

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**

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Regulatory Branch Corps No. NWP-2015-350

## Notification of Letter of Permission

## **Dear Addressees:**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is evaluating a request from Mr. Larry Dean Porter for Department of Army authorization to construct a new private boat lift, gangway, and install two mooring buoys in the Siuslaw River, approximate mile 3.5. The project site is located at 100 Rhododendron Drive, in the City of Florence, Lane County, Oregon, Section 27, Township 18 South, Range 12 West. Project drawings, labeled Corps No. NWP-2015-350, are enclosed for your review.

The project would involve the installation of a 3-foot wide aluminum grated gangway, which would be anchored to an existing upland concrete pad on the applicant's property, and extend approximately 80 feet waterward from the mean high water mark (MHWM). A 25-foot wide by 35-foot long aluminum boat lift would be connected to the gangway. The entire structure would be supported by nine 12-inch diameter steel piles, which would be driven from a barge using a vibratory hammer. In addition, two mooring buoys with concrete anchors would be installed approximately 130 feet from the shoreward boundary of MHWM. The distance from the outermost structure or moored boat would be a minimum distance of 500 feet from the federal navigation channel. The purpose for the proposed work is to allow for private boating use at the applicant's residence.

**Endangered Species:** Preliminary determinations indicate that the described activity may affect an endangered or threatened species or its critical habitat. Consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 844) will be initiated. A permit for the proposed activity will not be issued until the consultation process is completed.

**Cultural Resources:** An initial evaluation of the proposed project area indicates to the best of our knowledge, the described activity is not located on property registered or eligible for registration in the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places. At this time the Corps is unaware of any cultural resource surveys of the project area.

Pursuant to Section 307 (c) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended (16 U.S.C. 1465 (c) (3) (A)), the applicant has certified that the activity complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the approved

state coastal zone management program. The Corps is requesting consistency concurrence from the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development, Coastal Management Program.

The Corps is considering issuing a Letter of Permission under the provisions of 33 CFR 325.2(e) (1) for the work described on the enclosed drawings. The proposed work is believed to be minor, is not expected to have a significant impact on environmental values, and should not encounter opposition.

If you have any comments regarding the proposed action, please provide them within 15 days from the date of this letter to the Project Manager, Heidi Firstencel, at the letterhead address or e-mail at <a href="mailto:heidi.firstencel@usace.army.mil">heidi.firstencel@usace.army.mil</a>. If you have questions, she can also be reached by telephone at (541) 465-6765.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures











