



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**®
New England District

PUBLIC NOTICE

696 Virginia Road
Concord, MA 01742-2751

Date: February 19, 2008
Comment Period Ends: March 19, 2008
File Number: NAE-2007-2050
In Reply Refer To: David Keddell
Or by e-mail: david.m.keddell@usace.army.mil

The District Engineer has received a permit application from the applicant below to **conduct work in waters of the United States** as described below. The Corps is soliciting comments on both the project itself and the range of issues to be addressed in the environmental documentation.

APPLICANT

Justin Gould & Andrew Spinale
Steamboat Wharf Marina
48 George Washington Boulevard
Hull, Massachusetts 02045

ACTIVITY

Steamboat Wharf Marina has requested an authorization to install and maintain an additional floating dock system, entitled "WEST END DOCK" on the enclosed drawings, a new transient and excursion vessel docking line of floats and two straddle hoist piers for a boat travel lift system to their existing marina facility. The "NORTH DOCKS" & "SOUTH DOCKS" systems illustrated in the attached plans were previously authorized and shall have a new alignment as shown. The West Docks and transient float system total float area is 5,275 sf with individual dimensions and positioning illustrated on page 5, the North Docks total float area is 5,697 sf with individual dimensions and positioning illustrated on page 6 and the South Docks total float area is 5,564.6 sf with dimensions and positions illustrated on page 7 of the enclosed drawings.

The work is described on the enclosed plans entitled "PROPOSED MARINA EXPANSION," on 9 sheets, and dated "Sept. 19, 2007."

WATERWAY AND LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED WORK

This work is proposed in Weir River at 48 George Washington Street, Hull, Massachusetts. The proposed location on the USGS Hull quadrangle sheet is at UTM coordinates 4681140 N and 346632 E or Lat/Long 42.2693299 N and 70.8597866 W.

AUTHORITY

Permits are required pursuant to:

- Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899
 Section 404 of the Clean Water Act
 Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act).

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact 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 may reasonably 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, cultural value, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain value, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

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 proposed 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 proposal. 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 proposed activity.

Where the activity involves the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States or the transportation of dredged material for the purpose of disposing it in ocean waters, the evaluation of the impact of the activity in the public interest will also include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act, and/or Section 103 of the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 as amended.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-267), requires all federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH).

This project will impact 0.38 acres of Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) for Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*), Atlantic cod (*Gadus morhua*), haddock (*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*), pollock (*Pollachius virens*), whiting (*Merluccius bilinearis*), offshore hake (*Merluccius albidus*), red hake (*Urophycis chuss*), white hake (*Urophycis tenuis*), redfish (*Sebastes fasciatus*), witch flounder (*Glyptocephalus cynoglossus*), winter flounder (*Pleuronectes americanus*), yellowtail flounder (*Pleuronectes ferruginea*), windowpane flounder (*Scophthalmus aquosus*), American plaice (*Hippoglossoides platessoides*), ocean pout (*Macrozoarces americanus*), Atlantic halibut (*Hippoglossus hippoglossus*), Atlantic sea scallop (*Placopecten magellanicus*), Atlantic sea herring (*Clupea harengus*), monkfish (*Lophius americanus*), bluefish (*Pomatomus saltatrix*), long finned squid (*Loligo pealei*), short finned squid (*Illex illecebrosus*), Atlantic butterfish (*Peprilus triacanthus*), Atlantic mackerel (*Scomber scombrus*), summer flounder (*Paralichthys dentatus*), scup (*Stenotomus chrysops*), black sea bass (*Centropristus striata*), surf clam (*Spisula solidissima*), ocean quahog (*Artica islandica*), spiny dogfish (*Squalus acanthias*), tilefish (*Lopholatilus chamaeleonticeps*). This habitat consists of a mucky bottom with some sand mixed in. .

Loss of this habitat may adversely affect Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*), Atlantic cod (*Gadus morhua*), haddock (*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*), pollock (*Pollachius virens*), whiting (*Merluccius bilinearis*), offshore hake (*Merluccius albidus*), red hake (*Urophycis chuss*), white hake (*Urophycis tenuis*), redfish (*Sebastes fasciatus*), witch flounder (*Glyptocephalus cynoglossus*), winter flounder (*Pleuronectes americanus*), yellowtail flounder (*Pleuronectes ferruginea*), windowpane flounder (*Scophthalmus aquosus*), American plaice (*Hippoglossoides platessoides*), ocean pout (*Macrozoarces americanus*), Atlantic halibut (*Hippoglossus hippoglossus*), Atlantic sea scallop (*Placopecten magellanicus*), Atlantic sea herring (*Clupea harengus*), monkfish (*Lophius americanus*), bluefish (*Pomatomus saltatrix*), long finned squid (*Loligo pealei*), short finned squid (*Illex illecebrosus*), Atlantic butterflyfish (*Peprilus triacanthus*), Atlantic mackerel (*Scomber scombrus*), summer flounder (*Paralichthys dentatus*), scup (*Stenotomus chrysops*), black sea bass (*Centropristus striata*), surf clam (*Spisula solidissima*), ocean quahog (*Artica islandica*), spiny dogfish (*Squalus acanthias*), tilefish (*Lopholatilus chamaeleonticeps*) with the shading effects of the floats associated with this facility. However, the District Engineer has made a preliminary determination that the site-specific adverse effect will not be substantial. Further consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service regarding EFH conservation recommendations is being conducted and will be concluded prior to the final decision.

SECTION 106 COORDINATION

Based on his initial review, the District Engineer has determined that little likelihood exists for the proposed work to impinge upon properties with cultural or Native American significance, or listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, no further consideration of the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, is necessary. This determination is based upon one or more of the following:

- a. The permit area has been extensively modified by previous work.
- b. The permit area has been recently created.
- c. The proposed activity is of limited nature and scope.
- d. Review of the latest published version of the National Register shows that no presence of registered properties listed as being eligible for inclusion therein are in the permit area or general vicinity.
- e. Coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer and/or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer(s)

The States of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island have approved **Coastal Zone Management Programs**. Where applicable the applicant states that any proposed activity will comply with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the approved Coastal Zone Management Program. By this Public Notice, we are requesting the State concurrence or objection to the applicant's consistency statement.

The following authorizations have been applied for, or have been, or will be obtained:

- (X) Permit, License or Assent from State.
- (X) Permit from Local Wetland Agency or Conservation Commission.
- () Water Quality Certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

In order to properly evaluate the proposal, we are seeking public comment. Anyone wishing to comment is encouraged to do so. **Comments should be submitted in writing by the above date.** If you have any

CENAE-R
FILE NO. NAE-2007-2050

questions, please contact David Keddell at (978) 318-8692x, (800) 343-4789 or (800) 362-4367, if calling from within Massachusetts.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the application. Requests for a public hearing shall specifically state the reasons for holding a public hearing. The Corps holds public hearings for the purpose of obtaining public comments when that is the best means for understanding a wide variety of concerns from a diverse segment of the public.

The initial determinations made herein will be reviewed in light of facts submitted in response to this notice. All comments will be considered a matter of public record. Copies of letters of objection will be forwarded to the applicant who will normally be requested to contact objectors directly in an effort to reach an understanding.

For more information on the New England District Corps of Engineers programs, visit our website at <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil>.

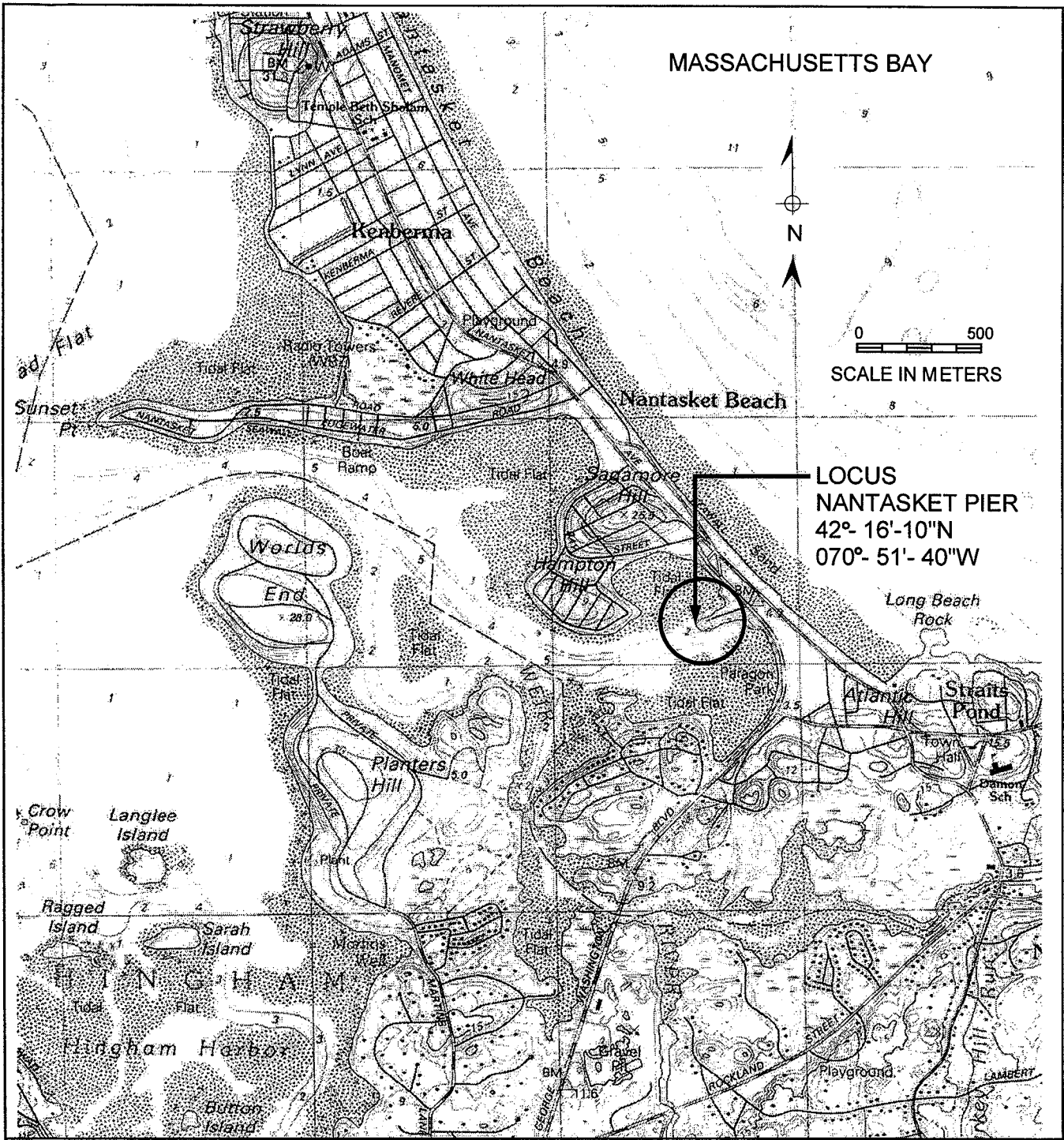
THIS NOTICE IS NOT AN AUTHORIZATION TO DO ANY WORK.



Karen K. Adams
Chief, Permits and Enforcement Branch
Regulatory Division

If you would prefer not to continue receiving Public Notices, please contact Ms. Tina Chaisson at (978) 318-8058 or e-mail her at bettina.m.chaisson@usace.army.mil. You may also check here () and return this portion of the Public Notice to: Bettina Chaisson, Regulatory Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 696 Virginia Road, Concord, MA 01742-2751.

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____



MASSACHUSETTS BAY



SCALE IN METERS

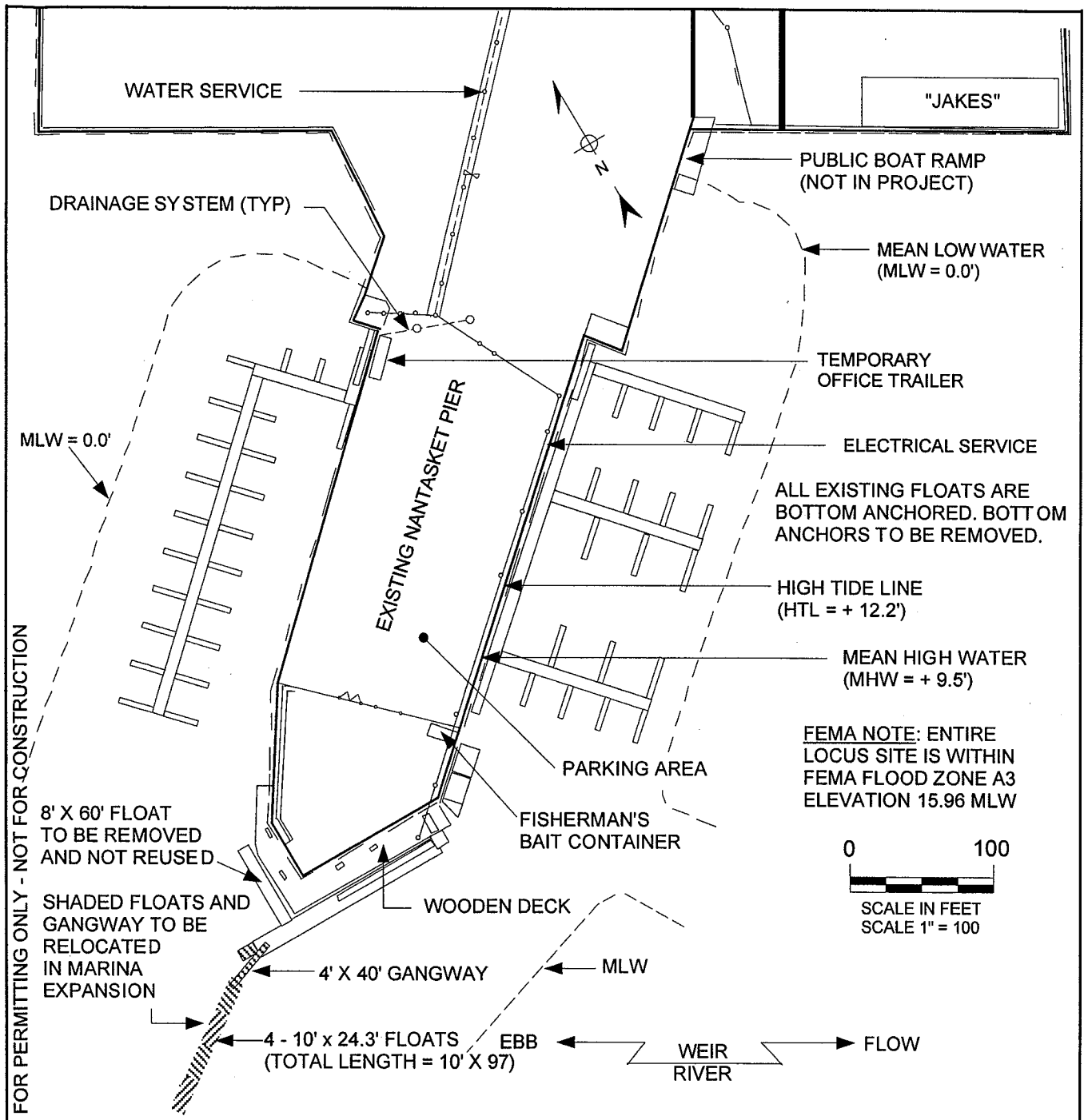
**LOCUS
NANTASKET PIER**
42° 16'-10"N
070° 51'- 40"W

PURPOSE: ANCHOR EXISTING
FLOATS & ADD NEW FLOATS
VERTICAL DATUM: NGVD_29
MLW = 0.0 FT (-4.75 NGVD_29)
MHW = +9.5 FT
HTL = +12.2 FT

VICINITY MAP

PROPOSED MARINA EXPANSION
IN: WEIR RIVER
AT: STEAMBOAT WHARF MARINA
APPLICATION BY: STEAMBOAT
WHARF MARINA, INC.
DATE: SEPT. 19, 2007

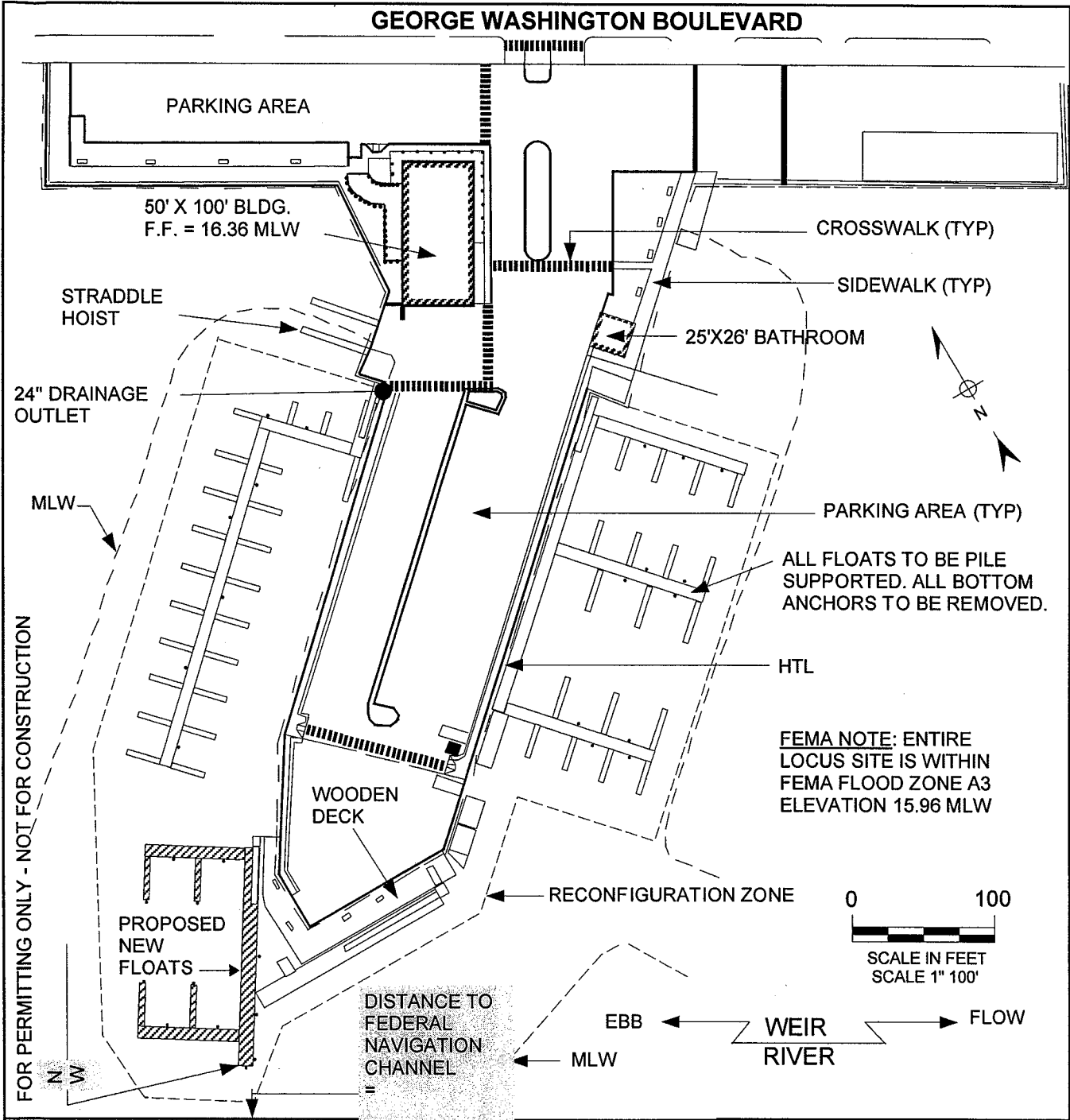
WATERFRONT DESIGN ASSOCIATES
PO BOX 54, MEDFIELD, MA 02052



PURPOSE: ANCHOR EXISTING
 FLOATS & ADD NEW FLOATS
 VERTICAL DATUM: NGVD_29
 MLW = 0.0 FT (-4.75 NGVD_29)
 MHW = +9.5 FT
 HTL = +12.2 FT
 WATERFRONT DESIGN ASSOCIATES
 PO BOX 54, MEDFIELD, MA 02052

PLAN EXISTING CONDITIONS NANTASKET PIER

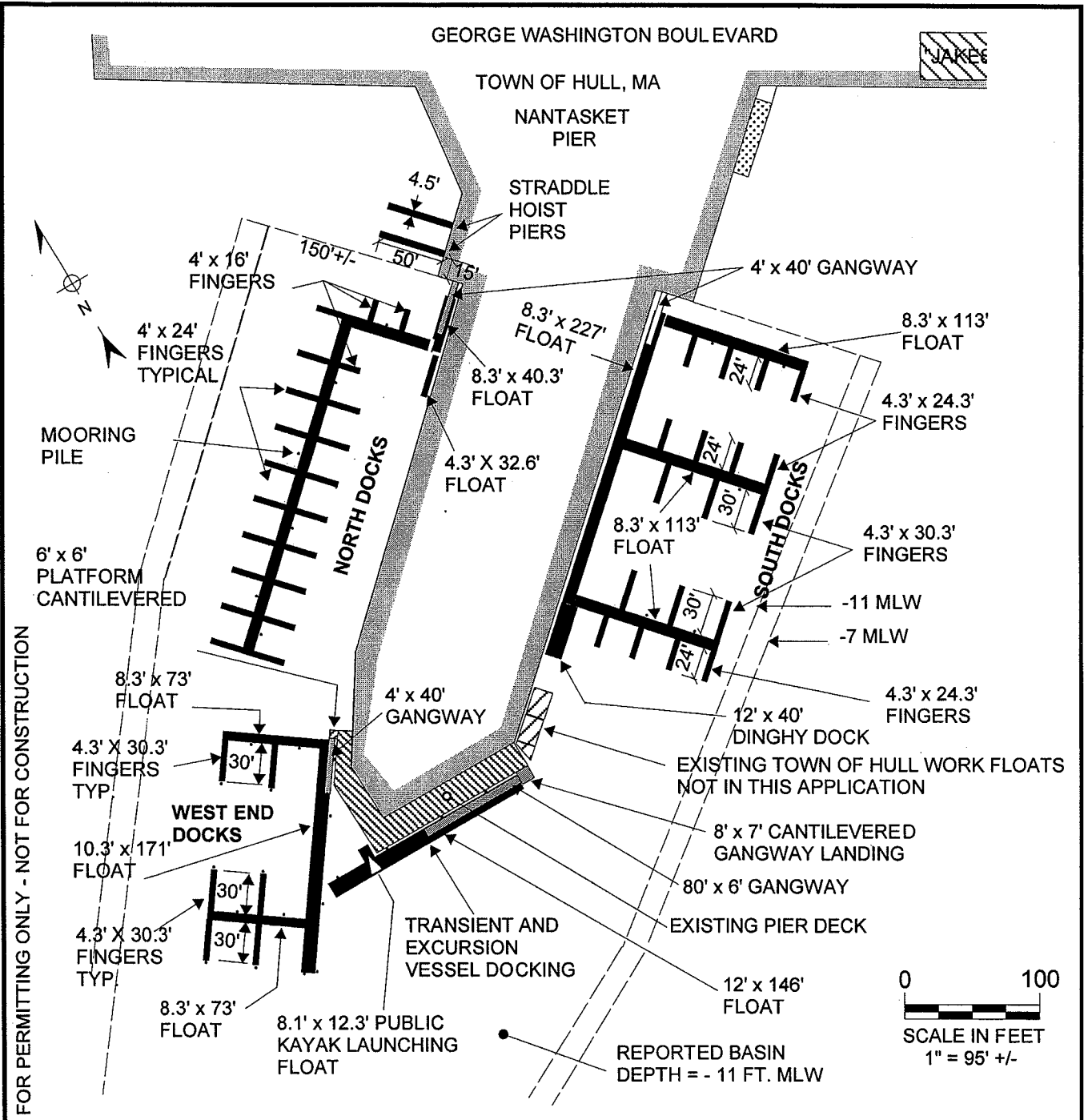
PROPOSED MARINA EXPANSION
 IN: WEIR RIVER
 AT: STEAMBOAT WHARF MARINA
 APPLICATION BY: STEAMBOAT
 WHARF MARINA, INC.
 DATE: SEPT. 19, 2007
 SHEET 2 OF 9



PURPOSE: ANCHOR EXISTING
FLOATS & ADD NEW FLOATS
VERTICAL DATUM: NGVD_29
MLW = 0.0 FT (-4.75 NGVD_29)
MHW = +9.5 FT
HTL = +12.2 FT
WATERFRONT DESIGN ASSOCIATES
PO BOX 54, MEDFIELD, MA 02052

**PLAN
PROPOSED MARINA
INCLUDING
EXISTING AND
EXPANSION**

PROPOSED MARINA EXPANSION
IN: WEIR RIVER
AT: STEAMBOAT WHARF MARINA
APPLICATION BY: STEAMBOAT
WHARF MARINA, INC.
DATE: SEPT. 19, 2007
SHEET 3 OF 9

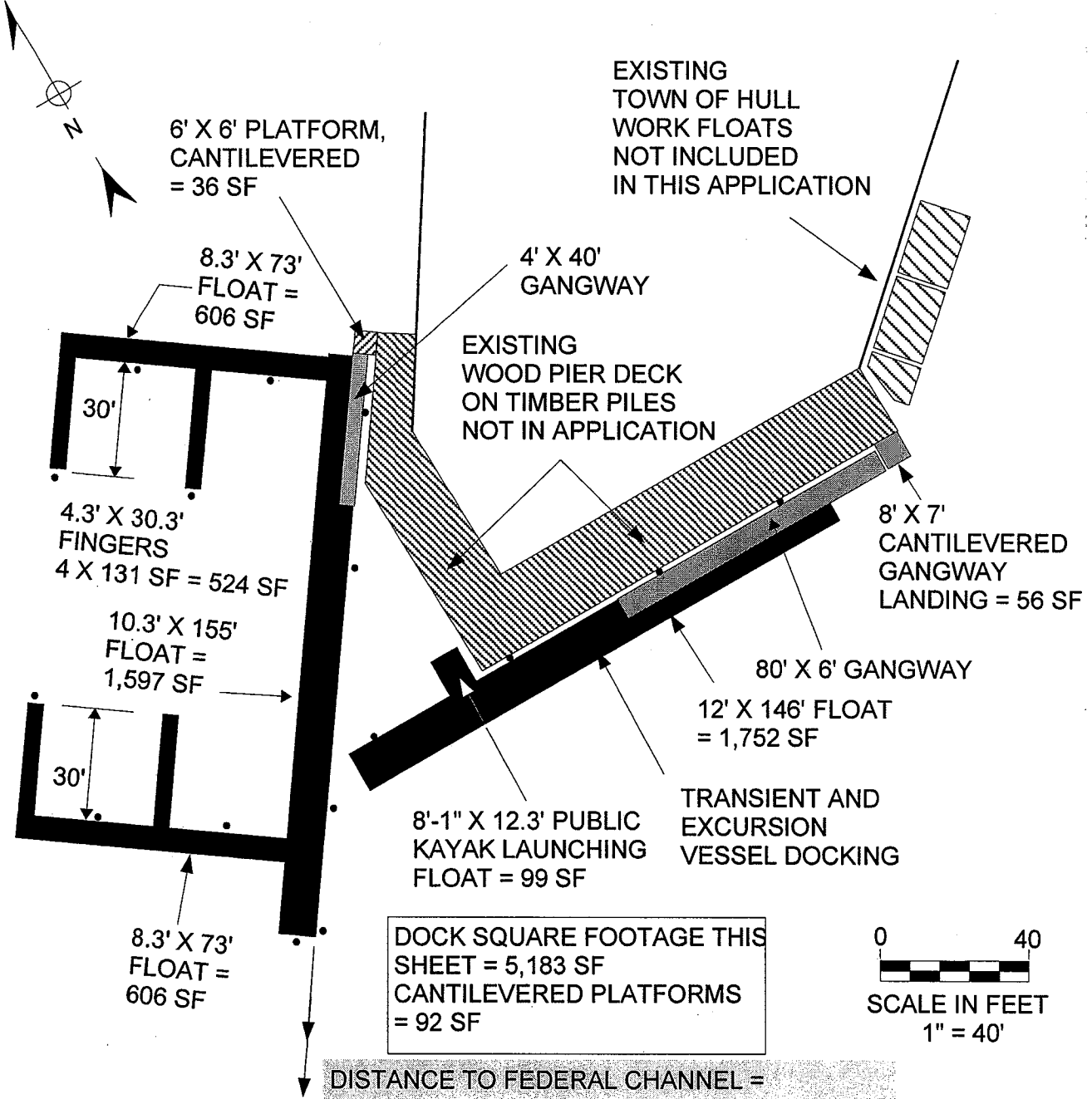


PURPOSE: ANCHOR EXISTING
 FLOATS & ADD NEW FLOATS
 VERTICAL DATUM: NGVD_29
 MLW = 0.0 FT (-4.75 NGVD_29)
 MHW = +9.5 FT
 HTL = +12.2 FT
 WATERFRONT DESIGN ASSOCIATES
 PO BOX 54, MEDFIELD, MA 02052

PLAN PROPOSED MARINA DIMENSIONS

PROPOSED MARINA EXPANSION
 IN: WEIR RIVER
 AT: STEAMBOAT WHARF MARINA
 APPLICATION BY: STEAMBOAT
 WHARF MARINA, INC.
 DATE: SEPT. 19, 2007
 SHEET 4 OF 9

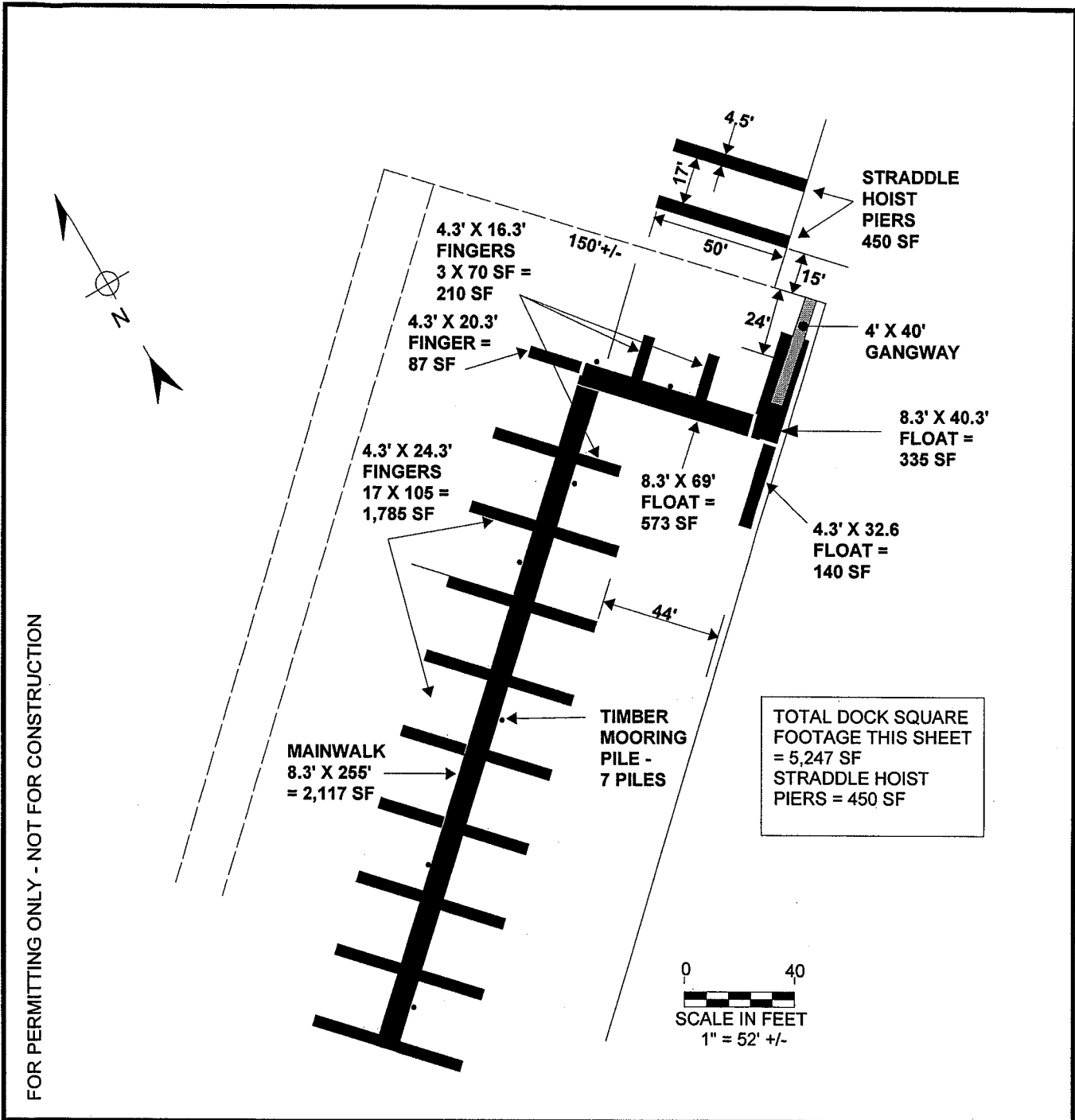
FOR PERMITTING ONLY - NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION



PURPOSE: ANCHOR EXISTING FLOATS & ADD NEW FLOATS
 VERTICAL DATUM: NGVD_29
 MLW = 0.0 FT (-4.75'NGVD_29)
 MHW = +9.5 FT
 HTL = +12.2 FT
 WATERFRONT DESIGN ASSOCIATES
 PO BOX 54, MEDFIELD, MA 02052

DETAILS WEST END DOCKS

PROPOSED MARINA EXPANSION
 IN: WEIR RIVER
 AT: STEAMBOAT WHARF MARINA
 APPLICATION BY: STEAMBOAT WHARF MARINA, INC.
 DATE: SEPT. 19, 2007
 SHEET 5 OF 9



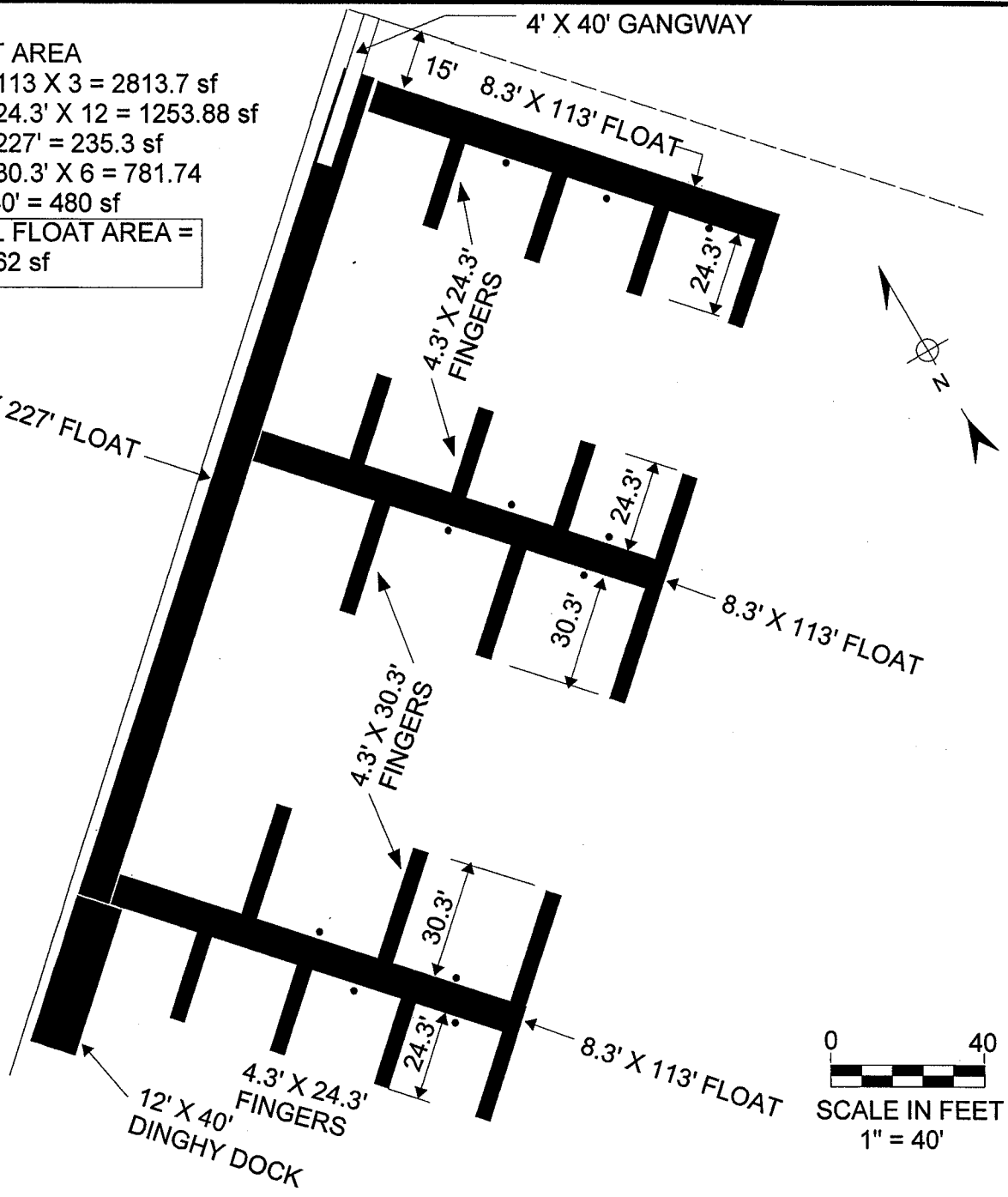
PURPOSE: ANCHOR EXISTING
FLOATS & ADD NEW FLOATS
VERTICAL DATUM: NGVD_29
MLW = 0.0 FT (-4.75 NGVD_29)
MHW = +9.5 FT
HTL = +12.2 FT
WATERFRONT DESIGN ASSOCIATES
PO BOX 54, MEDFIELD, MA 02052

DETAILS NORTH DOCKS

PROPOSED MARINA EXPANSION
IN: WEIR RIVER
AT: STEAMBOAT WHARF MARINA
APPLICATION BY: STEAMBOAT
WHARF MARINA, INC.
DATE: SEPT. 19, 2007
SHEET 6 OF 9

FLOAT AREA
 8.3' X 113 X 3 = 2813.7 sf
 4.3' X 24.3' X 12 = 1253.88 sf
 8.3' X 227' = 235.3 sf
 4.3' X 30.3' X 6 = 781.74
 12' X 40' = 480 sf
TOTAL FLOAT AREA = 5,564.62 sf

FOR PERMITTING ONLY - NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION



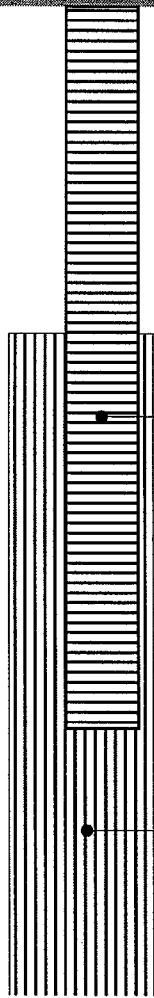
PURPOSE: ANCHOR EXISTING FLOATS & ADD NEW FLOATS
 VERTICAL DATUM: NGVD_29
 MLW = 0.0 FT (-4.75' NGVD_29)
 MHW = +9.5 FT
 HTL = +12.2 FT (MLW)
 WATERFRONT DESIGN ASSOCIATES
 PO BOX 54, MEDFIELD, MA 02052

DETAILS SOUTH DOCKS

PROPOSED MARINA EXPANSION
 IN: WEIR RIVER
 AT: STEAMBOAT WHARF MARINA
 APPLICATION BY: STEAMBOAT WHARF MARINA, INC.
 DATE: SEPT. 19, 2007
 SHEET 7 OF 9

FOR PERMITTING ONLY - NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION

PLAN
MAINWALK WITH
GANGWAY



4 FT X 40 FT
GANGWAY

MAIN WALKWAY

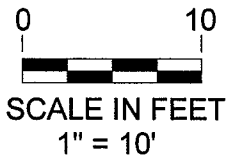
HTL = +12.2

MHW = +9.5'

MLW = 0.0'

ELEVATION
MAINWALK WITH GANGWAY

WATER
DEPTH
VARIES

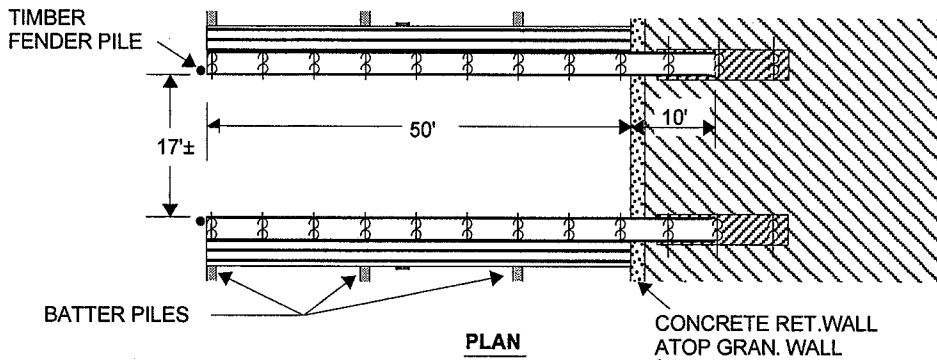


PURPOSE: ANCHOR EXISTING
FLOATS & ADD NEW FLOATS
VERTICAL DATUM: NGVD_29
MLW = 0.0 FT (-4.75' NGVD_29)
MHW = +9.5 FT
HTL = +12.2 FT (MLW)
WATERFRONT DESIGN ASSOCIATES
PO BOX 54, MEDFIELD, MA 02052

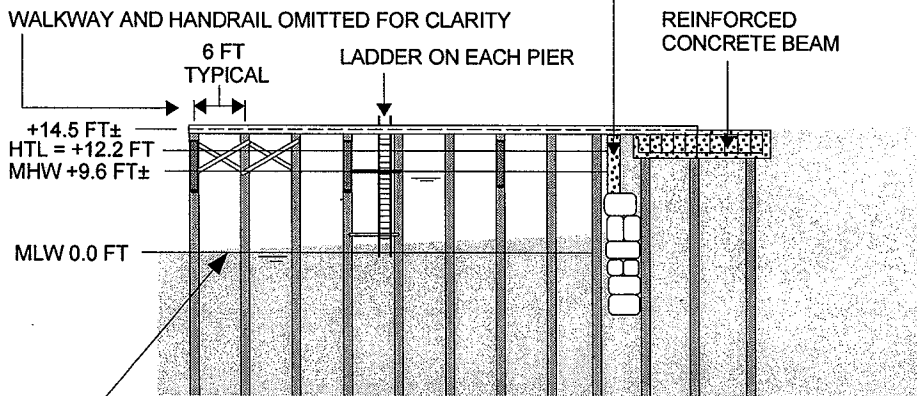
DETAILS ACCESS GANGWAY

PROPOSED MARINA EXPANSION
IN: WEIR RIVER
AT: STEAMBOAT WHARF MARINA
APPLICATION BY: STEAMBOAT
WHARF MARINA, INC.
DATE: SEPT. 19, 2007

SHEET 8 OF 9



PLAN



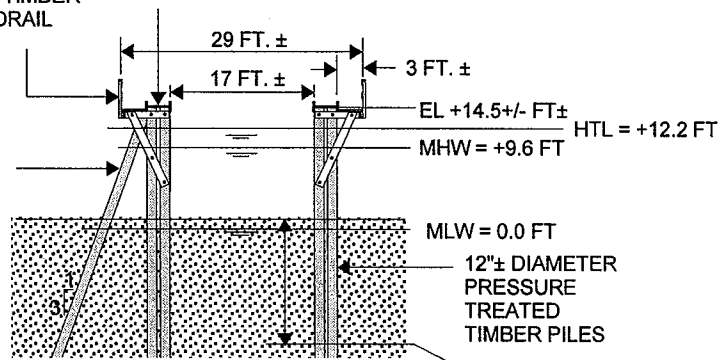
ELEVATION

WATER DEPTH VARIES
0 FT TO +1 FT, HAULING
ON +TIDES ONLY

PRESSURE TREATED TIMBER
PLATFORM AND HANDRAIL

WIDE FLANGE STEEL BEAM

BATTER PILE
WHERE INDICATED



CROSS SECTION

FOR PERMITTING ONLY - NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION

PURPOSE: ANCHOR EXISTING
FLOATS & ADD NEW FLOATS
VERTICAL DATUM: NGVD_29
MLW = 0.0 FT (-4.75' NGVD_29)
MHW = +9.5 FT
HTL = +12.2 FT (ON MLW)
WATERFRONT DESIGN ASSOCIATES
PO BOX 54, MEDFIELD, MA 02052

PROPOSED STRADDLE HOIST PIERS

PROPOSED MARINA EXPANSION
IN: WEIR RIVER
AT: STEAMBOAT WHARF MARINA
APPLICATION BY: STEAMBOAT
WHARF MARINA, INC.
DATE: SEPT. 19, 2007
SHEET 9 OF 9