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Project Narrative and Supplemental Statements

Current Site Conditions:

Present conditions on site have an approximately 4'x25' (100 ft.²) fixed dock attached to the upland beside the boat ramp. Attached to this is an approximately 3'x25' (75 ft.²) gangway that lands on an 8'x20' (160 ft.²) aluminum floating dock supported by two (2) wooden pilings. At low tide, the floating dock sits on the bottom of the river, which has damaged the floats supporting the dock. The floating dock does not sit level due to this damage, and water is able to come over the deck of the floating dock. This is exaggerated when the facility is used due to the additional weight placed on the floating dock.

Project Objectives and Methods:

This project proposes to move the floating dock channel-ward approximately fifteen (15) feet to provide adequate water depth below the floating dock so that it no longer rests on the bottom at low tide. This will prevent the floats from becoming damaged from repeated contact with the bottom, which will provide a safe and level platform for boaters to launch and load their watercraft. This will be achieved by installing a gangway which is approximately fifteen (15) feet longer than the existing one. The pilings that anchor the floating dock will be moved channel-ward to their new position during this project. The floating dock will be repaired and moved; it will not be expanded and is to remain at 8'x20'. The only increase in footprint at the facility is the lengthening of the gangway. The fixed dock and its supporting structure will remain unchanged. This project will take place exclusively from the water with a barge and crane. There will be no upland component or impacts for this project.

Public Interest and Project Necessity Statement:

This project is in the public interest as it is a public boating access site for all user groups. Repairing this facility is consistent with the division's mandates to enhance public access and safety across Georgia's coast.

The project is piling-supported; it will not unreasonably obstruct or alter water flow, and it will not increase erosion, shoaling, or stagnant areas of water. Likewise, this project will not interfere with the conservation of fish, shrimp, oysters, crabs, clams, or other marine life and resources.

There are no alternatives for this project, as it is a public access site.

Erosion and Sedimentation Statement:

This project will be conducted with all applicable erosion and sediment control responsibilities.