



US Army Corps  
of Engineers  
Seattle District



# 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

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**Public Notice Date: September 4, 2014**

**Expiration Date: October 4, 2014**

**Reference No.: NWS-2014-0427**

**Name: Wahkiakum County  
Department of Public Works**

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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 June 23, 2014.

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:** Wahkiakum County Department of Public Works  
P.O. Box 97  
Cathlamet, Washington 98612  
Attention: Mr. Pete Ringen  
Telephone: (360) 795-3301

**LOCATION:** In the Columbia River, RM 43, at the Puget Island Ferry Terminal, Puget Island, Wahkiakum County, Washington.

**WORK:** Ferry terminal modifications. Work includes:

- a. dredge up to 2,750 cubic yards of sediment
- b. dispose of the dredged material in the flow lane of the Columbia River at RM 41
- c. relocate 15 existing 16-inch-diameter steel piles (5 sets of 3-pile dolphins)
- d. relocate one luminaire pile
- e. remove two 18-inch-diameter steel piles
- f. install three 16-inch-diameter steel piles
- g. install an additional 2.25 linear feet of new steel apron

**ADDITION INFORMATION:** The proposed dredging would achieve a target depth of -9 feet Columbia River Datum. Dredging will be conducted by clamshell dredge; the dredged material would be transported to the disposal area by bottom-dump scow.

**PURPOSE:** To transport people and vehicles across the Columbia River

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### **DREDGED MATERIAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (DMMP):**

**Dredged Material Testing:** The proposed dredged material has been tested according to the procedures specified by DMMP, a multi-agency program for the evaluation of dredged material proposed for disposal at open-water sites in Washington State. The DMMP agencies evaluated the sampling locations used by the Corps, Portland District for characterization of the Wahkiakum Ferry channel. The DMMP evaluations may include both chemical and biological testing of sediments. For this project, the DMMP agencies determined that all 2, 750 cubic yards of material proposed for dredging are suitable for unconfined disposal at the DMMP non-dispersive (or dispersive) open-water disposal site in the Columbia River flow lane. The sediment testing data are available at the Corps, Seattle District's Dredged Material Management Office.

Copies of this public notice that have been mailed or otherwise physically distributed use black and white drawings. The electronic version provides color drawings, which may more accurately describe the project. To access the electronic version of this public notice, visit the Seattle District web page at <http://www.nws.usace.army.mil/>. Under the heading "Open Public Comment Periods" select "Regulatory Public Notices". Recently issued public notices are listed in chronological order of the date of issuance.

**MITIGATION:** The applicant proposes to remove twenty 12- to 16-inch-diameter abandoned wood piles.

**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. The Corps has evaluated the potential impacts to proposed and/or listed species and their designated critical habitat and will consult with the appropriate federal agencies.

**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 Corps has determined that the proposed action will not adversely affect designated EFH for federally managed fisheries in Washington waters. 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 will review the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places, lists of properties determined eligible and other sources of information. 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

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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 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.

**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:** Wahkiakum County has issued an exemption from the requirement of obtaining a Shorelines Substantial Development permit for this project.

**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.

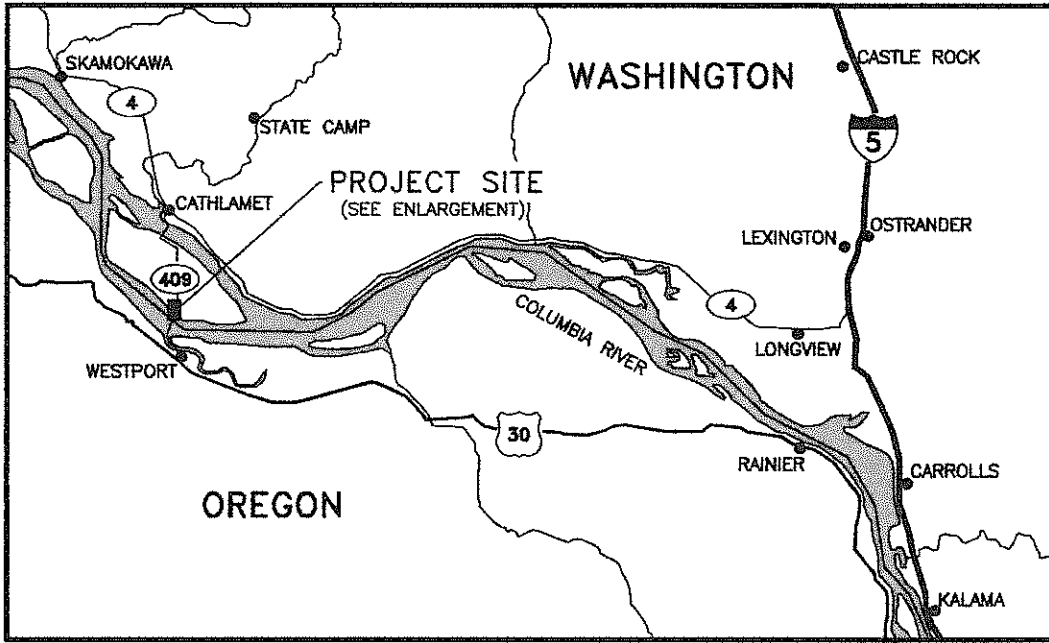
**CORPS COMMENTS:** All e-mail comments should be sent to danette.l.guy@usace.army.mil. Conventional mail comments should be sent to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, Attention: Danette L. Guy, P.O. Box 3755, Seattle, Washington 98124-3755. All comments received will become part of the administrative record and are subject to public release under the Freedom of Information Act including any personally identifiable information such as names, phone numbers, and addresses.

**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: Federal Permit Coordinator, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, Washington 98504-7600, or e-mail to [ecyrefedpermits@ecy.wa.gov](mailto: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: Wahkiakum County Department of Public Works, NWS-2014-0427

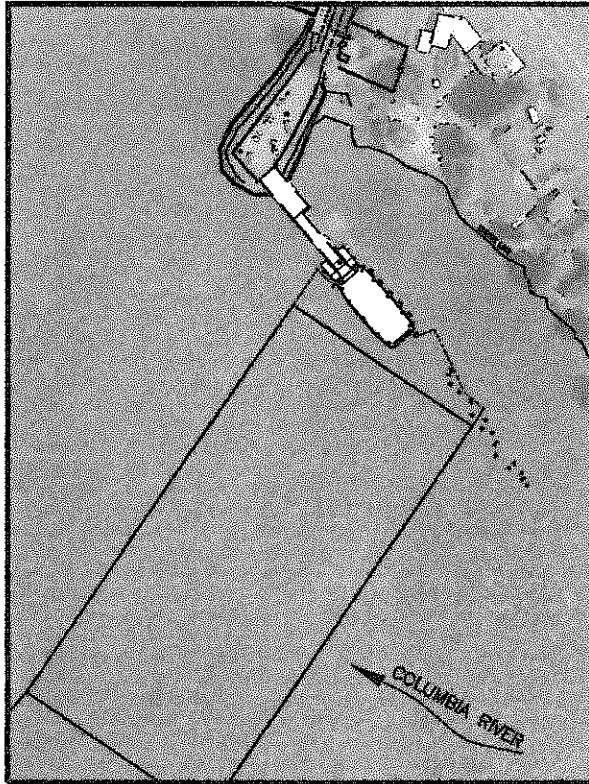
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ENLARGEMENT PLAN

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**APPLICANT:**  
PETE RINGEN  
WAHIAKUM COUNTY  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

**ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS:**  
ELLEN THOMSON/PARCEL 250806110002  
WESNER INVESTMENTS/PARCEL 250806220009  
SCOTT & SHARON HOSNER/PARCEL 250806220005

**PROJECT LOCATION:**  
SOUTH SHORE OF PUGET ISLAND,  
SR-409 M.P. 0.0

**LAT/LONG:**  
LATITUDE: 46.1539 N  
LONGITUDE: 123.3777 W  
**DATUM:** HORIZ: NAD 83  
VERT: CRD

**SHEET 1**      **DATE: 8**

**PROPOSED PROJECT:**  
PUGET ISLAND FERRY TERMINAL  
DREDGING

**IN:** COLUMBIA RIVER  
**NEAR/AT:** CATHLAMET  
**COUNTY:** WAHIAKUM  
**STATE:** WA

**DATE: 7/01/2014**

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SCALE IN FEET

APPROXIMATE DREDGING LIMITS:  
Area = 19,550 SF  
Dredge Volume to -9.0' (CRD) = 2,750 CY

SHORE LINE

150'

150'

300'  
FERRY CHANNEL

N=919647.9954  
E=7472924.2209

N=919563.6875  
E=7473048.2861

N=919479.3795  
E=7473172.3513

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ENGINEERS WAHAKIAKUM  
FERRY SIDE-CHANNEL

650' FERRY CHANNEL

**NOTES:**

1. Horizontal datum: North American Datum of 1983 with the CORS96, Epoch 2002 adjustment, State Plane Coordinate System (SPCS), Oregon North Zone, U.S. Survey Feet.

2. Vertical datum: Columbia River Datum (CRD) as defined by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers relative to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88) using GEOID 09. CRD is 1.45 feet above NAVD88 ( 5.00' CRD = 6.45' NAVD88) at Columbia River Mile 43.2.

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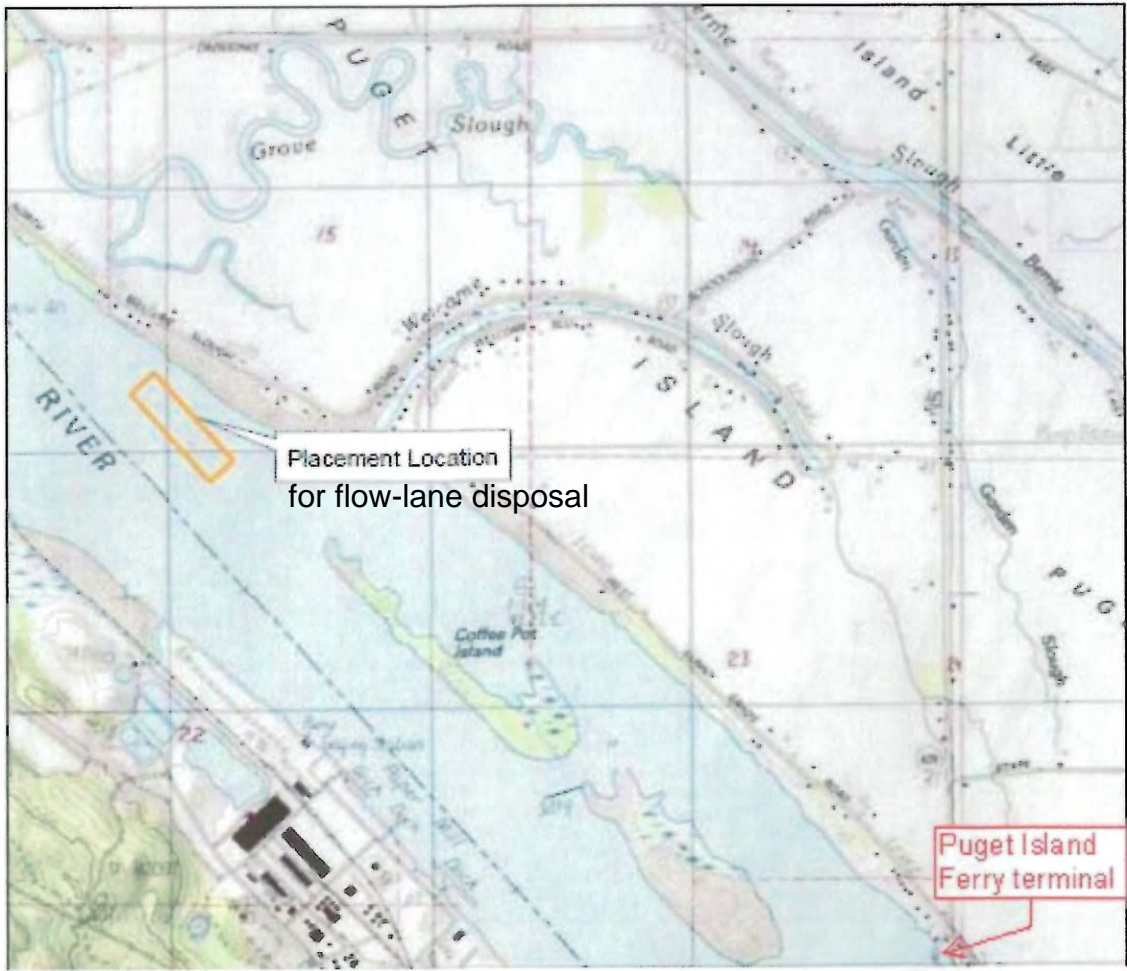
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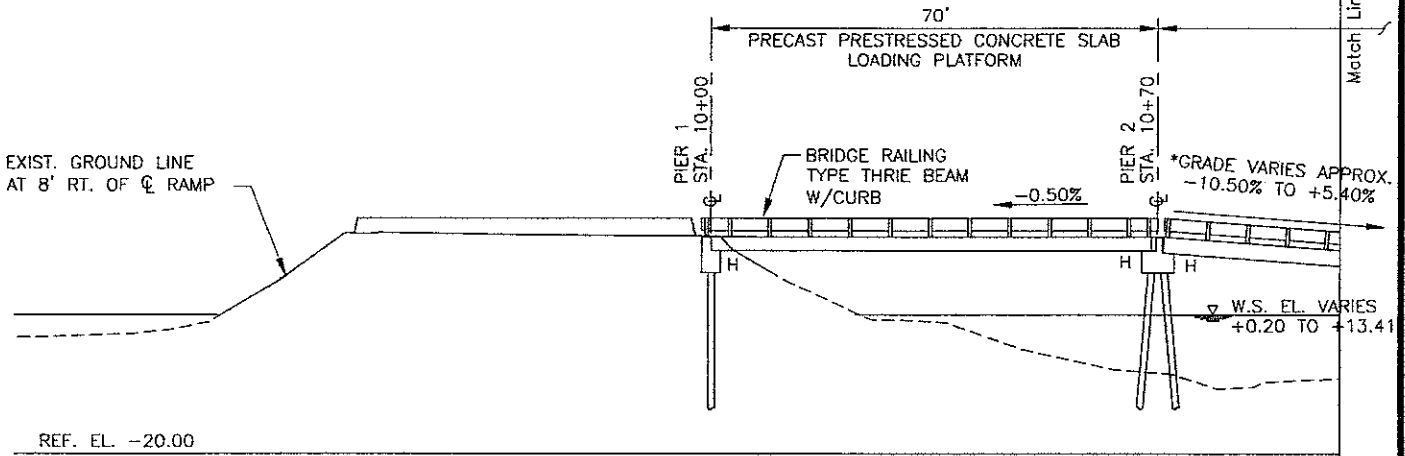
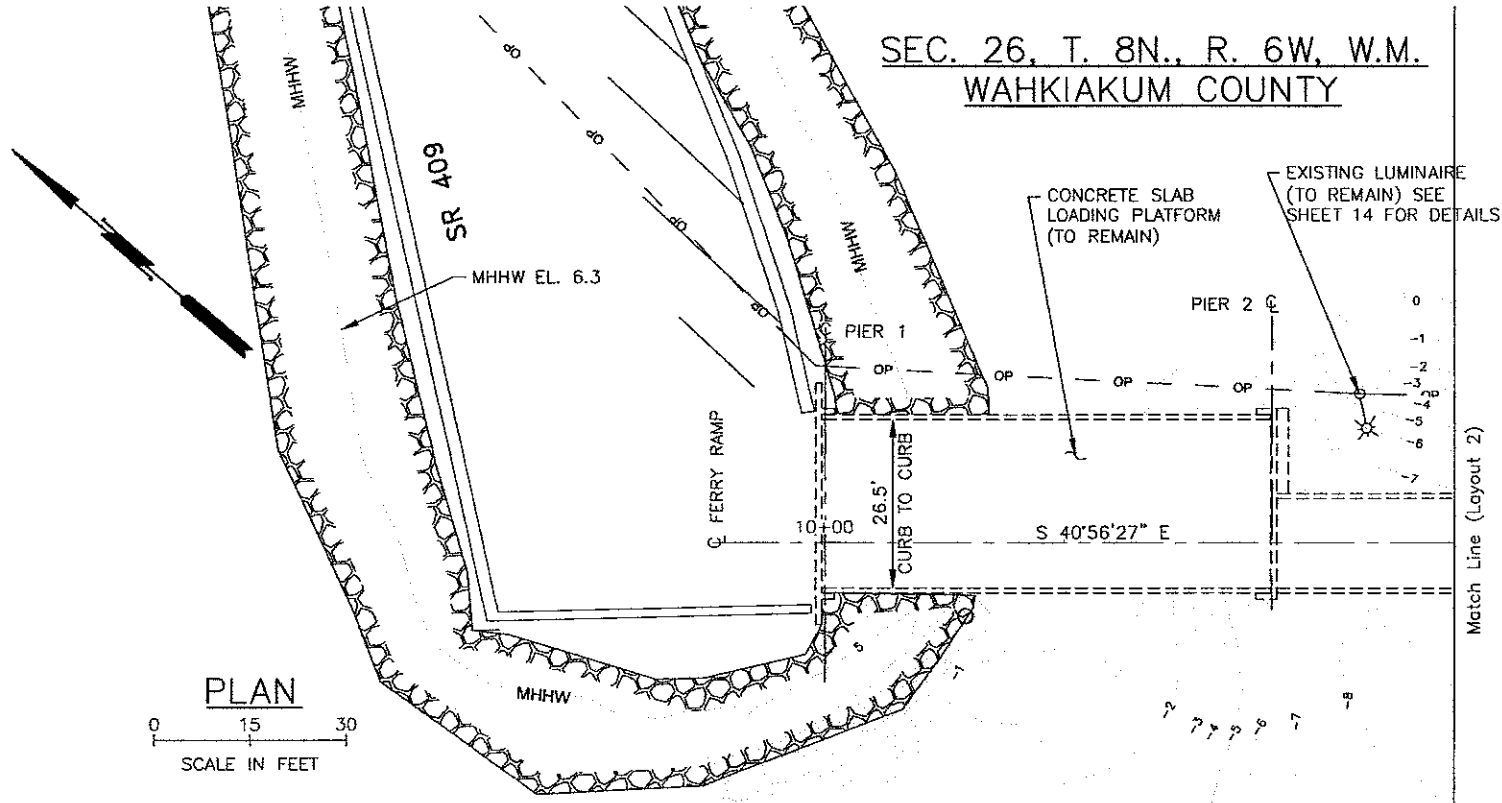
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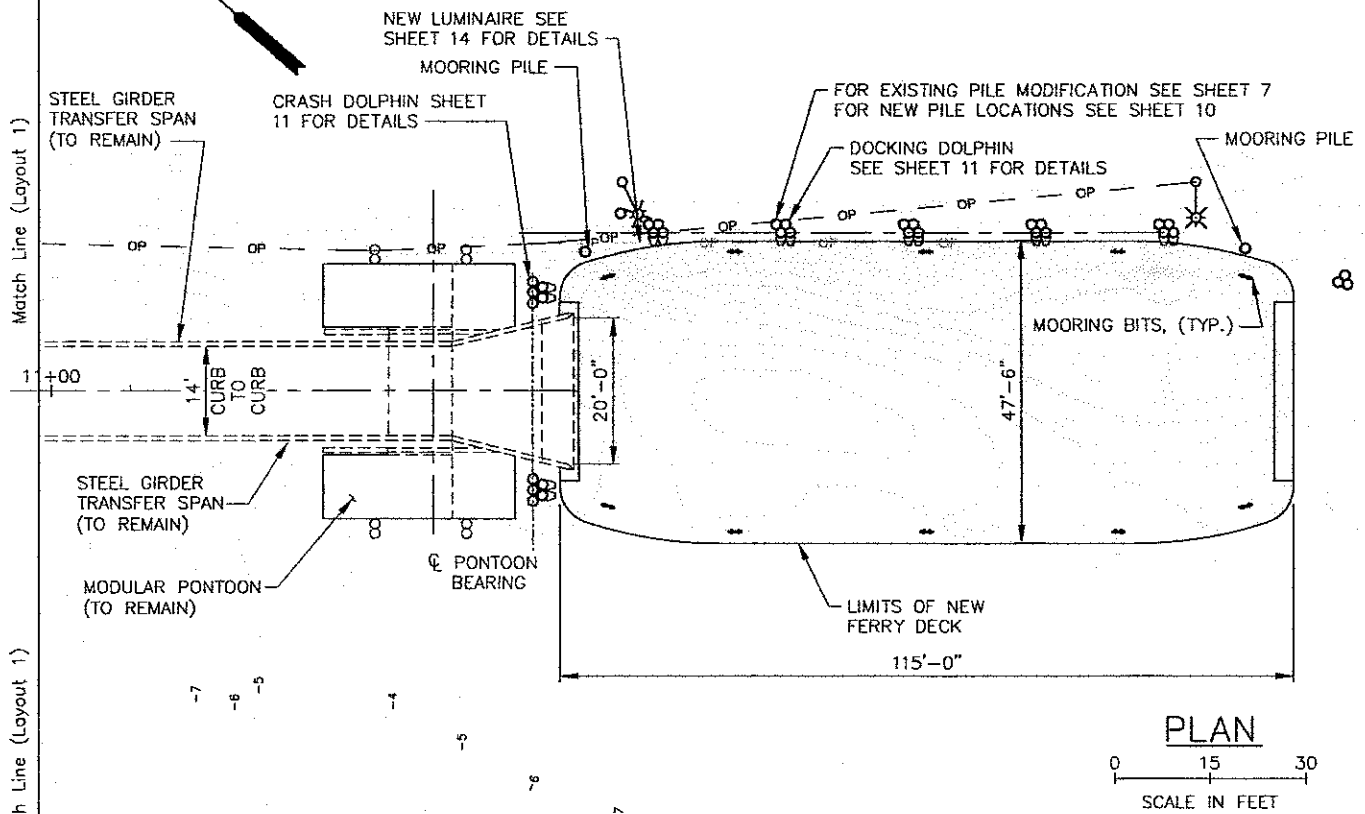
VERTICAL DATUM  
COLUMBIA RIVER DATUM (CRD)

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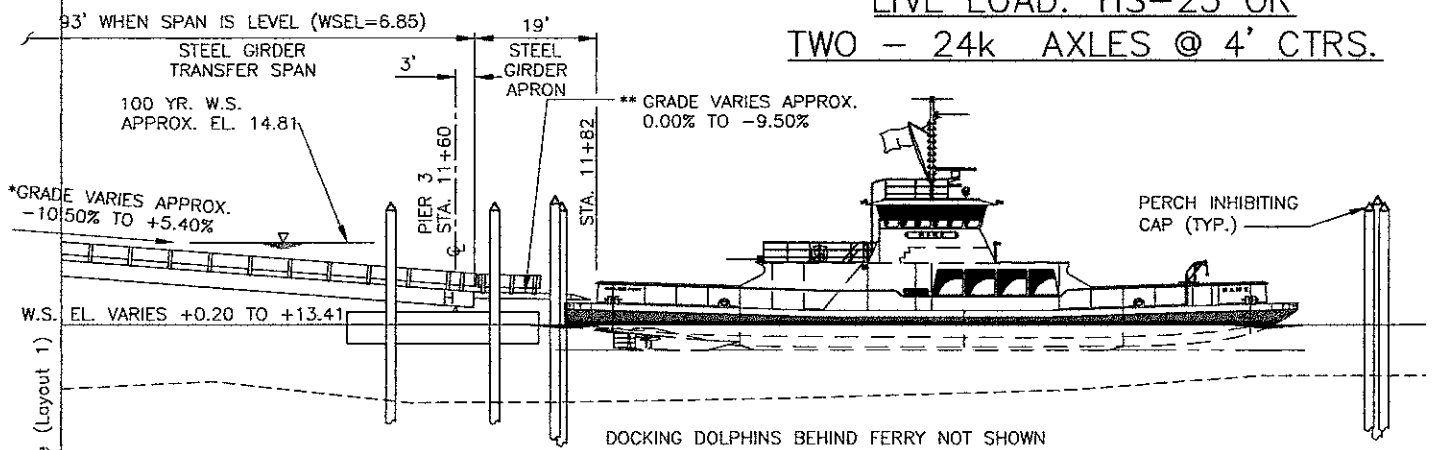
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2'-2" VOIDED PRECAST PRESTRESSED  
 CONCRETE SLAB & STEEL GIRDER  
LIVE LOAD: HS-25 OR  
TWO - 24k AXLES @ 4' CTRS.



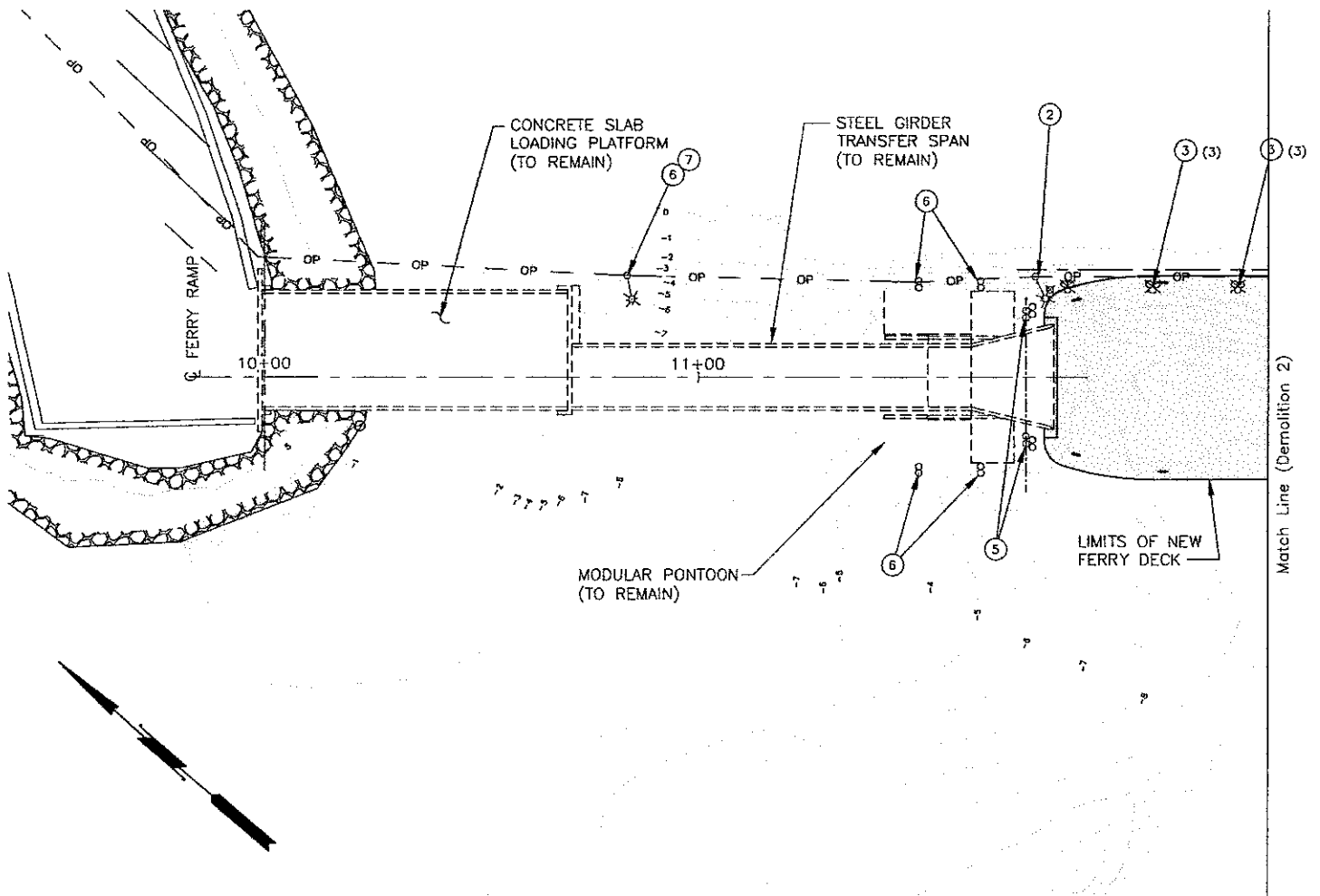
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FERRY RAMP LAYOUT 2

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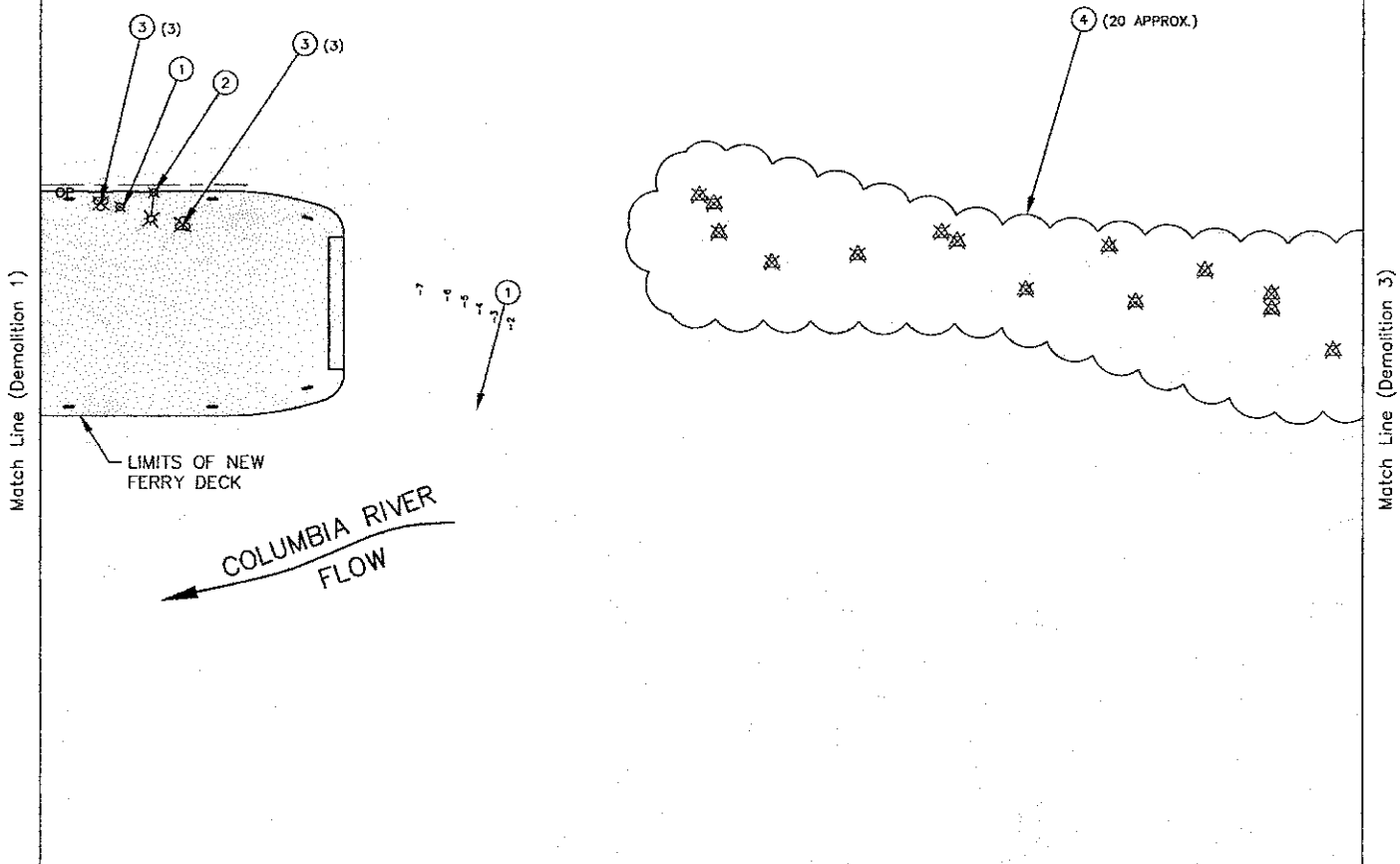
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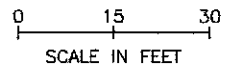
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DEMOLITION PLAN 1

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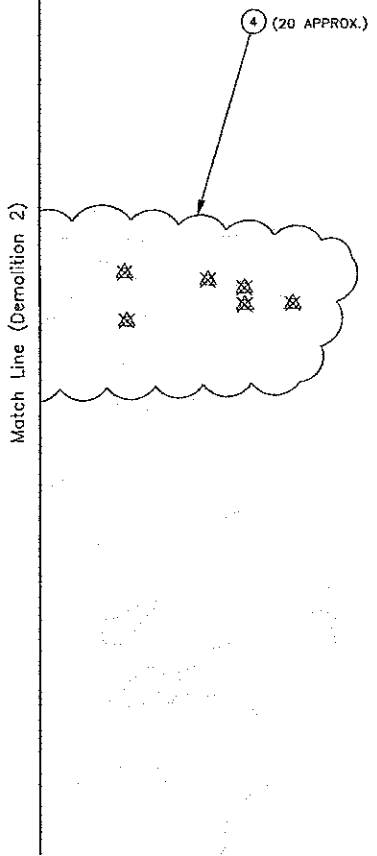
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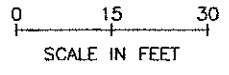
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