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Regulatory Division
File Number NAE-2024-01144
CRMC Project No. 2024-04-003

Donna Hostetler, Diane Bardsley & Thomas O'Gorman 162 Maplewood Drive East Greenwich, RI 02818 tomog63@verizon.net

Dear Ms. Hostetler, Ms. Bardsley and Mr. O'Gorman:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has reviewed your application to the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) to construct and maintain an 85' x 4' fixed pier, a 17'x 3' ramp to a 10' by 15' float at the terminus of Snowberry Lane, in Winnapaug Pond, Westerly, RI (41.335279 N, -71.770884 W). This project extends 50' from MLW and 63' from MHW and is within USACE jurisdiction. This project is shown on the enclosed plans titled "Proposed Boating Facility" on two sheets dated "March 19, 2024".

Based on the information you have provided, we verify that the Pre-Construction Notification (PCN) activity is authorized under General Permit 4 of the May 6, 2022, federal permits known as the Rhode Island General Permits (GPs). The GPs are available at https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/State-General-Permits/Rhode-Island-General-Permit.

Please review the GPs carefully and ensure that you and all personnel performing work authorized by the GPs are fully aware of and comply with its terms and conditions. A copy of the GPs and this verification letter shall be available at the work site as required by General Condition 14.

This authorization expires on May 6, 2027. You must commence or have under contract to commence the work authorized herein by May 6, 2027, and complete the work by May 6, 2028. If not, you must contact this office to determine the need for further authorization and we recommend you contact us *before* the work authorized herein expires.

You must perform this work in compliance with the terms and conditions of the GPs listed above, and also in compliance with the following special condition:

1. Pile driving will occur during a time of year when ESA-listed species may be present. The anticipated noise is above the behavioral noise threshold for



sturgeon and sea turtle species, and a "soft start" is required to allow animals an opportunity to leave the project vicinity before sound pressure levels increase. In addition to using a soft start at the beginning of the work day for pile driving, one must also be used at any time following cessation of pile driving for a period of 30 minutes or longer. For impact pile driving: pile driving will commence with an initial set of three strikes by the hammer at 40% energy, followed by a one minute wait period, then two subsequent 3-strike sets at 40% energy, with oneminute waiting periods, before initiating continuous impact driving.

Please contact us immediately if you change the plans or construction methods for work within our jurisdiction as we must approve any changes before you undertake them. Performing work within our jurisdiction that is not specifically authorized by this determination or failing to comply with the special condition(s) provided above and all the terms and conditions of the GPs may subject you to the enforcement provisions of our regulations.

This authorization does not obviate the need to obtain other federal, state, or local authorizations required by law. Applicants are responsible for applying for and obtaining any other approvals.

We continually strive to improve our customer service. For us to better serve you, we would appreciate your completing our Customer Service Survey located at https://regulatory.ops.usace.army.mil/customer-service-survey/.

Please contact Elizabeth Waterhouse, of my staff, at (978) 318-8943 or elizabeth.c.waterhouse@usace.army.mil if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kevin R Kotelly

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