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DEPARTMENT OF
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Joint Public Notice

Application for a Department of the Army Permit and a Washington Department of Ecology Water Quality Certification and/or Coastal Zone Management Consistency Concurrence

US Army Corps of Engineers

Regulatory Branch
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WA Department of Ecology

SEA Program
Post Office Box 47600
Olympia, WA 98504-7600
Telephone (360) 407-6068
Attn: SEA Program, Federal Permit
Coordinator

Public Notice Date: June 6, 2012

Expiration Date: July 6, 2012

Reference No.: NWS-2012-453
Name: Whatcom County Parks and
Recreation Department

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) have received an application to perform work in waters of the United States as described below and shown on the enclosed drawings dated May 11, 2012.

The Corps will review the work in accordance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. Ecology will review the work pursuant to Section 401 of the CWA, with applicable provisions of State water pollution control laws and the Coastal Zone Management Act.

APPLICANT: Whatcom County Parks and Recreation Department
3373 Mount Baker Road
Bellingham, Washington 98226
Attention: Mr. Rodney Lamb
Telephone: (360) 733-2900

LOCATION: In the Strait of Georgia at Point Roberts, Whatcom County, Washington

WORK: Repair boat ramp and boarding floats and install a new float.

PURPOSE: Provide public boat launch and recreational facilities.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Work involves removal of existing piling and floats and installation of eight new 20-foot by 8-foot and 8 14-inch steel piling; excavation of approximately 336 cubic yards of native sediments off the lower 100 sq ft of the ramp; and installation of curbing, bedding (gravel/sand), and new pavers to raise and resurface the boat ramp. Material excavated from the ramp will be spread out between Mean Higher High Water and Mean Lower Low Water just south of the boat ramp. All creosote treated piling and old floats will be disposed of at an upland location. All work will be conducted "in the dry" at suitable low tides.

Copies of this public notice which have been mailed or otherwise physically distributed feature project drawings in black and white. The electronic version features those drawings in color, which we think more accurately communicates the scope of project impacts. To access the electronic version of this public notice, go to the Seattle

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District's web page at: <http://www.nws.usace.army.mil/> and scroll down the alphabetical listing of District elements, and click on "Regulatory" and then "Regulatory – Permits" for the Seattle District's Regulatory homepage. Select the prominently displayed "Public Notices" heading and a list of recently-issued public notices will appear, in chronological order of the date of issuance. Select and view the listing for this project.

MITIGATION: No mitigation proposed.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The Endangered Species Act (ESA) requires federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and/or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) pursuant to Section 7 of the ESA on all actions that may affect a species listed (or proposed for listing) under the ESA as threatened or endangered or any designated critical habitat. After receipt of comments from this public notice, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) will evaluate the potential impacts to proposed and/or listed species and their designated critical habitat.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, requires all Federal agencies to consult with the NMFS on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). The proposed action would impact EFH in the project area. If the Corps determines that the proposed action may adversely affect EFH for federally managed fisheries in Washington waters, the Corps will initiate EFH consultation with the NMFS. The Corps' final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the NMFS.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The Corps has reviewed the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places, lists of properties determined eligible and other sources of information. Historic properties are recorded near the proposed project. However, they do not occur in the permit area. The proposed work is of such a limited nature and extent that little likelihood exists for the project to impinge upon an unrecorded historic property. The Corps invites responses to this public notice from Native American Tribes or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies; historical and archeological societies; and other parties likely to have knowledge of or concerns regarding historic properties and sites of religious and cultural significance at or near the project area. After receipt of comments from this public notice, the Corps will evaluate potential impacts and consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer and Native American Tribes in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as appropriate.

PUBLIC HEARING: 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.

EVALUATION – CORPS: 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 benefits, 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.

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The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; Native American Nations or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for the work. 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.

The described discharge will be evaluated for compliance with guidelines promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency under authority of Section 404(b)(1) of the CWA. These guidelines require an alternatives analysis for any proposed discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.

SOURCE OF FILL MATERIAL: The fill material will be clean gravel and sand mix obtained from local commercial sources.

EVALUATION – ECOLOGY: Ecology is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, Native American Nations or tribal governments, State, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Ecology will be considering all comments to determine whether to certify or deny certification for the proposed project.

ADDITIONAL EVALUATION: This proposal is the subject of Shorelines Substantial Development Permit No. SHR2012-00009, being processed by Whatcom County Planning and Development Services.

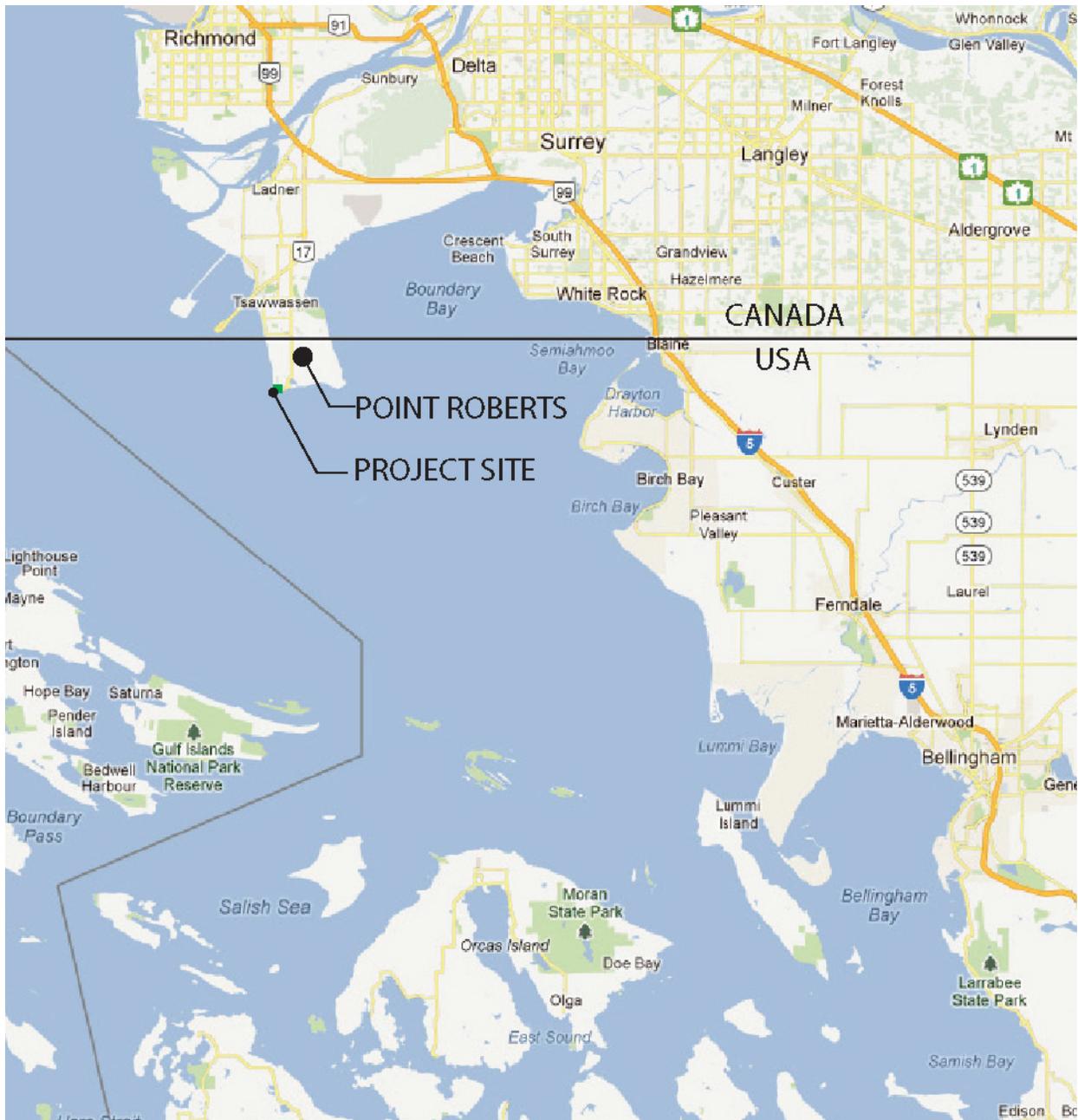
COMMENT AND REVIEW PERIOD: Conventional mail or e-mail comments on this public notice will be accepted and made part of the record and will be considered in determining whether it would be in the public interest to authorize this proposal. In order to be accepted, e-mail comments must originate from the author's e-mail account and must include on the subject line of the e-mail message the permit applicant's name and reference number as shown below. Either conventional mail or e-mail comments must include the permit applicant's name and reference number, as shown below, and the commentator's name, address, and phone number. All comments whether conventional mail or e-mail must reach this office, no later than the expiration date of this public notice to ensure consideration.

CORPS COMMENTS: All e-mail comments should be sent to randel.j.perry@usace.army.mil. Conventional mail comments should be sent to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, Attention: Mr. Randel Perry, P.O. Box 3755, Seattle, Washington 98124-3755.

ECOLOGY COMMENTS: Any person desiring to present views on the project pertaining to a request for water quality certification under Section 401 of the CWA and/or Coastal Zone Management consistency concurrence, may do so by submitting written comments to the following address: Washington State Department of Ecology, Attention: SEA program – Federal Permit Coordinator, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, Washington 98504-7600, or e-mail to ecyrefedpermits@ecy.wa.gov.

To ensure proper consideration of all comments, responders must include the following name and reference number in the text of their comments: Whatcom County Parks and Recreation Department, NWS-2012-453.

Encl: Figures (6)



VICINITY MAP

REFERENCE: NWS-2012-453

APPLICANT:
Whatcom County Parks & Rec.

ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS:
See sheet 2 for complete adjacent property owner list

PROJECT LOCATION:
811 Marine Drive
Point Roberts, WA 98281

LAT/LONG:
48.97359 N / 23.08442 W

DATUM: NAD 83

SHEET 1 of 6 DATE: 05/11/12

PROPOSED: Boat Launch Repair

IN: Georgia Strait

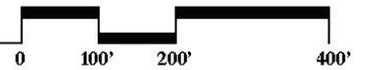
NEAR/AT: Point Roberts

COUNTY: Whatcom

STATE: WA



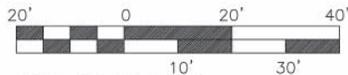
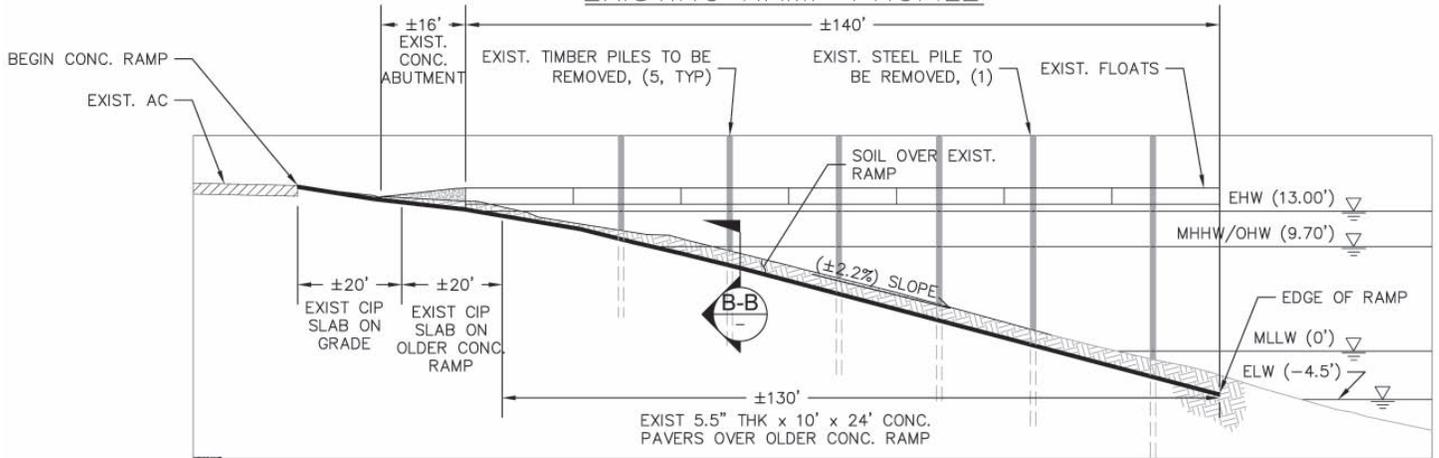
Lighthouse Marine Park
Existing Facilities



SITE PLAN

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 PROPOSED PROJECT: Boat Launch Repair
 LOCATION: Point Roberts, WA
 SHEET 2 OF 6 DATE: 05/11/12

EXISTING RAMP PROFILE



SCALE: 1"=20' HORIZ.
SCALE: 1"=10' VERT.

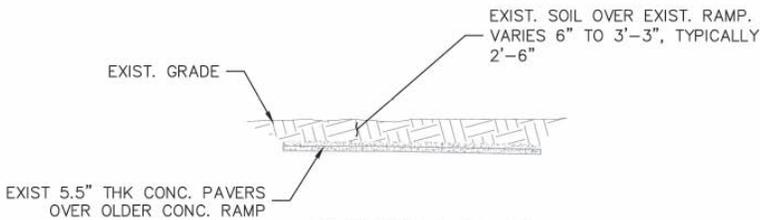
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NOTES:

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SECTION B-B

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EXISTING BOAT LAUNCH SECTION

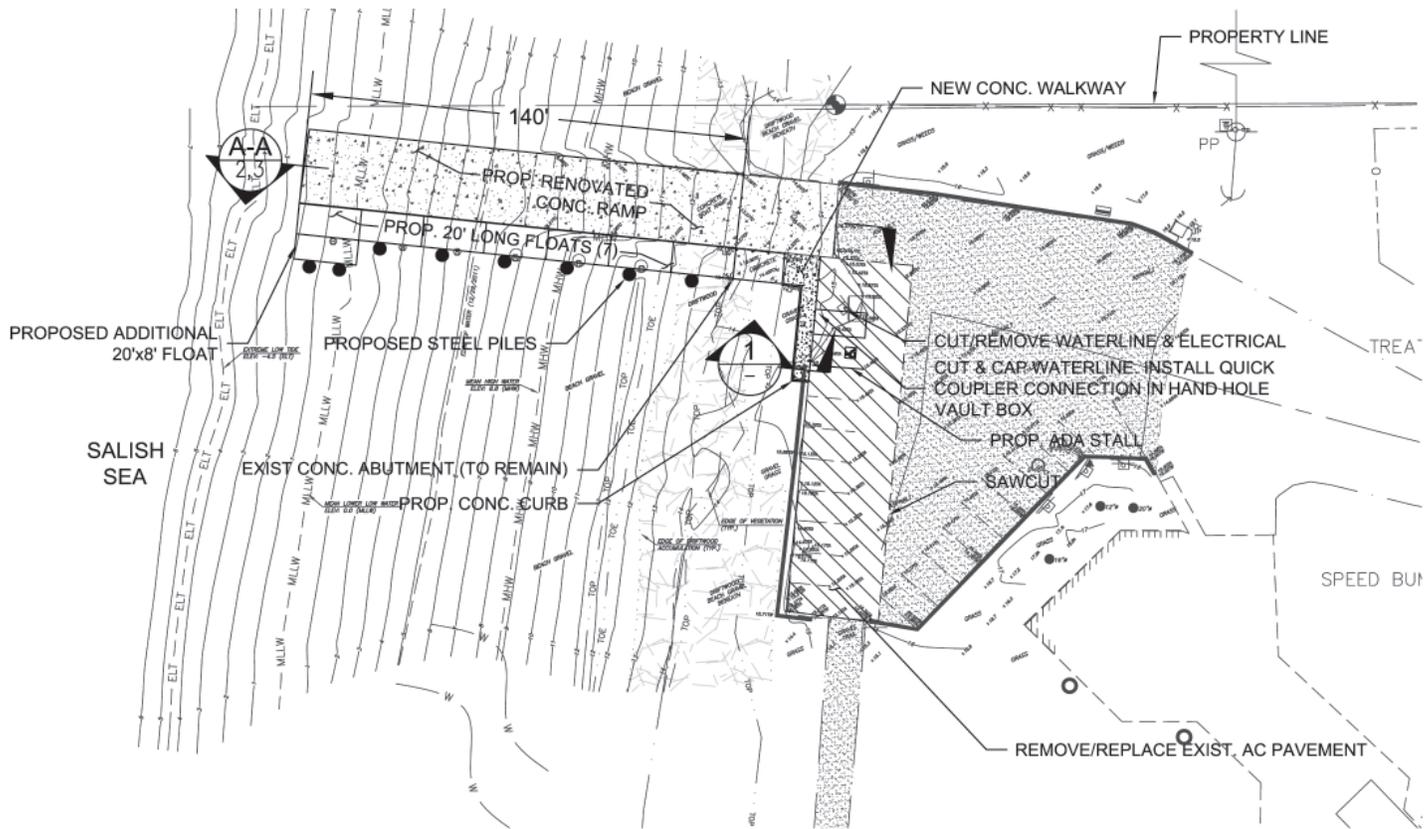
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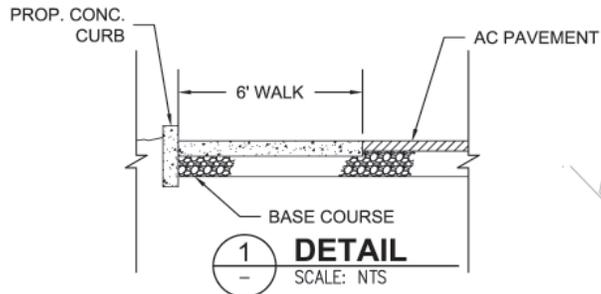
PROPOSED PROJECT: Boat Launch Repair

LOCATION: Point Roberts, WA

SHEET 4 OF 6 DATE: 05/11/12

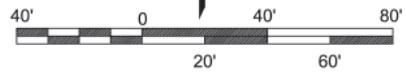


PLAN VIEW
1"=40'



LEGEND:

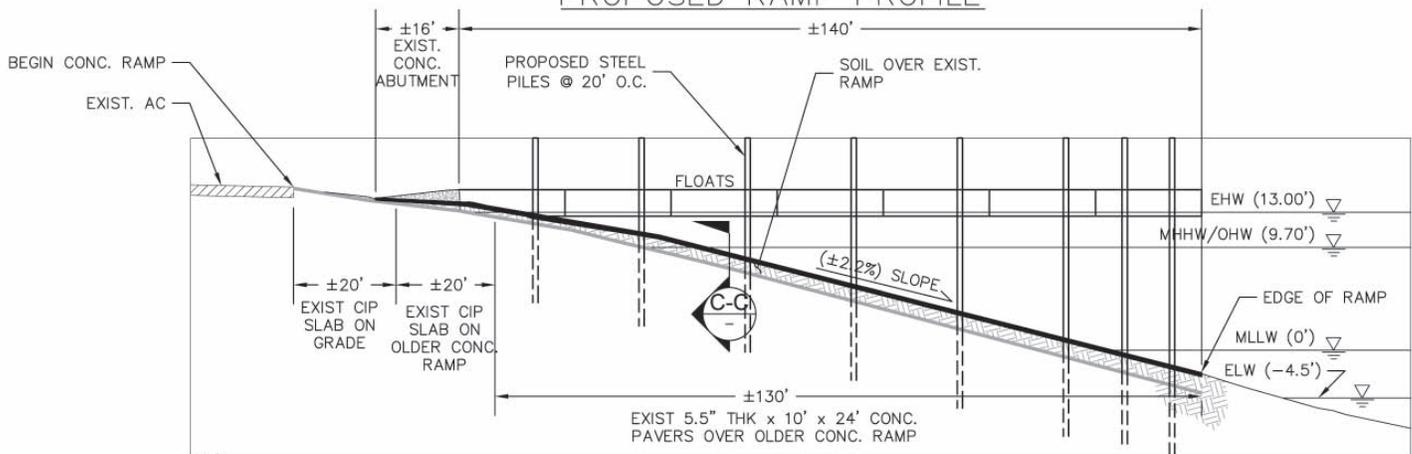
- EXIST. AC PAVEMENT
- EXIST. CONCRETE
- PROP. AC PAVEMENT
- PROP. CONCRETE
- SAWCUT LINE
- PROP. CURB
- EXIST. EDGE OF WATER
- MEAN HIGH WATER MHW
- MEAN LOWER LOW WATER MLLW
- EXTREME LOW TIDE LINE ELT



PROPOSED BOAT LAUNCH RENOVATION PLAN

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 PROPOSED PROJECT: Boat Launch Repair
 LOCATION: Point Roberts, WA
 SHEET 5 OF 6 DATE:05/11/12

PROPOSED RAMP PROFILE



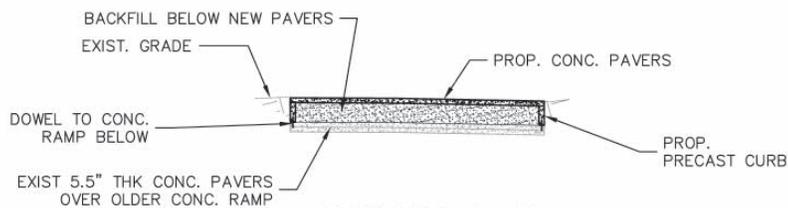
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