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PUBLIC NOTICE D05PN-05-2021

All interested parties are notified that an application dated October 1, 2021, has been received from the Marine Corps Base (MCB) Camp Lejeune, NC by the Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District, for approval of the location and plans for replacement of an existing highway drawbridge over a navigable waterway of the United States.

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, mile 240.6, between Camp Lejeune and Onslow County, NC.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The proposed project is to construct a new Onslow Beach bascule bridge 300 feet northeast of the existing Onslow Beach swing bridge over the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway on Onslow Beach Road. The project will replace the existing Onslow Beach swing bridge and construct a new bascule bridge, roadway approaches and abutments to the northeast. Additional work includes, but is not limited to, construction of a bridge deck, guard rail and railing, lighting, asphalt pavement, pavement marking and signs, earthwork, grading, and incidental related work. Demolition of the existing bridge will occur after construction of the new bridge is complete and open to traffic. The purpose of the project is to replace the existing bridge after incurring damage from Hurricane Florence.

MINIMUM NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES:

<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Vertical Clearance:	Vertical Clearance:
Open – Unlimited feet above mean high water	Open – 65 feet above mean high water
Closed – 12 feet above mean high water	Closed – 16.17 feet above mean high water
Horizontal Clearance: (normal to axis of the channel)	Horizontal Clearance: (normal to axis of the channel)
80 feet between the bridge protective system	90 feet between the bridge protective system

North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88) (Existing and Proposed bridges)

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The United States Marine Corps (USMC) is the lead Federal agency for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The USMC is acting on behalf of the U. S. Coast Guard (USCG) for all applicable environmental control laws and Executive Orders. The USMC approved a Categorical Exclusion (CATEX) on November 26, 2019, and issued a Record of Decision dated November 26, 2021. The USCG has tentatively determined that the environmental documentation approved by the USMC is adequate for USCG bridge permitting purposes and intends to prepare a memorandum to file to document a USCG CATEX. Environmental documents are available for review at the address in the letterhead above, Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays), from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The bridge is located in the floodplain. The 100-year flood level is + 12.5 feet from datum and low steel of the bridge in the navigation span is + 17.5 feet from datum.

A water quality certificate was issued by the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality via letter dated August 30, 2021.

The bridge construction site lies inside of a designated Coastal Zone Management area. The applicant provided the North Carolina Division of Coastal Management with the project location information and a certification of consistency. The North Carolina Division of Coastal Management issued a finding on September 8, 2021, that the project is consistent with the state's Coastal Zone Management Plan.

Comments received in response to this notice concerning environmental control laws and Executive Orders will be forwarded to USMC as lead Federal Agency.

SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS:

Mariners are requested to provide navigational information, such as the sizes and types of vessels presently owned and operated on the waterway and nature of navigation (including the extent of nighttime navigation) on the waterway. Mariners are requested to comment on the navigational clearances and need for bridge protective systems, clearance gauges, and navigational lighting on the proposed bridge. Please submit the attached response form.

Interest parties are requested to express their views, in writing, on the proposed bridge project, giving sufficient detail to establish a clear understanding of their reasons for support of, or opposition to, the proposed project. Comments will be received for the record at the office of Commander (dpb), Fifth Coast Guard District, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704-5004 through **04 FEB 2022**.

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HAL R. PITTS
Bridge Program Manager
By direction

This is a Web-searchable copy and is not the official, signed version; however, other than the signature being omitted, it is a duplicate of the official version.

Attachments: (1) Response Form
(2) Location/Vicinity Maps and Plan Sheets

Onslow Beach Bridge
 Atlantic Intercostal Waterway, mile 240.6,
 between Camp Lejeune and Onslow County, NC
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 Response Form

It is requested that anyone having an interest in this proposed project, from the standpoint of navigation, submit vessel information, comments, and recommendations on this form to the office of Commander (dpb), Fifth Coast Guard District, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704-5004 by **04 FEB 2022**.

Vessel Information	Please provide all requested information:
Vessel Type	
Use – <i>Commercial and/or Recreational</i>	
Vessel Height	
Draft	
Length	
Beam	
Tonnage	
Mooring Location	

Name (Optional): _____

Address (Optional): _____

Phone (Optional): _____

Comments and Recommendations: _____
