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January 11, 2022

Khi Thai
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Sent via agent's e-mail: joe@seatechconstruction.com

Re: File No.: 50-0414002-001,002-EE
File Name: Thai Dock

Dear Khi Thai:

On December 20, 2021, we received your request for verification of exemption to perform the following activities: 1) replace the existing dock with a new 375 sq. ft. marginal dock, 2) install 100 linear feet of new seawall cap and batter piles; and 3) install 100 linear feet of new stem wall to be constructed on top of the existing seawall cap. The project is located in an unnamed canal, Class III Waters, adjacent to 4215 Tranquility Drive, Boca Raton (Section 4, Township 47 South, Range 43 East), in Palm Beach County (Latitude N 26°24'1.8796", Longitude W -80°4'0.6860").

Your request has been reviewed to determine whether it qualifies for (1) regulatory exemption, (2) proprietary authorization (related to state-owned submerged lands), and (3) federal approval that may be necessary for work in wetlands or waters of the United States.

Your project qualifies for all three. However, this letter does not relieve you from the responsibility of obtaining other federal, state, or local authorizations that may be required for the activity.

If you change the project from what you submitted, the authorization(s) granted may no longer be valid at the time of commencement of the project. Please contact us prior to beginning your project if you wish to make any changes.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact John Tracey at the letterhead address or at 561-681-6717, John.Tracey@FloridaDEP.gov.

1. Regulatory Review – VERIFIED

Based on the information submitted, the Department has verified that the activities as proposed are exempt, under Chapter 62-330.051(5)(b) and (12)(d), Florida Administrative Code, from the need to obtain a regulatory permit under Part IV of Chapter 373 of the Florida Statutes.

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This exemption verification is based on the information you provided the Department and the statutes and rules in effect when the information was submitted. This verification may not be valid if site conditions materially change, the project design is modified, or the statutes or rules governing the exempt activity are amended. In the event you need to re-verify the exempt status for the activity, a new request and verification fee will be required. Any substantial modifications to the project design should be submitted to the Department for review, as changes may result in a permit being required.

2. Proprietary Review- NOT REQUIRED

The activity does not require further authorization under chapter 253 of the Florida Statutes, or chapters 18-20 or 18-21 of the Florida Administrative Code.

3. Federal Review - APPROVED

Your proposed activity as outlined in your application and attached drawings qualifies for Federal authorization pursuant to the State Programmatic General Permit VI, and a **SEPARATE permit** or authorization **will not be required** from the Corps. Please note that the Federal authorization expires on July 27, 2026. However, your authorization may remain in effect for up to 1 additional year, if provisions of Special Condition 15 of the SPGP VI permit instrument are met. You, as permittee, are required to adhere to all General Conditions and Special Conditions that may apply to your project. Special conditions required for your project are attached. A copy of the SPGP VI with all terms and conditions and the General Conditions may be found online in the Jacksonville District Regulatory Division Sourcebook:

(<https://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Source-Book/>).

Authority for review - an agreement with the USACOE entitled “Coordination Agreement Between the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (Jacksonville District) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (or Duly Authorized Designee), State Programmatic General Permit”, Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbor Act of 1899, and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

Additional Information

Please retain this letter. The activities may be inspected by authorized state personnel in the future to ensure compliance with appropriate statutes and administrative codes. If the activities are not in compliance, you may be subject to penalties under Chapter 373, F.S., and Chapter 18-14, F.A.C.

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

This action is final and effective on the date filed with the Clerk of the Department unless a petition for an administrative hearing is timely filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., before the deadline for filing a petition. On the filing of a timely and sufficient petition, this action will not be final and effective until further order of the Department. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the hearing process may result in a modification of the agency action or even denial of the application.

Petition for Administrative Hearing

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. Pursuant to Rules 28-106.201 and 28-106.301, F.A.C., a petition for an administrative hearing must contain the following information:

- (a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known;
- (b) The name, address, any e-mail address, any facsimile number, and telephone number of the petitioner, if the petitioner is not represented by an attorney or a qualified representative; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination;
- (c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency decision;
- (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate;
- (e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts that the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action;
- (f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes that the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action, including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and
- (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action that the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action.

The petition must be filed (received by the Clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, or via electronic correspondence at Agency_Clerk@dep.state.fl.us. Also, a copy of the petition shall be mailed to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing.

Time Period for Filing a Petition

In accordance with Rule 62-110.106(3), F.A.C., petitions for an administrative hearing by the applicant and persons entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within 21 days of receipt of this written notice. Petitions filed by any persons other than the applicant, and other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within 21 days of publication of the notice or within 21 days of receipt of the written notice, whichever occurs first. You cannot justifiably rely on the finality of this decision unless notice of this decision and the right of substantially affected persons to challenge this decision has been duly published or otherwise provided to all persons substantially affected by the decision. While you are not required to publish notice of this action, you may elect to do so pursuant Rule 62-110.106(10)(a).

The failure to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C. If you

do not publish notice of this action, this waiver will not apply to persons who have not received written notice of this action.

Extension of Time

Under Rule 62-110.106(4), F.A.C., a person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may also request an extension of time to file a petition for an administrative hearing. The Department may, for good cause shown, grant the request for an extension of time. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, or via electronic correspondence at Agency_Clerk@dep.state.fl.us, before the deadline for filing a petition for an administrative hearing. A timely request for extension of time shall toll the running of the time period for filing a petition until the request is acted upon.

Mediation

Mediation is not available in this proceeding.

FLAWAC Review

The applicant, or any party within the meaning of Section 373.114(1)(a) or 373.4275, F.S., may also seek appellate review of this order before the Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission under Section 373.114(1) or 373.4275, F.S. Requests for review before the Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission and served on the Department within 20 days from the date when this order is filed with the Clerk of the Department.

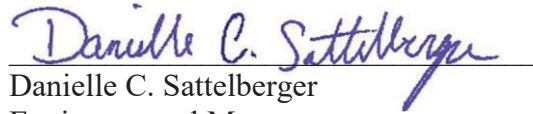
Judicial Review

Once this decision becomes final, any party to this action has the right to seek judicial review pursuant to Section 120.68, F.S., by filing a Notice of Appeal pursuant to Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure 9.110 and 9.190 with the Clerk of the Department in the Office of General Counsel (Station #35, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000) and by filing a copy of the Notice of Appeal accompanied by the applicable filing fees with the appropriate district court of appeal. The notice must be filed within 30 days from the date this action is filed with the Clerk of the Department.

EXECUTION AND CLERKING

Executed in Orlando, Florida.

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



Danielle C. Sattelberger
Environmental Manager
Southeast District

Enclosures:

Attachment A: Specific Exemption Rule(s)
Special Conditions for Federal Authorization for SPGP VI-R1
General Conditions for Federal Authorization for SPGP VI-R1
Project drawings, 7 pages

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned duly designated deputy clerk hereby certifies that this document and all attachments were sent on the filing date below to the following listed persons:

FDEP – Danielle Sattelberger, John Tracey
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, spgp@usace.army.mil
Joseph Gilio, Sea Tech Construction, joe@seatechconstruction.com

Additional mailings:

Matt Mitchell, Palm Beach County, Environmental Resources, mmitchell@pbcgov.org

FILING AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

FILED, on this date, pursuant to Section 120.52, F. S., with the designated Department Clerk, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.


Clerk

January 11, 2022
Date

Attachment A

62-330.051 Exempt Activities.

The activities meeting the limitations and restrictions below are exempt from permitting. However, if located in, on, or over state-owned submerged lands, they are subject to a separate authorization under chapters 253 and 258, F.S., as applicable.

(5) Dock, Pier, Boat Ramp and Other Boating-related Work –

(b) Installation of private docks, piers, and recreational docking facilities, and installation of local governmental piers and recreational docking facilities, in accordance with section 403.813(1)(b), F.S. This includes associated structures such as boat shelters, boat lifts, and roofs, provided:

1. The cumulative square footage of the dock or pier and all associated structures located over wetlands and other surface waters does not exceed the limitations in section 403.813(1)(b), F.S.;

2. No structure is enclosed on more than three sides with walls and doors;

3. Structures are not used for residential habitation or commercial purposes, or storage of materials other than those associated with water dependent recreational use; and

4. Any dock and associated structure shall be the sole dock as measured along the shoreline for a minimum distance of 65 feet, unless the parcel of land or individual lot as platted is less than 65 feet in length along the shoreline, in which case there may be one exempt dock allowed per parcel or lot.

(12) Construction, Replacement, Restoration, Enhancement, and Repair of Seawall, Riprap, and Other Shoreline Stabilization –

(d) Installation of batter piles, king piles, or a seawall cap, used exclusively to stabilize and repair seawalls, provided they do not impede navigation.

Special Conditions for Federal Authorizations for SPGP VI-R1

1. Authorization, design and construction must adhere to the terms of the SPGP VI instrument including the General Conditions for All Projects, Special Conditions for All Projects, Applicable activity-specific special conditions, Procedure and Work Authorized sections.
2. Design and construction must adhere to the PDCs for In-Water Activities (Attachment 28, from PDCs AP.7 through AP11, inclusive, of JAXBO) (Reference: JAXBO PDC AP.1.).
3. All activities must be performed during daylight hours (Reference: JAXBO PDC AP.6.).
4. For all projects involving the installation of piles, sheet piles, concrete slab walls or boatlift I-beams (Reference Categories A, B and C of JAXBO *PDCs for In-Water Noise from Pile and Sheet Pile Installation*, page 86):
 - a. Construction methods limited to trench and fill, pilot hole (auger or drop punch), jetting, vibratory, and impact hammer (however, impact hammer limited to installing no more than 5 per day).
 - b. Material limited to wood piles with a 14-inch diameter or less, concrete piles with a 24-inch diameter/width or less, metal pipe piles with a 36-inch diameter or less, metal boatlift I-beams, concrete slab walls, vinyl sheet piles, and metal sheet piles.
 - c. Any installation of metal pipe or metal sheet pile by impact hammer is not authorized (Reference: Categories D and E of JAXBO *PDCs for In-Water Noise from Pile and Sheet Pile Installation*, page 86.).
 - d. Projects within the boundary of the NOAA Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary require prior approval from the Sanctuary (Reference: JAXBO PDCs AP.14 and A1.6).
5. The Permittee shall comply with the “Standard Manatee Conditions for In-Water Work – 2011” (Attachment 29).
6. No structure or work shall adversely affect or disturb properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places or those eligible for inclusion in the National Register. Prior to the start of work, the Applicant/Permittee or other party on the Applicant’s/Permittee’s behalf, shall conduct a search of known historical properties by contracting a professional archaeologist, and contacting the Florida Master Site File at 850-245-6440 or SiteFile@dos.state.fl.us. The Applicant/Permittee can also research sites in the National Register Information System (NRIS). Information can be found at <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/research>.

- a. If, during the initial ground disturbing activities and construction work, there are archaeological/cultural materials unearthed (which shall include, but not be limited to: pottery, modified shell, flora, fauna, human remains, ceramics, stone tools or metal implements, dugout canoes or any other physical remains that could be associated with Native American cultures or early colonial or American settlement), the Permittee shall immediately stop all work in the vicinity and notify the Compliance and Review staff of the State Historic Preservation Office at 850-245- 6333 and the Corps Regulatory Archeologist at 904-232-3270 to assess the significance of the discovery and devise appropriate actions, including salvage operations. Based on the circumstances of the discovery, equity to all parties, and considerations of the public interest, the Corps may modify, suspend, or revoke the permit in accordance with 33 C.F.R. § 325.7.
 - b. In the unlikely event that human remains are identified, the remains will be treated in accordance with Section 872.05, Florida Statutes; all work in the vicinity shall immediately cease and the local law authority, and the State Archaeologist (850-245-6444) and the Corps Regulatory Archeologist at 904-232-3270 shall immediately be notified. Such activity shall not resume unless specifically authorized by the State Archaeologist and the Corps.
7. The Permittee is responsible for obtaining any “take” permits required under the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s regulations governing compliance with these laws. The Permittee should contact the appropriate local office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to determine if such “take” permits are required for a particular activity.
8. Mangroves. The design and construction of a Project must comply with the following (Reference: JAXBO PDCs AP.3 and AP.12.):
 - a. All projects must be sited and designed to avoid or minimize impacts to mangroves.
 - b. Mangrove removal must be conducted in a manner that avoids any unnecessary removal and is limited to the following instances:
 - (1) Removal to install up to a 4-ft-wide walkway for a dock.
 - (2) Removal of mangroves above the mean high water line (MHWL) provided that the tree does not have any prop roots that extend into the water below the MHWL.
 - (3) Mangrove trimming. Mangrove trimming refers to the removal (using hand equipment such as chain saws and/or machetes) of lateral branches (i.e., no alteration of the trunk of the tree) in a manner that ensures survival of the tree.
 - (a) Projects with associated mangrove trimming waterward of the MHWL are authorized if the trimming: (a) occurs within the area where the authorized structures are placed or will be placed (i.e., removal of branches that overhang a dock or lift),
 - (b) is necessary to provide temporary construction access, and (c) is conducted in a

manner that avoids any unnecessary trimming.

(b) Projects proposing to remove red mangrove prop roots waterward of the MHWL are not authorized, except for removal to install the dock walkways as described above.

9. For Projects authorized under this SPGP VI in navigable waters of the U.S., the Permittee understands and agrees that, if future operations by the United States require the removal, relocation, or other alteration, of the structures or work herein authorized, or if, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Army or his authorized representative, said structure or work shall cause unreasonable obstruction to the free navigation of the navigable waters, the Permittee will be required, upon due notice from the Corps of Engineers, to remove, relocate, or alter the structural work or obstructions caused thereby, without expense to the United States. No claim shall be made against the United States on account of any such removal or alteration.

10. Notifications to the Corps. For all authorizations under this SPGP VI, including Self-Certifications, the Permittee shall provide the following notifications to the Corps:

a. Commencement Notification. Within 10 days from the date of initiating the work authorized by this permit the Permittee shall submit a completed "Commencement Notification" form (Attachment 8).

b. Corps *Self-Certification Statement of Compliance* form. Within 60 days of completion of the work authorized by this permit, the Permittee shall complete the "Self-Certification Statement of Compliance" form (Attachment 9) and submit it to the Corps. In the event that the completed work deviates in any manner from the authorized work, the Permittee shall describe the deviations between the work authorized by this permit and the work as constructed on the "Self-Certification Statement of Compliance" form. The description of any deviations on the "Self-Certification Statement of Compliance" form does not constitute approval of any deviations by the Corps.

c. Permit Transfer. When the structures or work authorized by this permit are still in existence at the time the property is transferred, the terms and conditions of this permit will continue to be binding on the new owner(s) of the property. To validate the transfer of this permit and the associated liabilities associated with compliance with its terms and conditions, have the transferee sign and date the enclosed form (Attachment 10).

d. Reporting Address. The Permittee shall submit all reports, notifications, documentation, and correspondence required by the general and special conditions of this permit to the following address.

(1) For standard mail: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Division, Enforcement Section, P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville, FL, 32232-0019.

(2) For electronic mail: SAJ-RD-Enforcement@usace.army.mil (not to exceed 10 MB). The Permittee shall reference this permit number, SAJ-2015-2575 on all submittals.

11. The District Engineer reserves the right to require that any request for authorization under this SPGP VI be evaluated as an Individual Permit. Conformance with the terms and conditions of the SPGP VI does not automatically guarantee Federal authorization.
12. On a case-by-case basis, the Corps may impose additional Special Conditions which are deemed necessary to minimize adverse environmental impacts.
13. Failure to comply with all conditions of the SPGP VI constitutes a violation of the Federal authorization.
14. The SPGP VI will be valid through the expiration date unless suspended or revoked by issuance of a public notice by the District Engineer. The Corps, in conjunction with the Federal resource agencies, will conduct periodic reviews to ensure that continuation of the permit during the period ending expiration date, is not contrary to the public interest. The SPGP VI will not be extended beyond the expiration date but may be replaced by a new SPGP. If revocation occurs, all future applications for activities covered by the SPGP VI will be evaluated by the Corps.
15. If the SPGP VI expires, is revoked, or is terminated prior to completion of the authorized work, authorization of activities which have commenced or are under contract to commence in reliance upon the SPGP VI will remain in effect provided the activity is completed within 12 months of the date the SPGP VI expired or was revoked.

Special Conditions for *Shoreline Stabilization* activities.

16. Shoreline stabilization structures other than vertical seawalls shall be no steeper than a 2 horizontal:1 vertical slope (Reference: JAXBO PDC A1.1.4.).
17. Placement of backfill is limited to those situations where it is necessary to level the land behind seawalls or riprap.
18. Living shoreline structures and permanent wave attenuation structures can only be constructed out of the following materials: oyster breakwaters, clean limestone boulders or stone (sometimes contained in metal baskets or cages to contain the material), small mangrove islands, biologs, coir, rock sills, and pre-fabricated structures made of concrete and rebar that are designed in a manner so that they do not trap sea turtles, smalltooth sawfish, or sturgeon (Reference: JAXBO PDC A7.5.).
 - a. Reef balls or similar structures are authorized if they are not open on the bottom, are open-bottom structures with a top opening of at least 4 ft, or are pre-fabricated structures, such as reef discs stacked on a pile, and are designed in a manner that would not entrap sea turtles.
 - b. Oyster reef materials shall be placed and constructed in a manner that ensures that

materials will remain stable and that prevents movement of materials to surrounding areas (e.g., oysters will be contained in bags or attached to mats and loose cultch must be surrounded by contained or bagged oysters or another stabilizing feature) (Reference: JAXBO PDC A7.2.).

c. Oyster reef materials shall be placed in designated locations only (i.e., the materials shall not be indiscriminately dumped or allowed to spread outside of the reef structure) (Reference: JAXBO PDC A7.3.)

d. Wave attenuation structures must have 5 ft gaps at least every 75 ft in length as measured parallel to the shoreline and at the sea floor, to allow for tidal flushing and species movement (Reference: JAXBO PDC A7.6.).

e. Other materials are not authorized by this SPGP VI (Reference: JAXBO PDC A7.5.).

Special Conditions for Docks, Piers, Associated Facilities, and other Minor Piling-Supported Structures.

19. Chickees must be less than 500 ft² and support no more than 2 slips (Reference: JAXBO PDC A2.1.6.).

20. The design and construction of a Project over marsh (emergent vegetation) must comply with the following:

a. The piling-supported structure shall be aligned so as to have the smallest over-marsh footprint as practicable.

b. The over-marsh portion of the piling-supported structure (decking) shall be elevated to at least 4 feet above the marsh floor.

c. The width of the piling-supported is limited to a maximum of 4 feet. Any exceptions to the width must be accompanied by an equal increase in height requirement.

21. Mangroves. For pile-supported structures, the following additional requirements for mangroves found in the joint U.S. Army Corps of Engineers'/National Marine Fisheries Service's "Construction Guidelines in Florida for Minor Piling-Supported Structures Constructed in or over Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV), Marsh or Mangrove Habitat" U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/National Marine Fisheries Service updated November 2017 (Attachment 11) shall apply:

a. The width of the piling-supported structure is limited to a maximum of 4 feet.

b. Mangrove clearing is restricted to the width of the piling-supported structure.

c. The location and alignment of the piling-supported structure should be through the narrowest area of the mangrove fringe.

22. Regarding SAV, the design and construction of a Project must comply with the following:

a. A pile supported structure

(1) that is located on a natural waterbody (i.e. outside an artificial waterway that was excavated for boating access and is bordered by residential properties); and

(2) that is within the range of seagrass (estuarine waters within all coastal counties except for Nassau, Duval, St Johns, Flagler and Volusia north of Ponce Inlet), but outside of the range of Johnson's seagrass (the range of Johnson's seagrass is defined as Turkey Creek/Palm Bay south to central Biscayne Bay in the lagoon systems on the east coast of Florida) will be constructed to the following standards:

(a) If no survey is performed in accordance with the methods described in the Procedure section of this document, section I.3, then SAV is presumed present and the pile-supported structure must comply with, or provide a higher level of protection than, the protective criteria in the joint U.S. Army Corps of Engineers'/National Marine Fisheries Service's "*Construction Guidelines in Florida for Minor Piling- Supported Structures Constructed in or over Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV), Marsh or Mangrove Habitat*" U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/National Marine Fisheries Service updated November 2017 (Attachment 11). For the purposes of SPGP, two uncovered boatlifts are allowed.

(i) If the pile supported structure is currently serviceable, repair and replacement may occur in the same footprint without completion of a benthic survey.

(ii) Boatlifts and minor structures in Monroe County may be installed within existing boat slips without completion of a SAV survey. Boatlift accessory structures, like catwalks, shall adhere to "*Construction Guidelines in Florida for Minor Piling- Supported Structures Constructed in or over Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV), Marsh or Mangrove Habitat*" U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/National Marine Fisheries Service updated November 2017 (Attachment 11) if a SAV survey has not been completed.

(iii) A marginal dock may be constructed a maximum of 5 feet overwater, as measured from the waterward face (wet face) of the seawall).

(b) If a survey is performed in accordance with the methods described in the Procedure section of this document, section I.3, and SAV is present (including seagrass, tidal freshwater SAV and emergent vegetation), then the pile-supported structure must comply with, or provide a higher level of protection than, the protective criteria in the joint U.S. Army Corps of Engineers'/National Marine Fisheries Service's "Construction

Guidelines in Florida for Minor Piling-Supported Structures Constructed in or over Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV), Marsh or Mangrove Habitat” U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/National Marine Fisheries Service updated November 2017 (Attachment 11). For the purposes of this permit, two uncovered boatlifts are allowed.

(i) If the pile supported structure is currently serviceable, repair and replacement may occur in the same footprint without completion of a benthic survey.

(ii) Boatlifts may be installed within existing boat slips without completion of a SAV survey.

(iii) A marginal dock may be constructed a maximum of 5 feet overwater, as measured from the waterward face (wet face) of the seawall).

(c) If a survey is performed in accordance with the methods described in the Procedure section of this document, section I.3, and SAV is absent (including seagrass, tidal freshwater SAV and emergent vegetation), then no design restrictions are required and boatlifts may include a cover.

(d) A pile supported structure

(i) that is located on a natural waterbody (i.e. outside an artificial waterway that was excavated for boating access and is bordered by residential properties); and

(ii) that is within the range of Johnson’s seagrass (the range of Johnson’s seagrass is defined as Turkey Creek/Palm Bay south to central Biscayne Bay in the lagoon systems on the east coast of Florida) but not within Johnson’s seagrass critical habitat will be constructed to the following standards:

(iii) If no survey is performed in accordance with the methods described in the Procedure section of this document, section I.3, then seagrass is presumed present and the pile-supported structure must comply with or provide a higher level of protection than, the protective criteria in the joint U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’/National Marine Fisheries Service’s “Construction Guidelines in Florida for Minor Piling-Supported Structures Constructed in or over Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV), Marsh or Mangrove Habitat” U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/National Marine Fisheries Service updated November 2017 (Attachment 11) with the sole exception of the number of allowable boat lifts. For the purposes of this permit, two uncovered boatlifts are allowed.

(e) If a survey is performed in accordance with the methods described in the Procedure section of this document, section I.3, and SAV is present (including seagrass, tidal freshwater SAV and emergent vegetation), THEN pile-supported structure must comply with or provide a higher level of protection than, the protective criteria in the joint U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’/National Marine Fisheries Service’s “Construction Guidelines in Florida for Minor Piling-Supported Structures Constructed in or over Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV), Marsh or Mangrove Habitat” U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/National Marine Fisheries Service updated November 2017 (Attachment 11).

For the purposes of this permit, two uncovered boatlifts are allowed.

(f) If a survey is performed in accordance with the methods described in the procedure section of this document, section I.3, and SAV is absent (including seagrass, tidal freshwater SAV and emergent vegetation), THEN no design restrictions are required and boatlifts may include a cover.

(g) A pile supported structure located within Johnson's seagrass critical habitat will be constructed to the following standards:

(i) If no survey is performed in accordance with the methods described in the Procedure section of this document, section I.3, then seagrass is presumed present and the pile-supported structure must comply with or provide a higher level of protection than, the protective criteria in the joint U.S. Army Corps of Engineers'/National Marine Fisheries Service's "Construction Guidelines in Florida for Minor Piling-Supported Structures Constructed in or over Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV), Marsh or Mangrove Habitat" U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/National Marine Fisheries Service updated November 2017 (Attachment 11) with the sole exception of the number of allowable boat lifts. For the purposes of this permit, two uncovered boatlifts are allowed.

(ii) If a survey is performed in accordance with the methods described in the Procedure section of this document, section I.3, and SAV is absent and the project is

1. A dock replacement in the same footprint, no design restrictions are required.
2. A new dock or dock expansion THEN pile-supported structure must comply with or provide a higher level of protection than, the protective criteria in the joint U.S. Army Corps of Engineers'/National Marine Fisheries Service's "Construction Guidelines in Florida for Minor Piling-Supported Structures Constructed in or over Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV), Marsh or Mangrove Habitat" U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/National Marine Fisheries Service updated November 2017 (Attachment 11). For the purposes of this permit, two uncovered boatlifts are allowed.

(iii) If a survey is performed in accordance with the methods described in the Procedure section of this document, section I.3, and SAV is present (including seagrass, tidal freshwater SAV and emergent vegetation), then pile-supported structure must comply with or provide a higher level of protection than, the protective criteria in the joint U.S. Army Corps of Engineers'/National Marine Fisheries Service's "Construction Guidelines in Florida for Minor Piling-Supported Structures Constructed in or over Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV), Marsh or Mangrove Habitat" U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/National Marine Fisheries Service updated November 2017 (Attachment 11). For the purposes of this permit, two uncovered boatlifts are allowed.

23. North Atlantic Right Whale. The attached North Atlantic Right Whale Information Form

(Attachment 30) describes the presence of North Atlantic right whales in the area and the Federal regulations governing the approach to North Atlantic right whales. The FDEP or Designee will attach the North Atlantic Right Whale Information Form to their authorizations for any dock project (new construction, repair, or replacement) at a private residence located within 11 nautical miles of an inlet that leads to areas within the known range of North Atlantic right whale. These zones, with an 11 nm radius, are described by the North Atlantic Right Whale Educational Sign Zones, Attachment 7 (from Section 2.1.1.4 of JAXBO, pages 31 and 32, inclusive). (Reference JAXBO PDC A2.4).

24. Educational Signs. For commercial, multi-family, or public facilities, and marine events, signs must be posted as described below (Reference: These replicate JAXBO PDCs A.2.2 and A.2.2.1 to A.2.2.3., inclusive, within the table PDCs Specific to Activity 2 - Pile Supported Structures and Anchored Buoys, starting on page 112.):

a. For commercial, multi-family, or public facilities, and marine events, signs must be posted in a visible location(s), alerting users of listed species in the area susceptible to vessel strikes and hook-and-line captures. The most current version of the signs that must be downloaded and sign installation guidance are available at: (<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/southeast/consultations/protected-species-educational-signs>). The signs required to be posted by area are stated below: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/southeast/consultations/protected-species-educational-signs>

(1) All projects in Florida shall use the Save Sea Turtle, Sawfish, and Dolphin sign. These signs shall include contact information to the sea turtle and marine mammal stranding networks and smalltooth sawfish encounter database.

(2) Projects within the North Atlantic right whale educational sign zone shall post the Help Protect North Atlantic Right Whales sign.

(3) On the east coast of Florida, projects located within the St. Johns River and those occurring north of the St. Johns River to the Florida-Georgia line shall post the Report Sturgeon sign. On the west coast of Florida, projects occurring from the Cedar Key, Florida north to the Florida-Alabama line.

25. Monofilament Recycling Bins. For commercial, multi-family, or public facilities, monofilament recycling bins must be provided as described below (Reference: The below replicates PDC A.2.3 within the table PDCs Specific to Activity 2 –Pile Supported Structures and Anchored Buoys, the PDC itself on page 113 of the JAXBO.):

a. For commercial, multi-family, or public facilities, monofilament recycling bins must be provided at the docking facility to reduce the risk of turtle or sawfish entanglement in, or ingestion of, marine debris. Monofilament recycling bins must:

(1) Be constructed and labeled according to the instructions provided at

<http://mrrp.myfwc.com>.

(2) Be maintained in working order and emptied frequently (according to <http://mrrp.myfwc.com> standards) so that they do not overflow.

26. Lighting for docks installed within visible distance of ocean beaches. If lighting is necessary, then turtle-friendly lighting shall be installed. Turtle-friendly lighting is explained and examples are provided on the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission website: <http://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/managed/sea-turtles/lighting/> (Reference: JAXBO PDC A2.8.).
27. Construction Location. Project construction shall take place from uplands or from floating equipment (e.g., barge); prop or wheel-washing is prohibited (Reference: JAXBO PDC A2.9.).
28. Aids to Navigation (ATONs). ATONs must be approved by and installed in accordance with the requirements of the U.S. Coast Guard (i.e., 33 C.F.R., chapter I, subchapter C, part 66, Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, and any other pertinent requirements) (Reference: JAXBO PDC A2.5.).
29. Aids to Navigation (ATONs) in Acropora critical habitat. The distance from ATONs to ESA-listed corals and Acropora critical habitat (Attachment 20) shall ensure there are no impacts to the corals or the essential feature of Acropora critical habitat from the movement of buoys and tackle. The appropriate distance shall be based on the size of the anchor chain or other tackle to be installed to secure the buoy to its anchor, particularly when the design of the ATON does not prohibit the contact of tackle with the marine bottom. In all cases, buoy tackle will include flotation to ensure there is no contact between the anchor chain or line and the marine bottom (Reference: JAXBO PDC A2.10.).
30. Within Loggerhead sea turtle critical habitat (Reference: JAXBO PDC A2.15.):
 - (1) ATONs (pile-supported and anchored buoys) are allowed in nearshore reproductive habitat of the Northwest Atlantic Distinct Population Segment (NWA DPS) of loggerhead sea turtle critical habitat.
 - (2) No other pile-supported structures are allowed in nearshore reproductive habitat.

General Conditions for All Projects:

1. The time limit for completing the work authorized ends on July 27, 2026.
2. You must maintain the activity authorized by this permit in good condition and in conformance with the terms and conditions of this permit. You are not relieved of this requirement if you abandon the permitted activity, although you may make a good faith transfer to a third party in compliance with General Condition 4 below. Should you wish to

cease to maintain the authorized activity or should you desire to abandon it without a good faith transfer, you must obtain a modification of this permit from this office, which may require restoration of the area.

3. If you discover any previously unknown historic or archeological remains while accomplishing the activity authorized by this permit, you must immediately notify this office of what you have found. We will initiate the Federal and State coordination required to determine if the remains warrant a recovery effort or if the site is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.
4. If you sell the property associated with this permit, you must obtain the signature of the new owner on the enclosed form (Attachment 10) and forward a copy of the permit to this office to validate the transfer of this authorization.
5. If a conditioned water quality certification has been issued for your project, you must comply with the conditions specified in the certification as special conditions to this permit.
6. You must allow representatives from this office to inspect the authorized activity at any time deemed necessary to ensure that it is being or has been accomplished in accordance with the terms and conditions of your permit.

Further Information:

1. Limits of this authorization.
 - a. This permit does not obviate the need to obtain other Federal, State, or local authorizations required by law.
 - b. This permit does not grant any property rights or exclusive privileges.
 - c. This permit does not authorize any injury to the property or rights of others.
 - d. This permit does not authorize interference with any existing or proposed Federal projects.
2. Limits of Federal Liability. In issuing this permit, the Federal Government does not assume any liability for the following:
 - a. Damages to the permitted project or uses thereof as a result of other permitted or unpermitted activities or from natural causes.
 - b. Damages to the permitted project or uses thereof as a result of current or future activities undertaken by or on behalf of the United States in the public interest.
 - c. Damages to persons, property, or to other permitted or unpermitted activities or structures caused by the activity authorized by this permit.

- d. Design or Construction deficiencies associated with the permitted work.
 - e. Damage claims associated with any future modification, suspension, or revocation of this permit.
3. Reliance on Applicant's Data: The determination of this office that issuance of this permit is not contrary to the public interest was made in reliance on the information you provided.
4. Reevaluation of Permit Decision: This office may reevaluate its decision on this permit at any time the circumstances warrant. Circumstances that could require a reevaluation include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. You fail to comply with the terms and conditions of this permit.
 - b. The information provided by you in support of your permit application proves to have been false, incomplete, or inaccurate (see 3 above).
 - c. Significant new information surfaces which this office did not consider in reaching the original public interest decision.
5. Such a reevaluation may result in a determination that it is appropriate to use the suspension, modification, and revocation procedures contained in 33 CFR 325.7 or enforcement procedures such as those contained in 33 CFR 326.4 and 326.5. The referenced enforcement procedures provide for the issuance of an administrative order requiring you comply with the terms and conditions of your permit and for the initiation of legal action where appropriate. You will be required to pay for any corrective measures ordered by this office, and if you fail to comply with such directive, this office may in certain situations (such as those specified in 33 CER 209.170) accomplish the corrective measures by contract or otherwise and bill you for the cost.
6. When the structures or work authorized by this permit are still in existence at the time the property is transferred, the terms and conditions of this permit will continue to be binding on the new owner(s) of the property. To validate the transfer of this permit and the associated liabilities associated with compliance with its terms and conditions, have the transferee sign and date the enclosed form.
7. The Permittee understands and agrees that, if future operations by the United States require the removal, relocation, or other alteration, of the structures or work herein authorized, or if, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Army or his authorized representative, said structure or work shall cause unreasonable obstruction to the free navigation of the navigable waters, the Permittee will be required, upon due notice from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, to remove, relocate, or alter the structural work or obstructions caused thereby, without expense to the United States. No claim shall be made against the United States on account of any such removal, relocation or alteration.

Department of the Army Permit Transfer for SPGP VI-R1

PERMITEE: _____

PERMIT NUMBER: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PROJECT:

(Subdivision)

(Lot)

(Block)

When the structures or work authorized by this permit are still in existence at the time the property is transferred, the terms and conditions of this permit will continue to be binding on the new owner(s) of the property. Although the construction period for works authorized by Department of the Army permits is finite, the permit itself, with its limitations, does not expire.

To validate the transfer of this permit and the associated responsibilities associated with compliance with its terms and conditions, have the transferee sign and date below and mail to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Enforcement Branch, Post Office Box 4970, Jacksonville, FL 32232-0019.

(Transferee Signature)

(Date)

(Name Printed)

(Street address)

(Mailing address)

(City, State, Zip Code)

STANDARD MANATEE CONDITIONS FOR IN-WATER WORK
2011

The permittee shall comply with the following conditions intended to protect manatees from direct project effects:

- a. All personnel associated with the project shall be instructed about the presence of manatees and manatee speed zones, and the need to avoid collisions with and injury to manatees. The permittee shall advise all construction personnel that there are civil and criminal penalties for harming, harassing, or killing manatees which are protected under the Marine Mammal Protection Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the Florida Manatee Sanctuary Act.
- b. All vessels associated with the construction project shall operate at "Idle Speed/No Wake" at all times while in the immediate area and while in water where the draft of the vessel provides less than a four-foot clearance from the bottom. All vessels will follow routes of deep water whenever possible.
- c. Siltation or turbidity barriers shall be made of material in which manatees cannot become entangled, shall be properly secured, and shall be regularly monitored to avoid manatee entanglement or entrapment. Barriers must not impede manatee movement.
- d. All on-site project personnel are responsible for observing water-related activities for the presence of manatee(s). All in-water operations, including vessels, must be shutdown if a manatee(s) comes within 50 feet of the operation. Activities will not resume until the manatee(s) has moved beyond the 50-foot radius of the project operation, or until 30 minutes elapses if the manatee(s) has not reappeared within 50 feet of the operation. Animals must not be herded away or harassed into leaving.
- e. Any collision with or injury to a manatee shall be reported immediately to the FWC Hotline at 1-888-404-3922. Collision and/or injury should also be reported to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Jacksonville (1-904-731-3336) for north Florida or Vero Beach (1-772-562-3909) for south Florida, and to FWC at ImperiledSpecies@myFWC.com
- f. Temporary signs concerning manatees shall be posted prior to and during all in-water project activities. All signs are to be removed by the permittee upon completion of the project. Temporary signs that have already been approved for this use by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) must be used (see MyFWC.com/manatee). One sign which reads *Caution: Boaters* must be posted. A second sign measuring at least 8 1/2" by 11" explaining the requirements for "Idle Speed/No Wake" and the shut down of in-water operations must be posted in a location prominently visible to all personnel engaged in water-related activities. Questions concerning these signs can be sent to the email address listed above.

CAUTION: MANATEE HABITAT

All project vessels

IDLE SPEED / NO WAKE

When a manatee is within 50 feet of work
all in-water activities must

SHUT DOWN

Report any collision with or injury to a manatee:



Wildlife Alert:

1-888-404-FWCC(3922)

cell *FWC or #FWC



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE**

Southeast Regional Office
263 13th Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL 33701

SEA TURTLE AND SMALLTOOTH SAWFISH CONSTRUCTION CONDITIONS

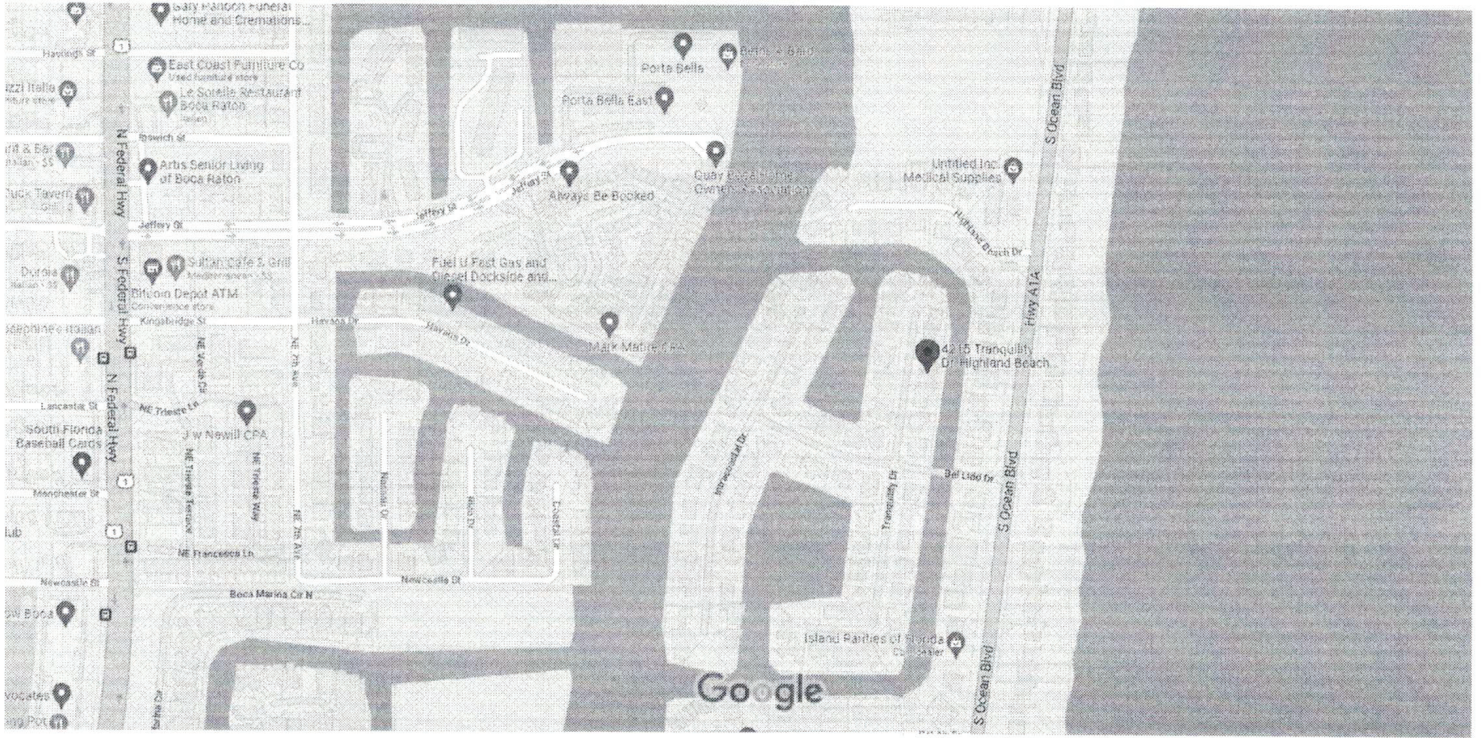
The permittee shall comply with the following protected species construction conditions:

- a. The permittee shall instruct all personnel associated with the project of the potential presence of these species and the need to avoid collisions with sea turtles and smalltooth sawfish. All construction personnel are responsible for observing water-related activities for the presence of these species.
- b. The permittee shall advise all construction personnel that there are civil and criminal penalties for harming, harassing, or killing sea turtles or smalltooth sawfish, which are protected under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.
- c. Siltation barriers shall be made of material in which a sea turtle or smalltooth sawfish cannot become entangled, be properly secured, and be regularly monitored to avoid protected species entrapment. Barriers may not block sea turtle or smalltooth sawfish entry to or exit from designated critical habitat without prior agreement from the National Marine Fisheries Service's Protected Resources Division, St. Petersburg, Florida.
- d. All vessels associated with the construction project shall operate at "no wake/idle" speeds at all times while in the construction area and while in water depths where the draft of the vessel provides less than a four-foot clearance from the bottom. All vessels will preferentially follow deep-water routes (e.g., marked channels) whenever possible.
- e. If a sea turtle or smalltooth sawfish is seen within 100 yards of the active daily construction/dredging operation or vessel movement, all appropriate precautions shall be implemented to ensure its protection. These precautions shall include cessation of operation of any moving equipment closer than 50 feet of a sea turtle or smalltooth sawfish. Operation of any mechanical construction equipment shall cease immediately if a sea turtle or smalltooth sawfish is seen within a 50-ft radius of the equipment. Activities may not resume until the protected species has departed the project area of its own volition.
- f. Any collision with and/or injury to a sea turtle or smalltooth sawfish shall be reported immediately to the National Marine Fisheries Service's Protected Resources Division (727-824-5312) and the local authorized sea turtle stranding/rescue organization.

- g. Any special construction conditions, required of your specific project, outside these general conditions, if applicable, will be addressed in the primary consultation.
- h. Any collision(s) with and/or injuries to any whale, or sturgeon occurring during the construction of a project, shall be reported immediately to NMFS's Protected Resources Division (PRD) at (727-824-5312).
- i. Reports to NMFS's Protected Resources Division (PRD) may be made by email to takereport.nmfsser@noaa.gov.
- j. Sea turtle and marine stranding/rescue organizations' contact information is available by region at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/health/networks.htm>.
- k. Smalltooth sawfish encounters shall be reported to <http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/fish/sharks/sawfish/sawfishencounters.html>.
- l. All work must occur during daylight hours.



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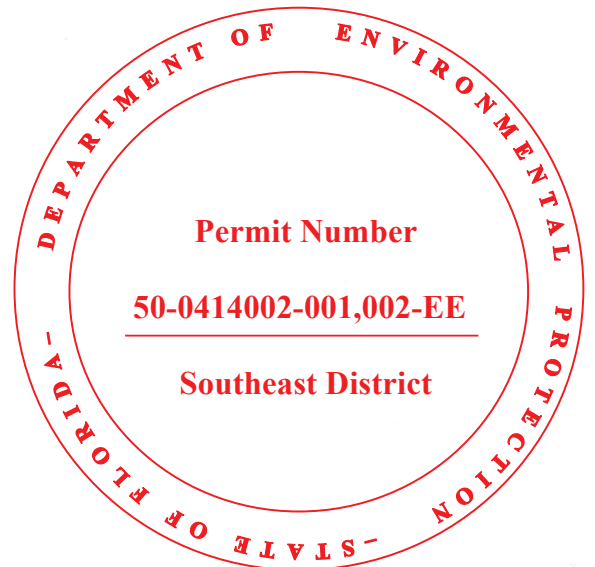
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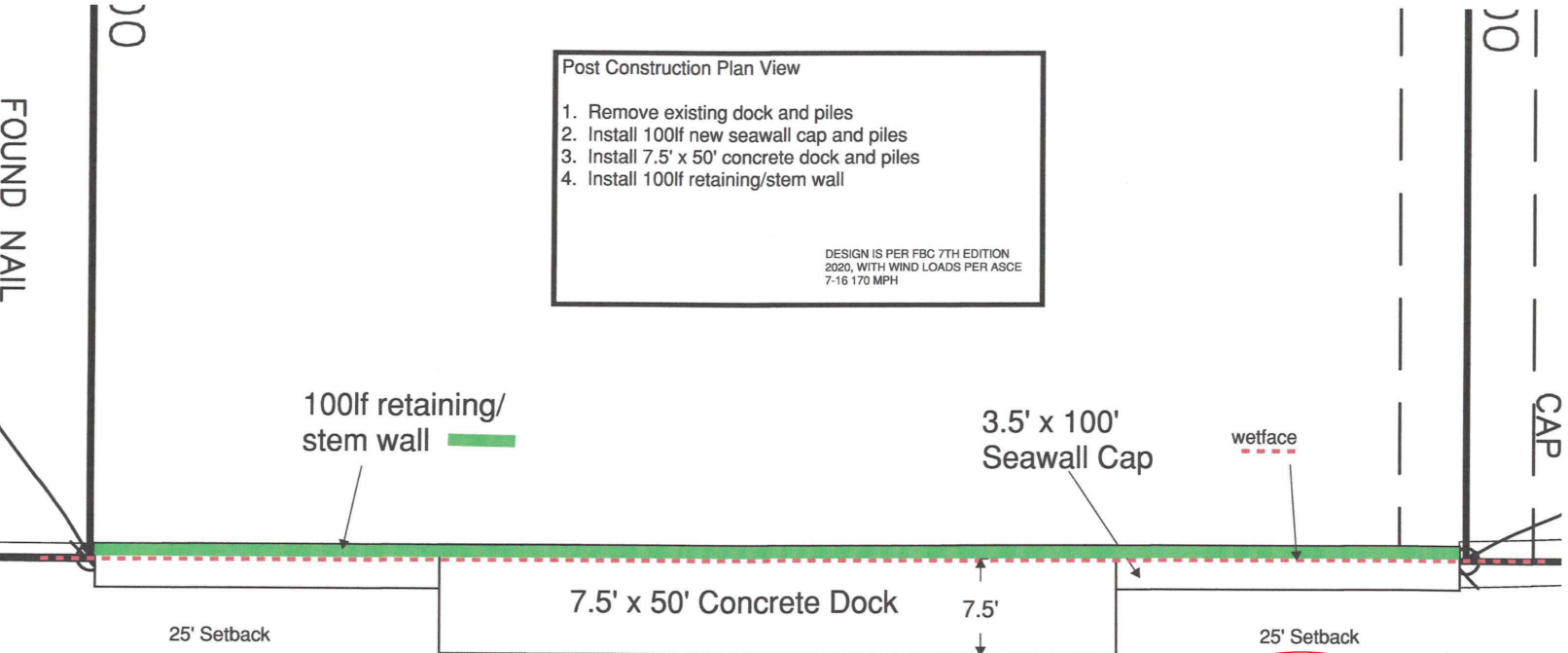


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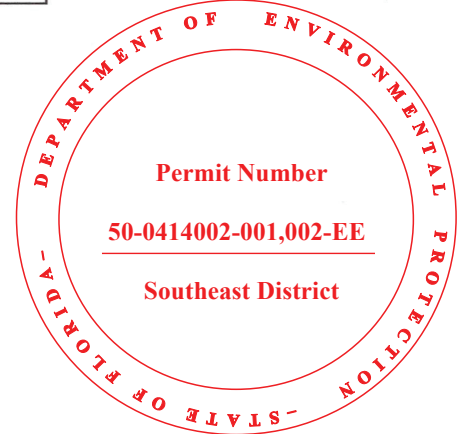
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CANAL
100' RIGHT OF WAY



12" x 12" pedestal, 48" high,
w/ 4-#5 vertical bars & #3 hoops
at 10" o.c.
Hook vertical to slab steel
w/ typical hook bars.

Wetface

8" thick concrete deck w/ #5 bars,
12" o.c., each way bottom
w/ 3" cover.

8" thick stem wall

#5 vertical 12" o.c. hook into dock
and #5 horizontal
9" o.c.

Dock connection has (2) #4
dowel hooks and (1) dowel
into cap face. #3 Stirrup
@ 24" o.c. Epoxy dowels
into cap min 5", (6) #4 continuous
5 top - 1 face

General Notes:

1. All concrete to be 5000 psi, 28 day comp. strength.
2. All steel rebar to be Grade 60.
3. Concrete shall be properly cured.
4. Contractor to obtain utility clearance prior to pile driving. Call 1-800-452-4770.

Provide additional
2-#8 bars
at each pile location.
Bars shall be continuous
tying into pile strands

Extend pile
3" into slab.

4"

MHW +2.0'

MLW -1.9'

12" x 12" Concrete
pile (Cap. 34 Kips)
driven min. 10' embedment.
Extend pile prestressed strands
24" into slab.

Min Batter 18°
Max Batter 25°

12" x 12" Concrete Dock
pile (Cap. 34 Kips)
driven min. 10' embedment.
Extend pile prestressed strands
18" into slab.

Outside
Dock
Pile

Inside
Dock
Pile

Ex. Panel,
Pile and
Seawall Cap



Typical Dock Section
n.t.s.

Alan W. Garcia, P.E.
Fla. Reg. #42564

Owner: Thai
4215 Tranquility Dr.

Contractor: Seatech Construction

Engineer: Alan W. Garcia, P.E.
4202 NW 54th Street
Coconut Creek, FL 33073

Typical Concrete Dock Sheet 1 of 1
Design By: ANG Drawn By: ANG Checked By: ANG

Benthic Surveys, Inc.

Marine Studies and Investigations

I. Background

A benthic survey was performed adjacent to the properties located at 4215 Tranquility Drive, Highland Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, to document any regulated marine resources that may be present in the area of the proposed construction. The survey was conducted via SCUBA diving by swimming transects parallel to the seawall at increasing distances and depths from the seawall. The final transect was at a distance of approximately 50 feet to encompass the footprint of the proposed construction. Submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) was to be observed and noted with emphasis being placed on seagrass.

Special interest was placed on any presence of the seagrass species *Halophila johnsonii* and *Halophila decipiens*. *H. johnsonii* was listed as a threatened species by the National Marine Fisheries Service on September 4, 1998 (63 FR 49035). Ten (10) areas of Johnson's seagrass critical habitat were dedicated on April 5, 2000 (65 FR 17786) between Sebastian Inlet and central Biscayne Bay. The canal on which the property is located is not considered Johnson's seagrass critical habitat.

II. Survey Method and Conditions

On September 20, 2021, at 9:30am, a marine biologist of Benthic Surveys, Inc. performed transects parallel to the seawall. Transects began at the foot of the seawall at the north end of property and proceeded south. Subsequent transects were conducted in this north-south fashion with five foot spacing until a distance of 50 feet from the seawall was reached. Any regulated SAV was to be recorded and the percent coverage taken based on a one square meter quadrat measurement.

Water depth at the foot of the seawall was five (5) feet, increasing to nine (9) feet in the final transect. On the day of the survey, high tide was 9:29am and low tide occurred at 3:52pm, as reported at Lake Boca Raton.

III. Results

The substrate throughout the survey area consisted of silty muck that was bare of any SAV. Rocks and algae were found at the base of the seawall, out to 10 feet. No regulated marine vegetation was observed in any transect. The attached aerial illustrates the survey area described above.

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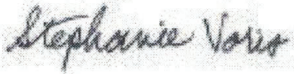


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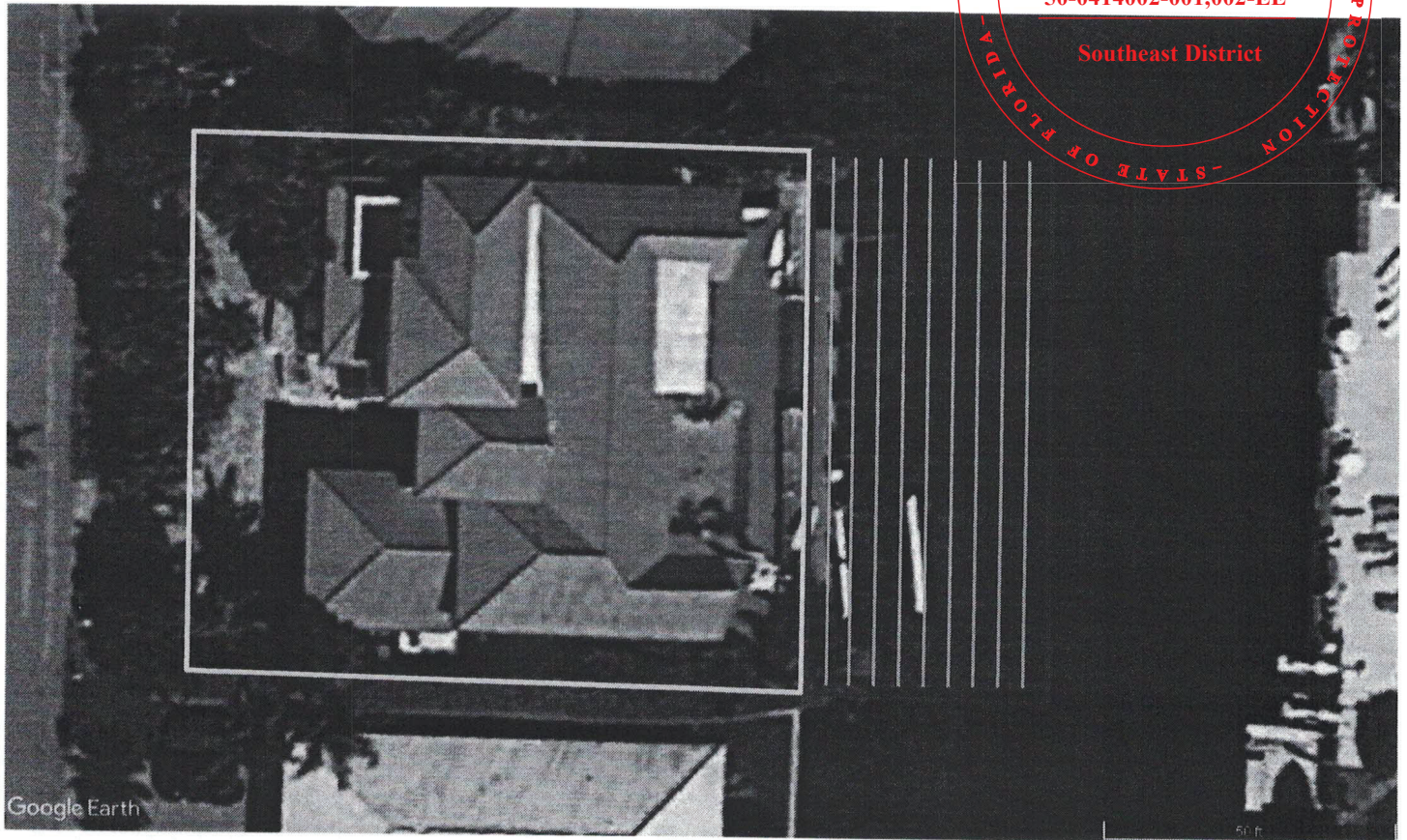
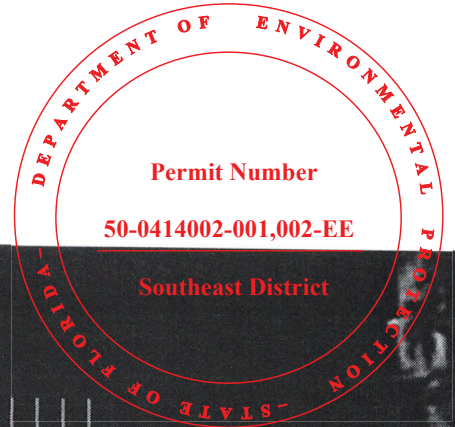
This report was requested by the applicant as part of the regulatory permitting process for the proposed project. Benthic site conditions and resources may change over time, but information contained in the report is based on existing site conditions on the day and time the survey was conducted.

Respectively submitted,



Stephanie Voris, President
Benthic Surveys, Inc.





- 4215 Tranquility Dr. (Approximate boundary)
- Survey Area
- Transects (50' out)

Benthic Surveys, Inc. Marine Studies and Investigations	4215 Tranquility Dr. Seagrass Survey	REVISION	DATE 9/20/2021
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