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## ***PRELIMINARY PUBLIC NOTICE D05PPN-06-2022***

All interested parties are notified that the Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District has received a proposal from the North Carolina Department of Transportation with plans for modification of an existing highway fixed bridge over a navigable waterway of the United States.

**WATERWAY AND LOCATION:** Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AIWW), Newport River, mile 203.8, near Morehead City, Carteret County, NC.

**CHARACTER OF WORK:** The proposed project is to replace Newport River Bridge carrying US 70 over the Newport River (Intracoastal Waterway) in Carteret County (STIP No. U-5876). The purpose of the project is to reduce congestion in the project area and improve the safety of the bridge by increasing the structural capacity and providing appropriate accommodations for multimodal traffic crossing the US 70/Arendell Street Bridge.

### **MINIMUM NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES:**

<b><u>Existing</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed</u></b>
Vertical Clearance:  65 feet above mean high water	Vertical Clearance:  65 feet above mean high water
Horizontal Clearance: (normal to axis of the channel)  80 feet between the bridge protective system	Horizontal Clearance: (normal to axis of the channel)  80 feet between the bridge protective system

North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88)

**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.

Interested 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 **August 9, 2022**.

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By direction

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Attachments: (1) Response Form

US 70 (Arendell Street)  
 Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AIWW), Newport River, mile 203.8,  
 near Morehead City, Carteret County, NC  
**Preliminary Public Notice D05PPN-06-2022**  
 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 **August 9, 2022**.

<b>Vessel Information</b>	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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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