

Public Notice of Application for Permit

US Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Branch 4735 E. Marginal Way S., Bldg 1202 Seattle, WA 98134-2388 Telephone: (360) 979-3698 ATTN: Kristin Murray, Project Manager Public Notice Date: April 19, 2024 Expiration Date: May 19, 2024

Reference No.: NWS-2022-915 Name: Palasz, Michael (Dock Extension)

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit in accordance with Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, for certain work described below and shown on the enclosed drawings dated April 5, 2024.

The Corps will also review the work in accordance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA).

<u>APPLICANT</u>: Michael Palasz 62 Oakhill Drive Lititz, Pennsylvania 17543 Telephone: (717) 615- 1029

<u>AGENT</u>: Northwest Permit Specialists Attention: Ashley Carlson 671 Cook Rd Unit B Sedro Woolley WA 98284 Telephone: (360) 420- 7691

LOCATION: 862 Kalispell Drive (Shelter Bay Marina) along Swinomish Channel at La Conner, Washington, 98257 (48.38141041 N lat / -122.51141284 W long)

<u>WORK</u>: The applicant proposes to extend an existing dock by 200 square feet and conduct maintenance dredging of up to 300 cubic yards of accumulated sediment underneath and on either side of the dock. The applicant would remove an existing 12-inch galvanized pile and extend the existing 44-foot long by 10-foot-wide concrete float by 20 feet where the 12-inch pile (1.5 square feet) would be re-driven. The float extension will be timber framed and grated to allow light filtration. Dredging would be to a target depth of to a depth of -14 feet MLLW. Dredging would be accomplished using mechanical (e.g., clamshell) dredging equipment operated from a barge. Dredged material would be disposed of at the Rosario Strait Dispersive Disposal Site.

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<u>PURPOSE</u>: Restore navigable depths of a private dock and extend the dock to increase capacity of the dock.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The line of mean high water/high tide line shown on the project drawings have not yet been verified by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). If the Corps determines the boundaries of the waters are substantially inaccurate a new public notice may be published.

MITIGATION: No mitigation is proposed.

<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 (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 project applicant has provided a conservation calculator to be evaluated by the Services.

After receipt of comments from this public notice, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 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).

If the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (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, Washington Information System for Architectural and Archaeological Records Data and other sources of information. There are no recorded historic properties within the permit area. The permit area has been so extensively disturbed by modern development that little likelihood exists for the proposed project to impinge upon an undisturbed historic property. The Corps invites responses to this public notice from Native American Nations 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 Nations in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as appropriate.

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<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> 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 Swinomish Indian Tribal Community has or will evaluate the proposed project in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. Ecology has or will evaluate consistency with the Coastal Zone Management Act.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 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.

<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 authorizing the work would not be contrary to the public interest. 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. All e-mail comments should be sent to kristin.m.murray@usace.army.mil. Conventional mail comments should be sent U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, 4735 E. Marginal Way S, Bldg 1202, Seattle, Washington, 98134-2388. Either conventional mail or e-mail comments must include the permit applicant's name and reference number, as shown below, and the commenter's name, address, and phone number. 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 NWS-2022-915; Palasz, Michael (Dock Extension)

numbers, and addresses. 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. Please include the following name and reference number:

Michael Palasz, NWS-2022-915

Encl: Figures (8)













PERMIT APPLICATION DETAIL - TYPIC

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