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COMMISSIONER

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DIRECTOR

OCT 24 2024

Resource and Land Consultants
c/o Dan Bucey
41 Park of Commerce Way, Suite 101
Savannah, GA 31405

Re: Letter of Permission (LOP), Maintenance of an Existing Rock Revetment, West of the 17th Tee, Ocean Forest Golf Club, Atlantic Ocean, Sea Island, Glynn County, Georgia (GPS 31.2122°N/-81.3137°W)(ACOE# SAS2004005510)

Dear Mr. Bucey:

This Letter of Permission (LOP) is in response to your request dated September 6, 2024 on behalf of Sea Island Company, LLC for maintenance of an existing rock revetment located within Shore Protection Act (SPA) jurisdiction near and west of the 17th tee of the Ocean Forest Golf Course, Sea Island, Glynn County, Georgia. The project will begin no sooner than fifteen (15) days from the date of the letter and must be completed within six (6) months.

The existing rock revetment consists of rip-rap and clean broken concrete rubble and has sustained damage during recent storm events. Maintenance consists of removing existing debris such as floating trash and downed trees to an appropriate upland disposal site and placing 32.5 cubic yards of clean broken concrete along exposed areas of a 175 linear foot section of revetment. Filter fabric will be placed along accessible areas of exposed bank prior to placement of the revetment material. The site will be accessed from the upland. All work will be completed above the Mean Low Water (MLW) line and within the footprint of the existing revetment.

The Department authorizes the proposed maintenance of the existing rock revetment within SPA jurisdiction as depicted in the attached description and drawings. The placement of rock is not authorized seaward of the seaward toe of the existing revetment, as measured at the existing beach elevation. **No unauthorized equipment, materials, or debris may be placed in, disposed of, or stored in jurisdictional areas.** Any change in the use, location, dimensions, or configuration of the approved project, without prior notification and approval from this office could result in revocation of this permission and in the required removal of the related structures. Any incidental damage to the jurisdictional area will require restoration to be coordinated through this office.

During sea turtle nesting season, May 1st to October 31st, all work must be completed from the upland within the footprint of the existing revetment. All sea turtle nests must be avoided, and no activity may occur within 20ft. of a nest area. Furthermore, no artificial lights are permitted at nighttime during sea turtle nesting season.

This LOP does not relieve you from obtaining any other federal, state, or local, permits. If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact Beth Byrnes at (912)-264-7218.

Sincerely,



Jill Andrews
Chief, Coastal Management Section

Enclosures: Project Description and Site Photos
 Drawings
 USACE Permit

Cc: Sarah Wise, USACE; sarah.e.wise@usace.army.mil

File: LOP20240073

STATE OF GEORGIA


REVOCABLE LICENSE FOR THE USE OF TIDAL WATERBOTTOMS

APPLICANT NAME(S): Sea Island Company c/o Yates Anderson
MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 30351 Sea Island, Ga. 31561
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)
PROJECT ADDRESS/LOCATION: North End of Sea Island/Mouth of Hampton River
COUNTY: Glynn WATERWAY: Hampton River
LOT, BLOCK & SUBDIVISION NAME FROM DEED: AC N of 3th St. Ocean Forest Golf Course

The State of Georgia hereby grants you a revocable license not coupled with an interest¹. This area may now or in the future be utilized by boats employing power drawn nets under the provisions for commercial or sport bait shrimping. In its occupancy and use of the premises, licensee shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, gender, color, national origin, religion, age, or disability. This covenant by licensee may be enforced by termination of this license, by injunction, and/or by any other remedy available at law to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

Attached hereto and made a part of this license are the project description, drawing(s), and terms and conditions that are the subject of this license. The project approved for this license must be constructed and completed within the specified timeframe noted in the terms and conditions and must be maintained in serviceable condition. Otherwise, action will be initiated to revoke this license and all structures must be removed immediately at the licensee's expense.

STATE OF GEORGIA
Office of the Governor

By: 
For: Walter Rabon
Commissioner-DNR

Date: OCT 24 2024

Enclosures:

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¹ Tidal water bottoms and marshlands of coastal Georgia are public trust lands owned by the State, except where ownership of such lands is demonstrated through an unbroken chain of title to a valid Crown or State Grant, which explicitly conveys the beds of such tidewaters. The Revocable License authorizes use of lands presumed to be owned by the State of Georgia, and which are under control of the State. This Revocable License is issued with the understanding and condition that it could be rendered invalid should another person demonstrate ownership to such lands pursuant to a valid Crown Grant or State Grant. This Revocable License is issued with the understanding that such lands are subject to the public trust doctrine.

FEDERAL CONSISTENCY CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

Printed Name of Applicant(s): Sea Island Company c/o Yates Anderson

Applicant Email: yatesanderson@seaisland.com Phone: 912-638-3611

Agent Name (if applicable): RLC c/o Daniel Bucey Phone: 912-443-5896


To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that I have made application to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for authorization to impact Waters of the United States and that such proposed work is, to the best of my knowledge, consistent with Georgia's Coastal Management Program.

I understand I must provide this Consistency Certification Statement, along with a copy of my permit application submitted to USACE, to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Coastal Resources Division (CRD) before they can begin evaluating my proposed project for consistency with Georgia's enforceable policies. I understand additional information may be required to facilitate review.

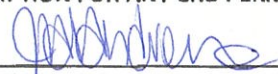
Once any required authorizations or permits from CRD have been issued, and CRD has concurred with my findings by signing this Consistency Certification Statement, CRD must submit it to USACE in order for them to issue any required federal permits or authorizations, or to validate any provisional authorizations they have already issued. A USACE provisional authorization or permit will not be valid until they receive this Certification Statement signed by CRD.

Attached is a copy of my application to USACE (required)

Signature of Applicant:  Date: 10/9/2024

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| FOR AGENCY INTERNAL USE ONLY: | Date Received (Commencement Date): <u>9/6/2024</u> |
| USACE Authorization/Permit Number (assigned by USACE): <u>SAS-2004-005510</u> | |
| USACE Authorization Type (select one): <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Permit <input type="checkbox"/> General Permit # <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NWP # <u>3</u> | |
| USACE Project Manager: <u>Sarah Wise</u> | |
| CRD Authorization/Permit Number (assigned by CRD): <u>LOP20240073</u> | |
| CRD Project Manager: <u>Beth Byrnes</u> | |

CRD HAS REVIEWED AND CONCURS WITH THIS CONSISTENCY CERTIFICATION STATEMENT TO THE EXTENT THE USACE AUTHORIZED PROJECT DESCRIPTION IS CONSISTENT WITH THE AUTHORIZED PROJECT DESCRIPTION FOR ANY CRD PERMIT ISSUED FOR THIS PROJECT

CRD Signature:  Date: OCT 24 2024
Printed Name: Jill Andrews Title: Chief

For questions regarding consistency with the Georgia Coastal Management Program, please contact the Federal Consistency Coordinator at (912) 264-7218 or visit www.CoastalGADNR.org.



September 6, 2024

Mr. Josh Noble
Program Manager
Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Coastal Resources Division
One Conservation Way, Suite 300
Brunswick, Georgia 31520-8687

**Subject: Letter of Permission Request: Ocean Forest Revetment Maintenance
Glynn County, Georgia**

Dear Mr. Noble:

Resource & Land Consultants, LLC as agent for Sea Island Company, is requesting a letter of permission to perform maintenance of the existing rock revetment located near and west of the 17th tee of the Ocean Forest Golf course, on Sea Island, Glynn County, Georgia (31.2122 N, -81.3137 W).

The existing serviceable revetment consists of rip-rap and clean broken concrete rubble and has sustained damage from recent hurricanes and unnamed winter storms. The proposed work consists of removing existing debris such as floating trash and downed trees and placing approximately 32.5 CY of clean broken concrete along exposed areas of a +/-175' section of the revetment. Debris will be removed to an upland disposal site. Access to the site will occur from uplands located immediately east of the project area. All work will occur above MLW and no vegetated marsh is located within the project footprint. Filter fabric will be placed along accessible areas of exposed bank prior to placement of the revetment material. The Savannah District Corps of Engineers verified via letter of July 1, 2024 (attached) that the proposed maintenance qualifies for use of Nationwide Permit 3(a).

We trust that this information is sufficient for you to issue a LOP for the proposed work located in jurisdiction. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,
RESOURCE & LAND CONSULTANTS

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Bucey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "D" and "B".

Daniel H. Bucey
Principal

cc: Mr. Yates Anderson; Sea Island Co.

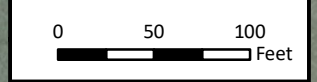
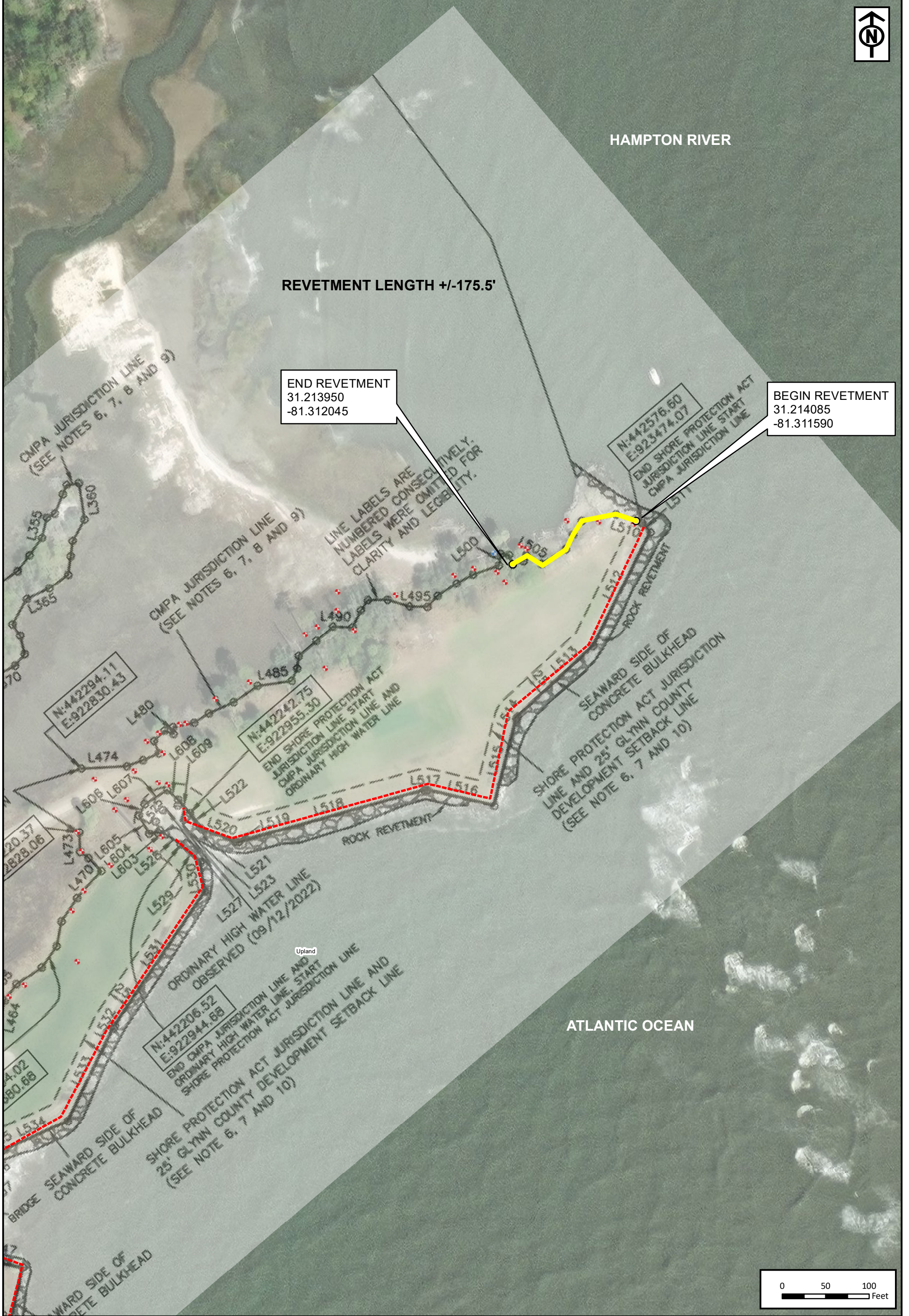


HAMPTON RIVER

REVETMENT LENGTH +/-175.5'

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| Figure No.: | 1 |
| Prepared By: | MW |
| Sketch Date: | 5/10/2024 |
| Map Scale: | 1 inch = 100 feet |

Ocean Forest Renovations 2022
Glynn County, Georgia

Survey Overlay
Prepared For: Sea Island Company

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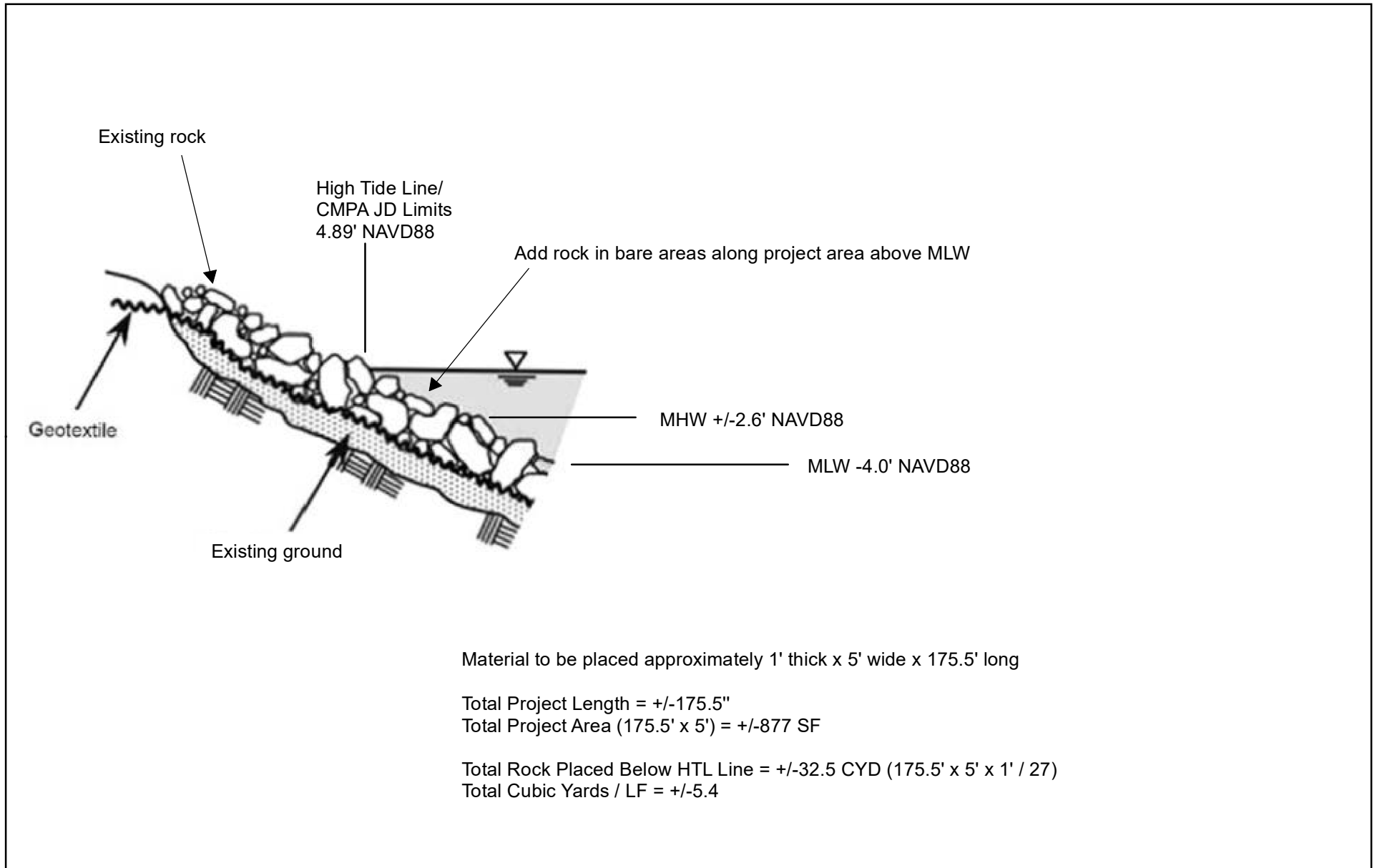


Photo 1: Typical Cross-section.

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| Exhibit Date: | 5/10/2024 |

Ocean Forest Golf Course Revetment Maintenance

Glynn County, Georgia

Typical Cross Section

Prepared For: Sea Island Co.



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Photo 1: Inland End of Revetment (31.213950, -81.312045)



Photo 2: Seaward End of Revetment at Bulkhead (31.214085, -81.311590)

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| Figure No.: | 3 |
| Prepared By: | DB |
| Photo Date: | 9/27/2023 |
| Exhibit Date: | 5/14/2024 |

**Ocean Forest
Revetment Maintenance**
Glynn County, Georgia

Site Photographs

Prepared For: Sea Island Co.



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SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31401-3604

July 1, 2024

Regulatory Division
SAS-2004-05510

Mr. Yates Anderson
Sea Island Company
PO Box 30351
Sea Island, Georgia 31561

Dear Mr. Anderson:

I refer to the Pre-Construction Notification submitted on your behalf by Mr. Daniel Bucey of Resource and Land Consultants, requesting verification for use of Nationwide Permit (NWP) No. 3 (a) for impacts to 0.02 acre (175.5 Linear Feet) of tidal open water for the installation of 32.5 cubic yards of rip rap to an existing revetment. Specifically, the rip rap will be installed from the upland and placed within the footprint of the existing revetment. The project site is located adjacent to the Ocean Forest Golf Course, North Beach, Sea Island, Glynn County, Georgia (Latitude 31.2122, Longitude -81.3137). This project has been assigned number SAS-2004-005510 and it is important that you refer to this number in all communication concerning this matter.

The enclosed exhibit entitled, "Ocean Forest Renovations 2022 Glynn County, Georgia Survey Overlay", dated May 10, 2024, identifies the delineation limits of all aquatic resources within the project area. The wetlands were delineated in accordance with criteria contained in the 1987 "Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual," as amended by the most recent regional supplements to the manual. Please note, this delineation may require re-verification and is subject to change based on site conditions at the time of re-evaluation.

The delineation included herein has been conducted to identify the location and extent of the aquatic resource boundaries and/or the jurisdictional status of aquatic resources for purposes of the Clean Water Act for the particular site identified in this request. This delineation and/or jurisdictional determination may not be valid for the Wetland Conservation Provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended. If you or your tenant are U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) program participants, or anticipate participation in USDA programs, you should discuss the applicability of a certified wetland determination with the local USDA service center, prior to starting work.

We have completed coordination with other federal and state agencies as described in Part C (32)(d) of our NWP Program, published in the January 13, 2021, Federal Register, Vol. 86, No. 8, Pages 2744-2877 (86 FR) and/or the December 27, 2021,

Federal Register, Vol. 86, No. 245, Pages 73522-73583 (86 FR). The NWP's and Savannah District's Regional Conditions for NWP's can be found on our website at <http://www.sas.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Permitting/GeneralPermits/NationwidePermits.aspx>. During our coordination procedure, no adverse comments regarding the proposed work were received.

As a result of our evaluation of your project, we have determined that your proposed activity is authorized under NWP 3, as described in Part B of the NWP Program. However, at this time, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Resources Division (Georgia CRD), has denied Georgia Coastal Management Program (GCMP) certification, pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act, of 1972 (16 U.S.C. § 1455), as amended, for use of a NWP for your project.

This letter is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' provisional verification for your use of NWP 3, and does not authorize work in aquatic resources on the project site. Prior to beginning work in aquatic resources, you must obtain GCMP certification from the Georgia CRD for your project and submit a copy of this certification to this office.

Once you submit a copy of the GCMP Certification for your project to this office, you will have fulfilled this prerequisite for use of the NWP. You will not receive confirmation of receipt of the required certification from this office.

Please be advised that if you fail to obtain and submit the necessary GCMP Certification prior to beginning work, this action would be considered a willful and knowing violation of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and appropriate enforcement action will be taken.

Your use of this NWP is valid only if you comply with all of the following conditions:

- a. The activity is conducted in accordance with the information submitted and meets the conditions applicable to the NWP, as described at Part C of the NWP Program and the Savannah District's Regional Conditions for NWP's.
- b. You shall notify the Corps, in writing, at least 10 days in advance of commencement of work authorized by this permit.
- c. You fill out and sign the enclosed certification and return it to our office within 30 days of completion of the activity authorized by this permit.

d. All work shall be completed in accordance with the enclosed plans, "Ocean Forest Renovations 2022 Glynn County, Georgia Survey Overlay", dated May 10, 2024, and "Ocean Forest Golf Course Revetment Maintenance Glynn County, Georgia Typical Cross Section" dated May 10, 2024.

e. To ensure the protection of the West Indian manatee (*Trichechus manatus*) that have the potential to be in the vicinity of the project, the permittee shall comply with the following special condition(s):

1) The permittee shall ensure that all personnel associated with construction of the authorized dock facility are informed of the civil and criminal penalties for harming, harassing or killing manatees, which are protected under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) and the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972. The permittee and the permittee's contractor(s) (contractor) would be held responsible for any manatee harmed, harassed or killed as a result of construction activities.

2) The use of siltation barriers in waters of the United States, below the high tide line, is not allowed in association with the construction of the authorized dock facility.

3) All vessels associated with project construction shall operate at "no wake/idle" speeds at all times while in the project area. All vessels will follow routes of deep water when entering or exiting the project area, and while operating in the project area, whenever possible. For the purposes of compliance with manatee conditions, the project area is defined as all areas of shoreline, marsh and open waters within 100 feet of the outermost perimeter of the authorized dock facility.

4) All contractors and other on-site personnel are responsible for observing for the presence of manatees in or near the project area. All in-water construction activities shall cease upon sighting of a manatee within 50 feet of any ongoing work in the marsh or open waters. Activities will not resume until the manatee(s) have moved beyond the 50-foot radius of the project operation, or until 30 minutes elapses if the manatee(s) has not reappeared within 50 feet of the operation. Animals must not be herded away or harassed into leaving.

5) Extreme care will be taken when lowering equipment and materials below the water surface and/or to the water bottom. Equipment and materials include, but are not limited to: piles; sheet piles; casings for drilled shaft construction; spuds; pile templates; and anchors. All such equipment/material shall be lowered as slow as possible, to avoid injury to any manatee that may have entered the project area undetected.

6) In the event of injury to or mortality of a manatee in the project area, the permittee or contractor shall immediately notify the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (Georgia DNR) at 912-264-7218 or 1-800-272-8363 on weekdays between 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or 1-800-241-4113 on nights and weekends. Within one hour of a manatee injury or mortality the permittee or contractor shall notify the Corps at 1-800- 448-2402 and the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Georgia Ecological Services Field Office at 912-832-8739. Any dead manatee found in the project area shall be secured to a stable object to prevent the carcass from moving with the current. In the event of a manatee injury or mortality, all open water construction activity shall cease pending completion of consultation between the Corps and the USFWS, pursuant to Section 7 of the ESA.

7) The permittee shall ensure that the contractor keeps a log of sightings, collisions or injury to manatees that occur during construction of the dock facility.

8) Within 30 days of project completion, the permittee shall submit a report summarizing manatee sightings or incidents that occurred during project construction, to the FWS, Ecological Services Field Office, Coastal Georgia Sub-Office, 4980 Wildlife Drive NE, Townsend, Georgia 31331. Submission of a negative report is not required.

9) All temporary or unused construction materials shall be removed from the project area upon completion of the work, and any impacted area of salt marsh shall be restored. No construction debris or trash is to be discarded in project area.

10) The permittee shall regularly inspect and maintain all hoses, faucets, and other potential sources of freshwater, to ensure that any freshwater leak is stopped and immediately repaired. Manatees are attracted to freshwater leaking from dock facilities, where boats are concentrated and there is an increased risk for manatee collisions.

11) Prior to initiating authorized construction activities, the permittee shall contact Georgia DNR at 912-264-7218 for assistance with development of temporary manatee awareness sign plan for the project area. The plan will include the types and number of signs; and locations where signs will be installed to be prominently visible to contractors entering the project area from uplands and from the water. The permittee shall install temporary manatee awareness signs in accordance with the Georgia DNR approved plan. See attached Appendix A for information about the size and appearance of temporary manatee awareness signs. Within 30 days of project completion, the permittee shall remove all temporary manatee signs.

This proposal was reviewed in accordance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. Based on the information we have available, we have determined that the project may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect the West Indian manatee (*Trichechus*

manatus); wood stork (*Mycteria americana*); and Eastern indigo snake (*Drymarchon corais couperi*); and would have no effect on any other threatened or endangered species nor any critical habitat for such species. Authorization of an activity by a NWP does not authorize the "take" of threatened or endangered species. In the absence of separate authorization, both lethal and non-lethal "takes" of protected species are in violation of the Endangered Species Act. See Part (C) of 86 FR for more information.

This verification is valid until the NWP is modified, reissued or revoked. All of the existing NWPs are scheduled to expire on March 14, 2026. It is incumbent upon you to remain informed of changes to the NWPs. Furthermore, if you commence or are under contract to commence this activity before the date that the relevant NWP is modified or revoked, you will have 12 months from the date of the modification or revocation of the NWP to complete the activity under the present terms and conditions of this NWP.

This authorization should not be construed to mean that any future projects requiring Department of the Army authorization would necessarily be authorized. Any new proposal, whether associated with this project or not, would be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Any prior approvals would not be a determining factor in making a decision on any future request.

Revisions to your proposal may invalidate this authorization. In the event changes to this project are contemplated, I recommend that you coordinate with us prior to proceeding with the work.

This communication does not relieve you of any obligation or responsibility for complying with the provisions of any other laws or regulations of other federal, state or local authorities. It does not affect your liability for any damages or claims that may arise as a result of the work. It does not convey any property rights, either in real estate or material, or any exclusive privileges. It also does not affect your liability for any interference with existing or proposed federal projects. If the information you have submitted and on which the Corps bases its determination/decision of authorization under the NWP is later found to be in error, this determination may be subject to modification, suspension, or revocation.

An electronic copy of this letter is being provided to the following party: Mr. Daniel Bucey of Resource and Land Consultants

Thank you in advance for completing our on-line Customer Survey Form located at <https://regulatory.ops.usace.army.mil/customer-service-survey/>. We value your comments and appreciate your taking the time to complete a survey each time you have interaction with our office.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Shannon Martig, Regulatory Specialist, Coastal Branch, by email at Shannon.K.Martig@usace.army.mil or by telephone at (912) 652-5421.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah E. Wise". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sarah E. Wise
Lead Biologist, Coastal Branch

Enclosures

Regulatory Division

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE
WITH
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
NATIONWIDE PERMIT 3 (a)

PERMIT FILE NUMBER: SAS-2004-05510

PERMITTEE/ADDRESS: Mr. Yates Anderson, Sea Island Company, PO Box 30351,
Sea Island, Georgia 31561

LOCATION OF WORK: The project site is located adjacent to the Ocean Forest Golf
Course, at North Beach of Sea Island, Glynn County, Georgia
(Latitude 31.2122, Longitude -81.3137).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The installation of 32.5 cubic yards of rip rap to maintain an
existing 175.5 ft. revetment.

ACRES AND/OR LINEAR FEET OF WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES IMPACTED:
0.02 acre of tidal open water

DATE WORK IN WATERS OF UNITED STATES COMPLETED: _____

COMPENSATORY MITIGATION REQUIRED: No.

DATE MITIGATION COMPLETED OR PURCHASED (include name of bank):

I understand that the permitted activity is subject to a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Compliance Inspection. If I fail to comply with the permit conditions at Part C of the Nationwide Permit Program, published in the January 13, 2021, Federal Register, Vol. 86, No. 8, Pages 2744-2877 (86 FR) and/or the December 27, 2021, Federal Register, Vol. 86, No. 245, Pages 73522-73583 (86 FR), it may be subject to suspension, modification or revocation.

I hereby certify that the work authorized by the above referenced permit as well as any required mitigation (if applicable) has been completed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the said permit.

Signature of Permittee

Date

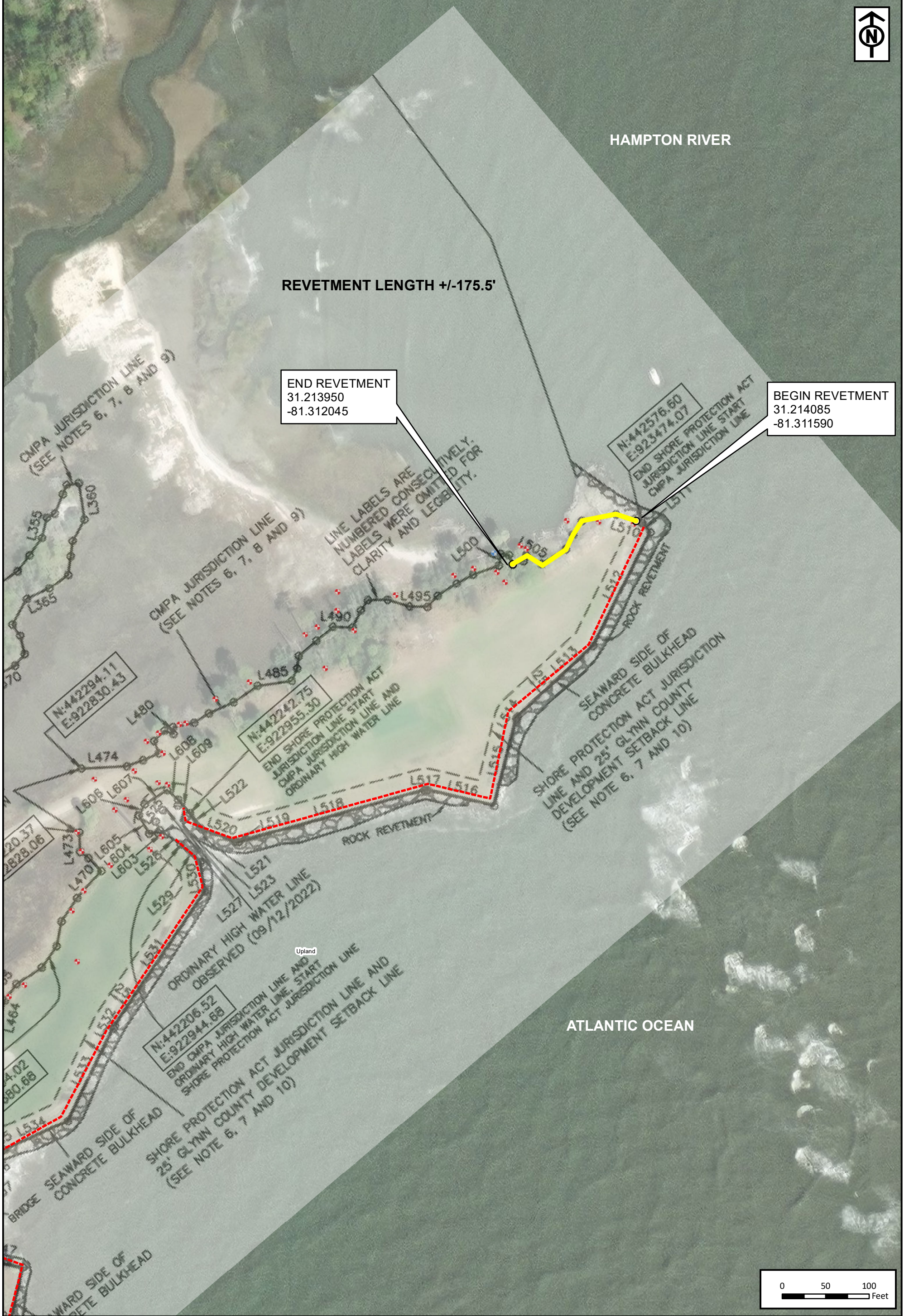


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Survey Overlay
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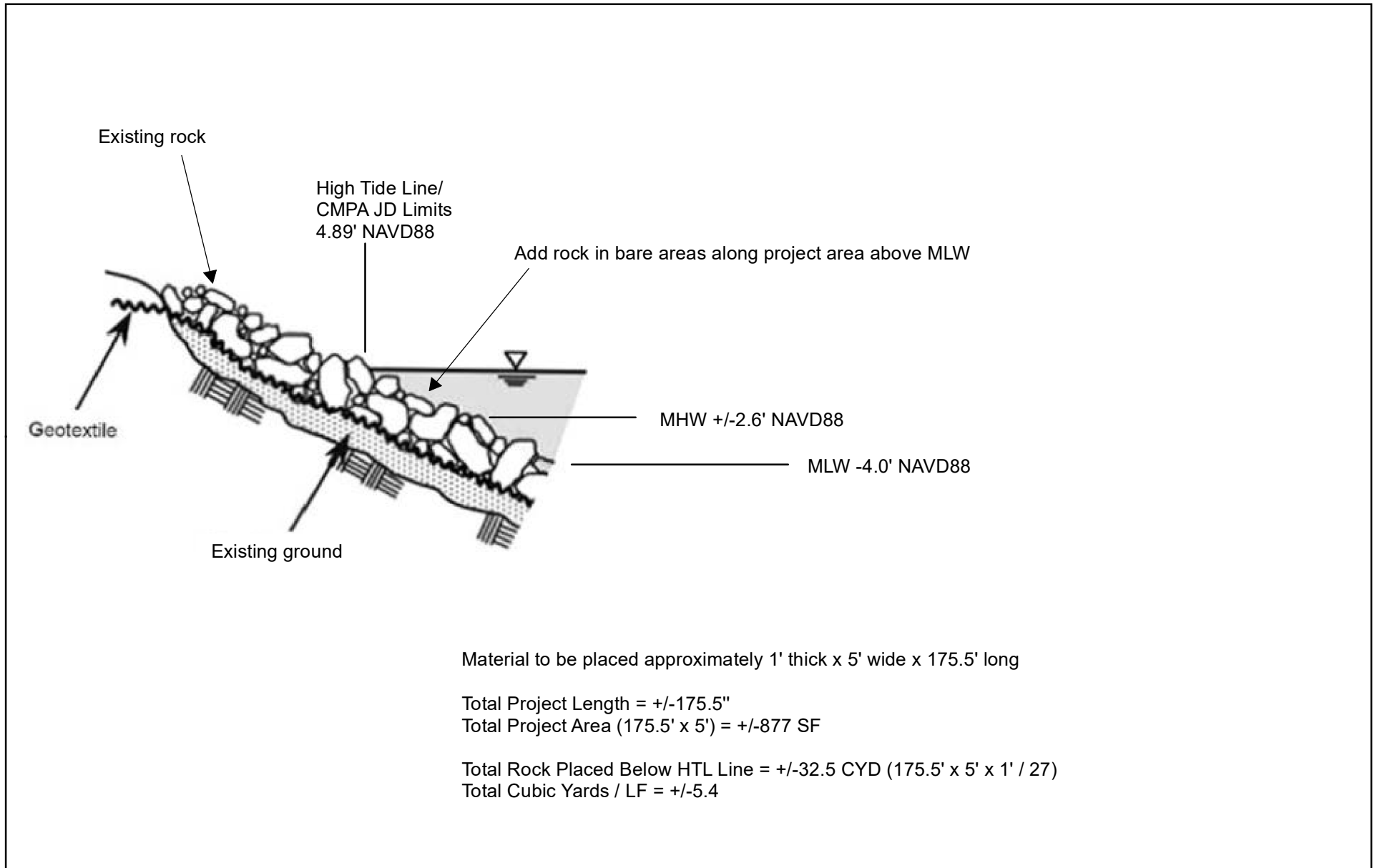


Photo 1: Typical Cross-section.

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| Prepared By: | DB |
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Ocean Forest Golf Course Revetment Maintenance

Glynn County, Georgia

Typical Cross Section

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