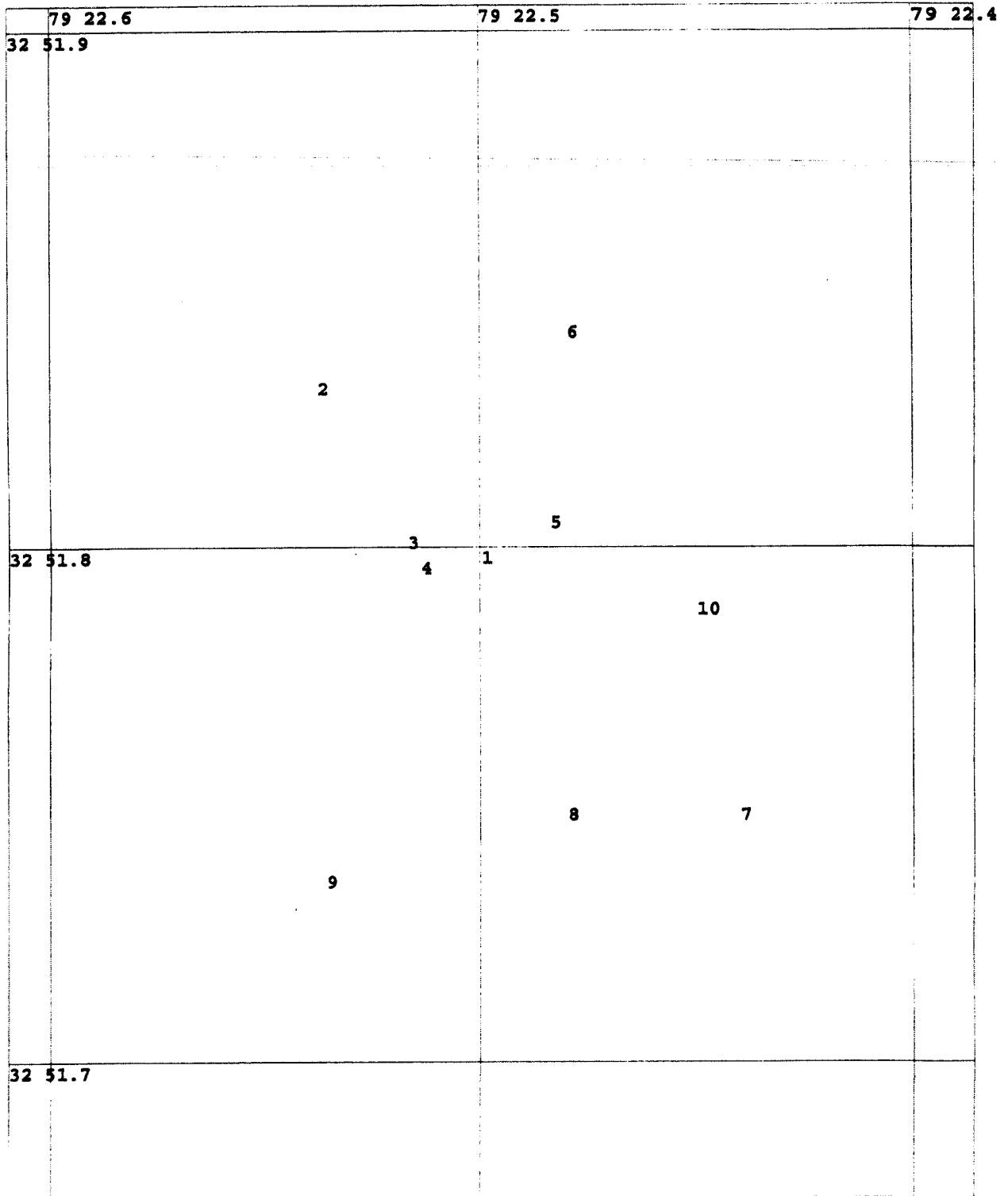


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CCA-McClellanville Reef



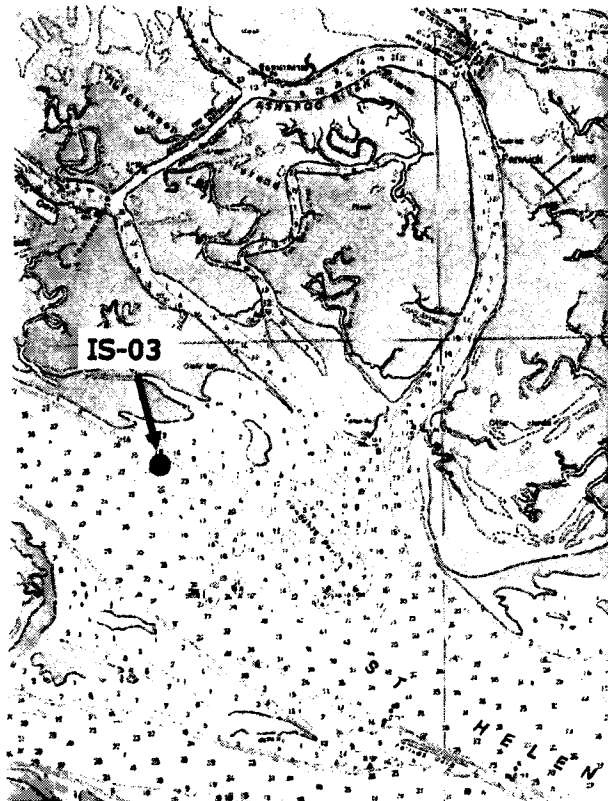
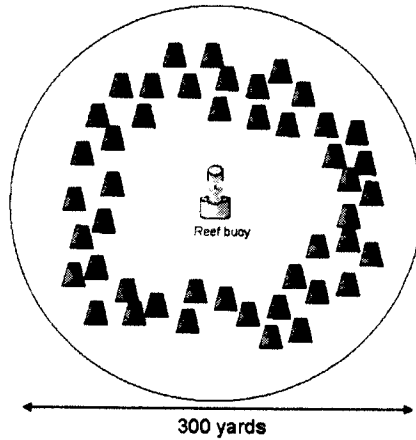
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1 buoy marks reef, bearing 332° / 1.1 nm from St. Helena Sound channel buoy N°12' - water depth 22'

Reef	Structure	Latitude	Longitude
St. Helena Sound Inshore Reef	Reef Buoy 200 Concrete structures	N 32 29.052	W 080 27.490



From NOAA chart 11522
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2 buoys mark reef, located 800 yards downstream from Stono River channel marker R"6" - water depth 26'

Reef	Structure	Latitude	Longitude
		N	W
Stono River Inshore Reef	280 Concrete structures	32 40.417	080 00.022

