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Regulatory Division North Permits Branch Pensacola Permits Section

PUBLIC NOTICE

Permit Application Number SAJ-2024-04770 (SP-HMM)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The Jacksonville District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. §1344) and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. §403) as described below:

APPLICANT: Floyd Rose

6342 Bowman Road San Antonio, TX 78249

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: The project would affect waters of the United States associated with a manmade canal on Destin Harbor. The project is located at 525 Gulf Shore Drive (Lot 102), in Section 00, Township 2 South, Range 24 West, in Destin, Okaloosa County, Florida.

Directions to the site are as follows: From west Destin, head east on US Highway 98 and turn south on Gulf Shores Drive. Follow the road to the west 0.9 miles. The site is located on the north side of the road at 525 Gulf Shores Drive.

APPROXIMATE CENTRAL COORDINATES:

Latitude 30.384867° North Longitude 86.496958° West

PROJECT PURPOSE:

Basic: Upland Cut Boat Slip

Overall: Construct an upland cut boat slip on a single-family lot on a manmade canal, in Destin, Okaloosa County, Florida.

EXISTING CONDITIONS: The subject site consists of an undeveloped 0.27-acre parcel with a natural, sandy shoreline. The site is surrounded by developed single-family and multi-family residential parcels with a manmade canal to the north and Gulf Shores Drive to the south.

PROPOSED WORK: The applicant seeks authorization to construct an uncovered upland cut boat slip, boat lift, seawall, and marginal dock. The work consists of the excavation/dredging of 190 cubic yards of material from an 1144-square foot area (includes 156 square feet of area waterward of the mean high water line) to -5 feet mean low water to create an 18-foot by 40-foot slip with a 4-piling boat lift. The work includes a 162-linear foot seawall with one 6-foot and one 20-foot return wall and a 4-foot by 162-foot marginal dock along the shoreline and around the perimeter of the slip.

AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION INFORMATION: The applicant has provided the following information in support of efforts to avoid and/or minimize impacts to the aquatic environment: The applicant would minimize impacts to the aquatic environment by utilizing Best Management Practices (BMPs), such as turbidity curtains, during construction.

COMPENSATORY MITIGATION: The applicant has offered the following compensatory mitigation plan to offset unavoidable functional loss to the aquatic environment: Due to the nature of the project and lack of impact to special aquatic sites, the applicant did not offer compensatory mitigation.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The Corps is not aware of any known historic properties within the permit area. By copy of this public notice, the Corps is providing information for review. Our final determination relative to historic resource impacts is subject to review by and coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer and those federally recognized tribes with concerns in Florida and the Permit Area.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The Corps has determined the proposed project may affect, but would not likely adversely affect the West Indian manatee (*Trichechus manatus*) as determined using the 2013 Manatee Key, following couplets A > B > C > G > H > I > J > L > N > O > P. The Corps has determined the proposed project may affect but would not likely adversely affect the Eastern indigo Snake (*Drymarchon corais couperi*) as determined using the Eastern Indigo Snake Programmatic Effect Determination Key, following couplets A> B> C> D> E. The Corps has also determined the proposed project may affect but is not likely to adversely affect the Gulf sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus desotoi*), Green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), Loggerhead turtle (*Caretta caretta*), Kemp's Ridley turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*), and Smalltooth sawfish (*Pristis pectinata*). The Corps will request US Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service's concurrence with these determinations pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT (EFH): This notice initiates consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service on EFH as required by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act 1996. The proposed project would impact approximately 156 square feet of estuarine intertidal habitat due to dredging and 256 square feet due to shading, utilized by various life stages of four shrimp species (brown, white, pink, Royal red), coastal migratory pelagic species, red drum, and 43 species of reef fish. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a

substantial adverse impact on EFH or Federally managed fisheries. Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

NOTE: This public notice is being issued based on information furnished by the applicant. This information has not been verified or evaluated to ensure compliance with laws and regulation governing the regulatory program.

AUTHORIZATION FROM OTHER AGENCIES: Water Quality Certification may be required from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and/or one of the state Water Management Districts.

COMMENTS regarding the potential authorization of the work proposed should be submitted in writing to the attention of the District Engineer through the Pensacola Permits Section, 41 North Jefferson Street, Suite 301, Pensacola, Florida, 32502 within 21 days from the date of this notice.

The decision whether to issue or deny this permit application will be based on the information received from this public notice and the evaluation of the probable impact to the associated wetlands. This is based on an analysis of the applicant's avoidance and minimization efforts for the project, as well as the compensatory mitigation proposed.

QUESTIONS concerning this application should be directed to the project manager, Holly Millsap, in writing at the Pensacola Permits Section, 41 North Jefferson Street, Suite 301, Pensacola, FL 32502, by electronic mail at Holly.M.Millsap@usace.army.mil, by fax at (850) 433-8160, or by telephone at (850) 470-9823.

IMPACT ON NATURAL RESOURCES: Preliminary review of this application indicates that an Environmental Impact Statement will not be required. Coordination with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the National Marine Fisheries Services, and other Federal, State, and local agencies, environmental groups, and concerned citizens generally yields pertinent environmental information that is instrumental in determining the impact the proposed action will have on the natural resources of the area. By means of this notice, we are soliciting comments on the potential effects of the project on threatened or endangered species or their habitat

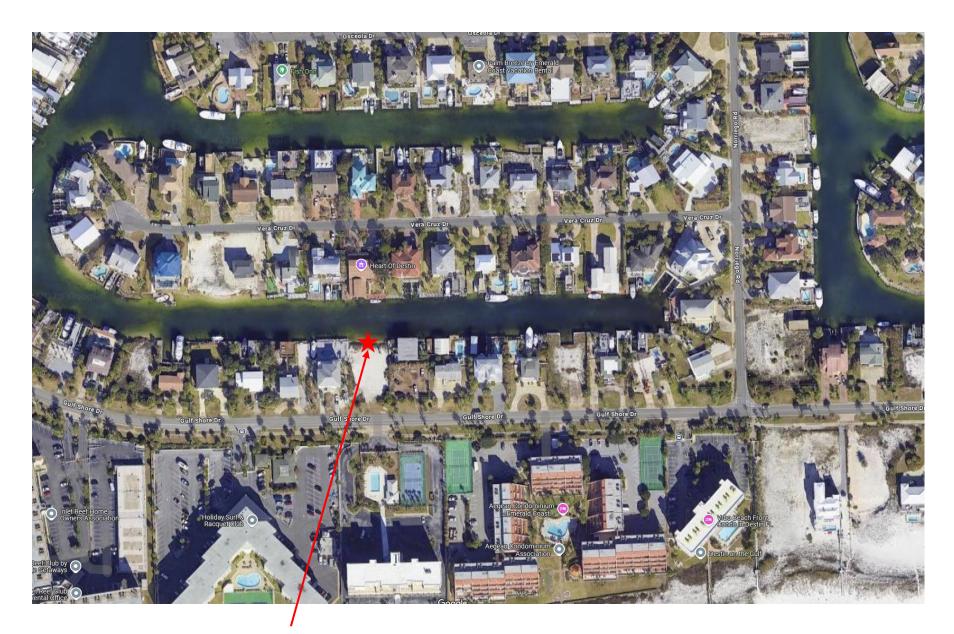
EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, 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 cumulative impacts thereof; among these are conservation, economics, esthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historical 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. Evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will also include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, EPA, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act of the criteria established under authority of Section 102(a) of the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972. A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest.

The US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other Interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. 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 proposed activity.

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT CONSISTENCY: In Florida, the State approval constitutes compliance with the approved Coastal Zone Management Plan. In Puerto Rico, a Coastal Zone Management Consistency Concurrence is required from the Puerto Rico Planning Board, in the Virgin Islands, the Department of Planning and Natural Resources permit constitutes compliance with the Coastal Zone Management Plan.

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request a public hearing. The request must be submitted in writing to the District Engineer within the designated comment period of the notice and must state the specific reasons for requesting the public hearing.



Project Site

