



## **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

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ATTN: Darren Habel, Project Manager 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: February 18, 2015 Expiration Date: March 20, 2015

Reference No.: NWS-2014-966 Name: Snug Harbor Associates

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 July 18, 2014.

The Corps will review the work in accordance with Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. Ecology will review the work pursuant to applicable provisions of the Coastal Zone Management Act.

- <u>APPLICANT</u>: Snug Harbor Associates, LLC Attention: Erik Nelson, Managing Member 723 Hanna Park Edmonds, Washington 98020-2619 Telephone: (206) 498-5608
- AGENT: The Law Offices of Stephanie Johnson O'Day Attention: Ms. Francine Shaw P.O. Box 2112 Friday Harbor, Washington 98250 Telephone: (360) 378-6278

LOCATION: In Mitchell Bay, Puget Sound, near Friday Harbor, San Juan Island, San Juan County, Washington.

<u>WORK</u>: To perform work waterward of mean high water to maintain and expand the existing marina structure. The expanded overwater structure will extend an additional 40 feet waterward than the existing and will consist of a new 5-foot by 80-foot grated gangway ramp, grated 8-foot wide mainwalk float and t-floats, grated 6-foot wide mainwalk floats, 5-foot and 4-foot wide solid decked finger floats and thirteen 2-foot by 15-foot kayak finger floats. Replacing the existing 37 creosote piles will be twenty three 10-inch diameter steel piles and ten 12-inch-diameter steel piles. The piles will be installed via a vibratory pile driver. The expanded overwater structure will accommodate up to 66 boats ranging between 22 feet and 48 feet in length. The existing marina structure encompasses a 9,938-square-foot solid decked area. The new structure will encompass a 12,455-square-foot area that will have approximately 2,789 square feet of 60% open area grating.

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<u>PURPOSE</u>: To provide continued marine access and moorage. Constructed over 40 years ago, the existing structure is in need of replacement, the existing piles are creosote treated, the wooden floats have deteriorated and portions of the structure ground out at low tides.

<u>MITIGATION</u>: The applicant has not submitted a compensatory mitigation plan; however, to minimize the impacts the applicant has proposed to remove 37 existing creosote piles and to replace with only 33 steel piles. In addition, the new gangway, mainwalk and t-floats will be grated to allow light penetration to reduce shading impacts.

<u>ENDANGERED SPECIES</u>: 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 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 Corps will evaluate the potential impacts to proposed and/or listed species and their designated critical habitat.

<u>ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT</u>: 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.

<u>CULTURAL RESOURCES</u>: 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 waterward of Mean Higher High Water 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.

<u>PUBLIC HEARING</u>: 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.

<u>EVALUATION</u> – <u>CORPS</u>: 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.

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

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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.

<u>EVALUATION</u> – <u>ECOLOGY</u>: 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.

<u>ADDITIONAL EVALUATION</u>: This proposal is the subject of Shorelines Substantial Development Permit No. PSJ000-14-0016, being processed by the San Juan County Department of Community Development.

<u>COMMENT AND REVIEW PERIOD</u>: 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.

<u>CORPS COMMENTS</u>: All e-mail comments should be sent to darren.habel@usace.army.mil. Conventional mail comments should be sent to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, Attention: Darren Habel, 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.

<u>ECOLOGY COMMENTS</u>: 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.

To ensure proper consideration of all comments, responders must include the following name and reference number in the text of their comments: Snug Harbor Associates, NWS-2014-966.

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