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PUBLIC NOTICE (03-25)

Seeking Comments on Navigation Only

The Commander, Northwest Coast Guard District, has received a request for a Preliminary Navigation Clearance Determination (PNCD) in preparation to apply for a U.S. Coast Guard Bridge Permit. The Idaho Transportation Department intends to replace the US 2 Bridge that crosses the Priest River at river mile 0.4, in Priest River, ID.

A PNCD is the first step in the U.S. Coast Guard Bridge permitting process and defines the proposed bridge's navigation clearances which have been evaluated and determined to have a high likelihood of being approved by the Coast Guard and to help the applicant refine development of alternatives for a proposed bridge. The proposed plans are attached.

It is important for maritime stakeholders to understand that the Coast Guard is soliciting comments exclusively related to navigation for the proposed US 2 Bridge. Stakeholders should focus their comments on the following aspects:

- Horizontal and vertical navigation clearances
- Potential impacts on vessel traffic and navigation safety
- Any specific mariner requirements or concerns related to the proposed bridge

Maritime transportation system stakeholders, including vessel owners/operators and maritime facilities, should indeed review the notice carefully. Their feedback is crucial in assessing whether the proposed bridge meets navigation needs, including horizontal and vertical navigation clearances. Please share this Public Notice with other interested parties.

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: Priest River at river mile 0.4, at Priest River, ID.

[Link to Map Location](#)

CLEARANCE DETERMINATION: The Idaho Transportation Department proposes to remove and replace the existing US 2 Bridge with a new bridge at approximately the same location as the existing bridge that will provide the same or greater navigation clearances compared to the existing bridge. The existing and proposed navigation clearances are listed below:

NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCE	Existing	Proposed
Horizontal	40.0 ft.	40.0 ft.
Vertical	9.0 ft.	9.0 ft.

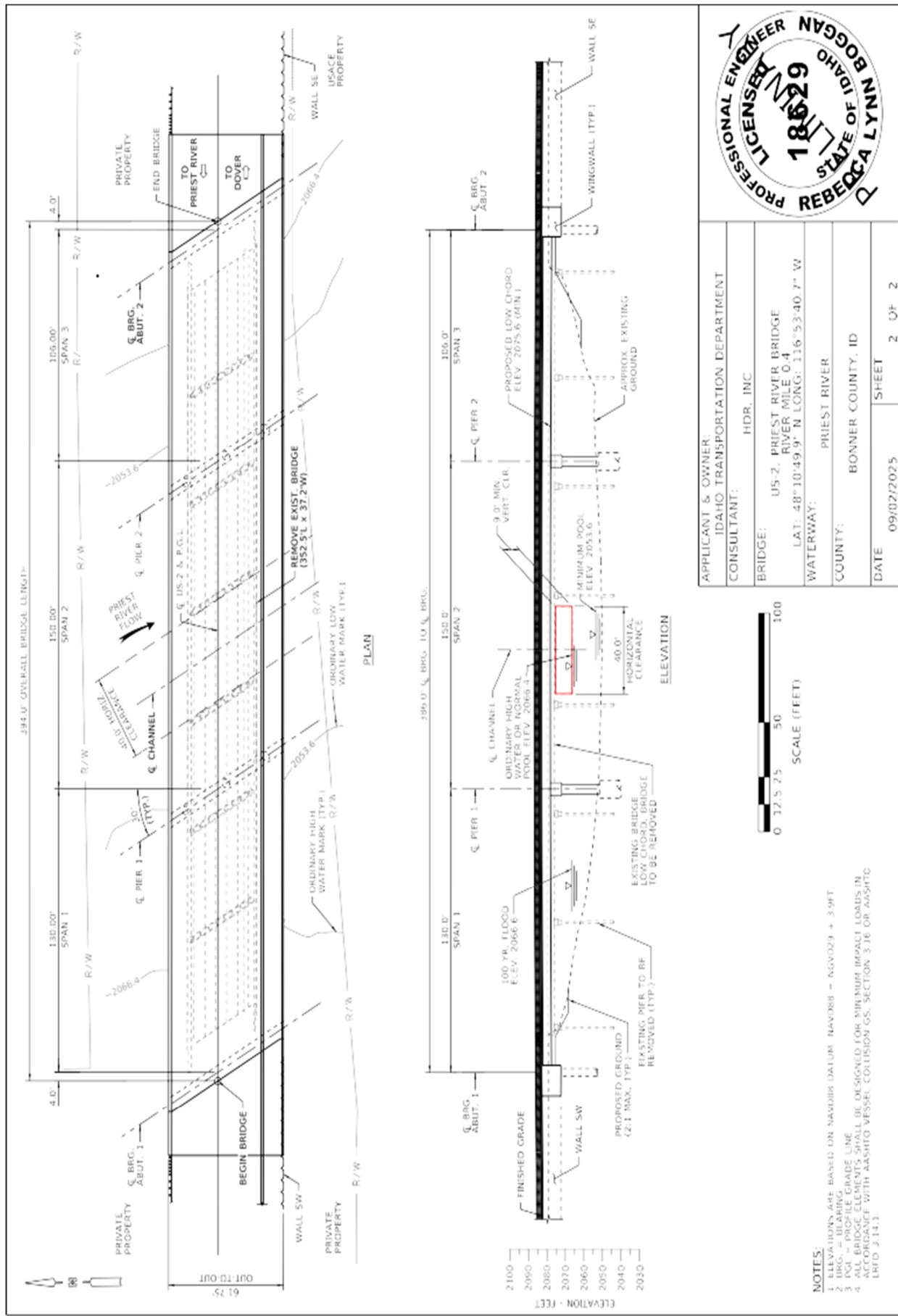
SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS: Mariners and maritime stakeholders are requested to express their views, in writing, on the proposed bridge and its possible impact on navigation, if any, giving sufficient detail to establish a clear understanding of their reasons for support of, or opposition to, the proposed work. Comments should include but are not limited to mariner's requirements for horizontal navigation clearances and vertical navigation clearances requirements.

The life expectancy of any new bridge would be more than 100 years. Therefore, maritime stakeholders are asked to consider and comment on their current navigation requirements, as well as, to the best of their knowledge, their future navigation requirements for themselves and their maritime industry.

Comments will be received for the record at the office of: Commander (dpw), Northwest Coast Guard District, 915 2nd Ave, Rm 3510, Seattle, WA or via email at mailto: D13-SMB-D13-BRIDGES@USCG.MIL. Comments should be sent to arrive on or before 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THIS PN.

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