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May 2, 2022
Boston Conservation Commission
1 City Hall Square
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## Re: Shipyard Park Pier 4 Support Pile Repairs, Eighth Street, Boston, MA

 Request to Amend Order of Conditions (DEP File \#006-1861) GEI \#2104034Dear Members of the Boston Conservation Commission:

On behalf of the Boston Planning and Development Agency and in compliance with the terms of General Special Condition 36 of the Order of Conditions issued by the commission on April 21,2022 under DEP File No. 006-1861 (the Order), this is to request the Boston Conservation Commission amend the Order to accommodate the following change to the above-referenced project.

The proposed change consists of the replacement of block and chain anchors with 14-inch diameter, timber mooring piles for the temporary mooring of floats relocated from the north side of Pier 4 during the period of construction of support pile repairs. A total of 23 mooring piles are proposed in the locations depicted in attached Sheet $\mathrm{S}-105-\mathrm{A}$. All piles will be installed using vibratory methods following a "soft start procedure", building up power slowly from a low energy start-up over a period of 20 to 40 minutes, to mitigate potential adverse impacts to fish species. Upon completion of repairs to the Pier 4 piles, the floats will be reinstalled along the north side of Pier 4 and the mooring piles will be removed from the site.

The mooring piles will alter approximately 25 square feet of Land Under the Ocean (LUTO) resource area by temporary displacement. This area is approximately 455 square feet less than the area to be altered by displacement through the use of block and chain anchors - a 95 percent reduction in area of impact. The use of mooring piles for the temporary mooring of floats is consistent with the performance standards at 310 CMR 10.25 (see Attachment A). Further, the proposed replacement of block and chain anchors with mooring piles will have no greater or lesser impact on climate change and resiliency, changes due to sea level rise, or changes in storm intensity or frequency than the project currently authorized in the Order (see Attachment A).

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions or require additional information, please call.

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Respectfully,

## GEI Consultants, Inc.



Bradford Saunders
Senior Regulatory Consultant
Cc: MA-DEP, NERO
Attachments: Sheet S-105-A (dated revised to 4/29/22)
Attachment A - Description and Assessment of Amendment

# Attachment A - Description and Assessment Request to Amend Order of Conditions - DEP \#006-1861 

## Proposed Action

As stated in the Notice of Intent filed on March 25, 2022, the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) proposes to decouple and temporarily relocate the concrete floating dock currently attached along the northeast face of Pier 4 in order to remove the imparted load on the pier and provide access for the Pier 4 pile repairs defined therein. Two alternative designs were presented in the Notice of Intent for mooring the relocated floats: a block and chain anchoring system and a mooring pile system. In issuing the Order of Conditions, the conservation commission approved the then-preferred alternative which was the block and chain anchoring system.

Subsequent to the issuance of the Order of Conditions, the BPDA began the contractor bid process and was advised by every contractor with interest in the project that the use of mooring piles would be a more efficient and cost-effective means of securing the floats during the period of temporary relocation than the use of a block and chain anchoring system. Accordingly, the BPDA is requesting the Boston Conservation Commission amend the Order of Conditions issued under DEP File \#006-1861 to replace the block and chain anchoring system with mooring piles. The temporary configuration of the floats will be as currently authorized for the block and chain anchoring system, but instead of blocks and chains a total of 23, 14-inch diameter, timber mooring piles will "anchor" the floats (see Figure A). The installation of these piles will result in the temporary loss of approximately 25 square feet of Land Under the Ocean resource area.

It is anticipated that this work will be conducted using equipment staged on a work barge. The proposed means, methods, and sequencing for this work are as follows.

- Install using vibratory methods the 23 timber piles to serve as mooring piles for the temporary relocation of the concrete floats.
- Decouple the concrete floats from the pier structure, relocate them, and attach them to the temporary mooring piles.
- Upon completion of the pile repairs to Pier 4, decouple the concrete floats from the temporary mooring piles and reattach them to the northeast side of the pier.
- Remove the temporary timber mooring piles from the site.


## Proposed Mitigation Measure

The temporary mooring piles will be installed using vibratory methods following a "soft start procedure", building up power slowly from a low energy start-up over a period of 20 to 40 minutes. By adhering to a "soft-start" protocol the potential impacts to fish in the vicinity of the work can be minimized.

## Impacts to Wetland Resource Areas

## Land Under the Ocean

## Definition and Existing Conditions

Land Under the Ocean (LUTO) consists of land extending from the mean low water line seaward to the boundary of the municipality's jurisdiction and includes land under estuaries. At the project site, LUTO consists of the bed of Boston Harbor in the areas to be used for the temporary relocation of the concrete float.

## Impacts of the Proposed Amendment

The amendment will result in direct temporary displacement of a total of 25 square feet of LUTO. This area of displacement is 455 square feet less than the area of displacement that would result from the installation of the block and chain anchors.

## Compliance with Performance Standards

Applicable performance standards for activities conducted within this resource area are defined at 310 CMR 10.25(5, 6, and 7). The performance standards at 310 CMR 10.25(3) and (4) are specific to dredging activities and are not applicable to the proposed action.

## Performance Standard 5

Performance Standard 5 states that projects which affect nearshore areas of land under the ocean shall not cause adverse effects by altering the bottom topography so as to increase storm damage or erosion of coastal beaches, coastal banks, coastal dunes, or salt marshes.

## Compliance with Performance Standard 5

The proposed amendment will result in the temporary displacement of 25 square feet of LUTO. This represents a 95 percent reduction in the area of temporary displacement from that which would result from the use of the currently authorized anchoring system. Further, there are no coastal beaches, coastal banks, coastal dunes, or salt marshes in the vicinity of the project site that could be damaged by the temporary displacement of this resource area. Accordingly, the proposed amendment is in compliance with the terms and conditions of Performance Standard 5.

## Performance Standard 6

Performance Standard 6 states that projects which affect land under the ocean shall if waterdependent be designed and constructed, using best available measures, so as to minimize adverse effects.

## Compliance with Performance Standard 6

The proposed mooring piles will be installed using best available measures to minimize potential adverse effects. Specifically, the piles will be installed using vibratory methods following a "soft start procedure", building up power slowly from a low energy start-up over a period of 20 to 40 minutes. By adhering to a "soft-start" protocol the potential impacts to fish in the vicinity of the work can be minimized.

## Performance Standard 7

Performance Standard 7 states that, notwithstanding the provisions of 310 CMR 10.25(3) through (6), no project may be permitted which will have any adverse effect on specified habitat sites of rare vertebrate or invertebrate species, as identified by procedures established under 310 CMR 10.37.

## Compliance with Performance Standard 7

A review of maps prepared by the Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (updated August 1, 2021) has revealed that the project area is not a specified habitat for rare vertebrate or invertebrate species. Accordingly, this performance standard is not applicable to the proposed amendment.

## Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage

## Definition and Existing Conditions

Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF) consists of land subject to any inundation caused by coastal storms up to and including that caused by the 100-year storm, surge of record or storm of record, whichever is greater. At the project site the FEMA base flood elevation is defined as being 10', NAVD88 (see attached FEMA FIRMette of Community Panel 25025C0081J). Although the proposed project, being conducted entirely below, within, or over the Boston Harbor watersheet, will not require work to be performed on LSCSF, the applicant has been advised that the two-dimensional area of piles extending above the elevation of mean low water is considered by the Boston Conservation Commission to represent a displacement of LSCSF.

## Compliance with Performance Standards

There are no specific performance standards specified in the Massachusetts Wetlands Regulations (310 CMR 10.00) concerning work to be conducted within this resource area; nevertheless, it is understood that such work should not result in increased flooding or damage due to inundation by flood waters. The proposed mooring piles will occupy a total area of approximately 25 square feet of space above the elevation of MLW. This level of displacement will have no measurable impact on the LSCSF resource area. Being entirely within or over a tidal watersheet, the impact on area of inundation during flooding will be de minimis. The wide spacing of the mooring piles (>25 feet) ensures that they will not constrict flows in a way that will increase the velocity of flood waters or redirect high energy waves onto adjacent shorelines.

## Compliance with Massachusetts Stormwater Standards

The proposed amendment does not include activities that generate stormwater runoff.
Accordingly, the provisions of 310 CMR 10.05(6)(k) regarding the use of stormwater best practices consistent with the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Standards are not applicable.

## Compliance with City of Boston (BPDA) Climate Change Resiliency Standards

The proposed action does not include construction of a structure or implementation of a land use upon the surface of land. Accordingly, the City of Boston's Climate Change Resiliency Standards are not applicable to this work.

## Effect of Projected Sea Level Rise, Changes in Storm Intensity and Frequency, and Other Consequences of Climate Change on Resource Areas and the Proposed Activity

The proposed amendment consists solely of the temporary installation of 23 mooring piles. These mooring piles will remain in-place for what is anticipated to be approximately one (1) year, while the existing piles beneath Pier 4 are repaired. As the proposed activity is of such short duration, the anticipated effect of projected sea level rise, changes in storm intensity and frequency, and other consequences on climate change on both the resource areas and activity are de minimis.

## AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE FOR ABUTTER NOTIFICATION

## Under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and Boston Wetlands Ordinance

 one week prior to the public hearing, I gave notice to abutters in compliance with the second paragraph of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131, section 40, and the DEP Guide to Abutter Notification dated April 8, 1994, in connection with the following matter:
A Request to Amend OoC was filed under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act
and/or the Boston Wetlands Ordinance by Boston Planning_ \&evelopment Agency for
use of mooring piles for temporary mooring_of relocated_floats
located at _Charlestown_Naval_Shipyard_Park,_Eighth_St.__Boston, MA_02129

The Abutter Notification For, the list of abutters to whom it was given, and their addresses are attached to this Affidavit of Service.


Name
_- 5/4/2022
Date

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## NOTIFICATION TO ABUTTERS BOSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

In accordance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Boston Wetlands Ordinance, you are hereby notified as an abutter to a project filed with the Boston Conservation Commission.
A. Boston Planning \& Development Agency has filed a request with the Boston Conservation Commission seeking permission to Amend an Order of Conditions issued under the Wetlands Protection Act (General Laws Chapter 131, section 40) and the Boston Wetlands Ordinance.
B. The address of the lot where the activity is proposed is _Eighth Street (Charlestown Naval Shipyard Park).
C. The project involves a change in the approved design for the temporary mooring of relocated floats.
D. Copies of the Request may be obtained by contacting the Boston Conservation Commission at CC@boston.gov.
E. Copies of the Request may be obtained from _GEIConsultants, Inc.____-_ by contacting them at _774-277-6020_______ between the hours of $9: 00$ AM and 5:00 PM_, Monday through Friday _.
F. In accordance with the Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, the public hearing will take place virtually at https://zoom.us/j/6864582044. If you are unable to access the internet, you can call 1-929-205-6099, enter Meeting ID 6864582044 \# and use \# as your participant ID.
G. Information regarding the date and time of the public hearing may be obtained from the Boston Conservation Commission by emailing CC@boston.gov or calling (617) 635-3850 between the hours of 9 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Friday.

NOTE: Notice of the public hearing, including its date, time, and place, will be published at least five (5) days in advance in the Boston Herald.

NOTE: Notice of the public hearing, including its date, time, and place, will be posted on www.boston.gov/public-notices and in Boston City Hall not less than forty-eight (48) hours in advance. If you would like to provide comments, you may attend the public hearing or send written comments to CC@boston.gov or Boston City Hall, Environment Department, Room 709, 1 City Hall Square, Boston, MA 02201

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NOTE: You also may contact the Boston Conservation Commission or the Department of Environmental Protection Northeast Regional Office for more information about this application or the Wetlands Protection Act. To contact DEP, call: the Northeast Region: (978) 694-3200.

NOTE: If you plan to attend the public hearing and are in need of interpretation, please notify staff at CC@boston.gov by 12 PM the day before the hearing.

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## 波士顿湿地保护委员会项目邻近住户通知

根据《马萨诸塞州湿地保护法》，《马萨诸塞州普通法》第131章第40节以及《波士顿湿地条例》的规定 ，
我们特此向您，即向波士顿湿地保护委员会提出申请的项目的邻近住户，发出以下通知。

A．波士顿规划与发展局已向波士顿湿地保护委员会提出申请，请求批准改建一块受《湿地保护法》（
《普通法》第 131 章第 40 节）和《波士顿湿地条例》保护的地块。

B．拟开展改建活动的地块地址为：第八街（查尔斯敦海军造船厂公园）。

C．该项目涉及以下建设内容：对已批准的搬迁浮筒临时停泊设计的变更。

D．可通過聯繫波士頓保護委員會取得意向通知書的副本，電子郵件是 CC＠boston．gov。

E．您可于 星期一至星期五的上午 $9: 00$ 点至下午5：00点之间 致电 774－277－6020 向 GEI Consultants，Inc．处获取意向通知的副本。

F．根據《馬薩諸塞州行政命令》（暫緩執行《公開會議法》聽證會將在網上 https：／／zoom．us／j／6864582044 進行。 如果無法上互聯網（Internet），則可致電 1－929－205－ 6099，輸入會議編號（ID） 6864582044 \＃，然後使用\＃作為您參與的編號（ ID．）

G．您可于周一至周五上午 9 点到下午 5 点联系波士顿湿地保护委员会，咨询公开听证会举行的日期和时间 ，邮箱地址：CC＠boston．gov，电话：（617）635－4416。

注：公开听证会的通知（包括其举行日期，时间和地点）将提前至少五天在《波士顿先驱报》上予以公布。

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注：您也可以联系波士顿湿地保护委员会或环境保护部东北地区办公室，咨询有关此项申请或《湿地保护法》的更多信息。如要联系环境保护部，请致电：东北地区：（978）694－3200。

注：如果您准备参加该公开听证会并需要口译服务，则请在听证会举行前一天中午 12 点前通过以下电子邮箱地址告知工作人员：CC＠boston．gov。

## BABEL NOTICE

## English：

IMPORTANT！This document or application contains important information about your rights， responsibilities and／or benefits．It is crucial that you understand the information in this document and／or application，and we will provide the information in your preferred language at no cost to you．If you need them，please contact us at cc＠boston．gov or 617－635－3850． Spanish：
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May 2, 2022
Boston Conservation Commission
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## Re: Shipyard Park Pier 4 Support Pile Repairs, Eighth Street, Boston, MA Request to Amend Order of Conditions (DEP File \#006-1861 and BOS File \#2022-022) <br> GEI \#2104034

Dear Members of the Boston Conservation Commission:

On behalf of the Boston Planning and Development Agency and in compliance with the terms of General Special Condition 36 of the Order of Conditions issued by the commission on April 21,2022 under DEP File No. 006-1861 and BOS File No. 2022-022 (the Order), this is to request the Boston Conservation Commission amend the Order to accommodate the following change to the above-referenced project.

The proposed change consists of the replacement of block and chain anchors with 14-inch diameter, timber mooring piles for the temporary mooring of floats relocated from the north side of Pier 4 during the period of construction of support pile repairs. A total of 23 mooring piles are proposed in the locations depicted in attached Sheet S-105-A. All piles will be installed using vibratory methods following a "soft start procedure", building up power slowly from a low energy start-up over a period of 20 to 40 minutes, to mitigate potential adverse impacts to fish species. Upon completion of repairs to the Pier 4 piles, the floats will be reinstalled along the north side of Pier 4 and the mooring piles will be removed from the site.

The mooring piles will alter approximately 25 square feet of Land Under the Ocean (LUTO) resource area by temporary displacement. This area is approximately 455 square feet less than the area to be altered by displacement through the use of block and chain anchors - a 95 percent reduction in area of impact. The use of mooring piles for the temporary mooring of floats is consistent with the performance standards at 310 CMR 10.25 (see Attachment A). Further, the proposed replacement of block and chain anchors with mooring piles will have no greater or lesser impact on climate change and resiliency, changes due to sea level rise, or changes in storm intensity or frequency than the project currently authorized in the Order (see Attachment A).

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions or require additional information, please call.

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Respectfully,

## GEI Consultants, Inc.



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Cc: MA-DEP, NERO
Attachments: Sheet S-105-A (dated revised to 4/29/22)
Attachment A - Description and Assessment of Amendment

# Attachment A - Description and Assessment Request to Amend Order of Conditions DEP File \#006-1861 and BOS File \#2022-022 

## Proposed Action

As stated in the Notice of Intent filed on March 25, 2022, the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) proposes to decouple and temporarily relocate the concrete floating dock currently attached along the northeast face of Pier 4 in order to remove the imparted load on the pier and provide access for the Pier 4 pile repairs defined therein. Two alternative designs were presented in the Notice of Intent for mooring the relocated floats: a block and chain anchoring system and a mooring pile system. In issuing the Order of Conditions, the conservation commission approved the then-preferred alternative which was the block and chain anchoring system.

Subsequent to the issuance of the Order of Conditions, the BPDA began the contractor bid process and was advised by every contractor with interest in the project that the use of mooring piles would be a more efficient and cost-effective means of securing the floats during the period of temporary relocation than the use of a block and chain anchoring system. Accordingly, the BPDA is requesting the Boston Conservation Commission amend the Order of Conditions issued under DEP File \#006-1861 and BOS File \#2022-022 to replace the block and chain anchoring system with mooring piles. The temporary configuration of the floats will be as currently authorized for the block and chain anchoring system, but instead of blocks and chains a total of 23, 14-inch diameter, timber mooring piles will "anchor" the floats (see Figure A). The installation of these piles will result in the temporary loss of approximately 25 square feet of Land Under the Ocean resource area.

It is anticipated that this work will be conducted using equipment staged on a work barge. The proposed means, methods, and sequencing for this work are as follows.

- Install using vibratory methods the 23 timber piles to serve as mooring piles for the temporary relocation of the concrete floats.
- Decouple the concrete floats from the pier structure, relocate them, and attach them to the temporary mooring piles.
- Upon completion of the pile repairs to Pier 4, decouple the concrete floats from the temporary mooring piles and reattach them to the northeast side of the pier.
- Remove the temporary timber mooring piles from the site.


## Proposed Mitigation Measure

The temporary mooring piles will be installed using vibratory methods following a "soft start procedure", building up power slowly from a low energy start-up over a period of 20 to 40 minutes. By adhering to a "soft-start" protocol the potential impacts to fish in the vicinity of the
work can be minimized.

## Impacts to Wetland Resource Areas

## Land Under the Ocean

## Definition and Existing Conditions

Land Under the Ocean (LUTO) consists of land extending from the mean low water line seaward to the boundary of the municipality's jurisdiction and includes land under estuaries. At the project site, LUTO consists of the bed of Boston Harbor in the areas to be used for the temporary relocation of the concrete float.

## Impacts of the Proposed Amendment

The amendment will result in direct temporary displacement of a total of 25 square feet of LUTO. This area of displacement is 455 square feet less than the area of displacement that would result from the installation of the block and chain anchors.

## Compliance with Performance Standards

Applicable performance standards for activities conducted within this resource area are defined at 310 CMR 10.25(5, 6, and 7). The performance standards at 310 CMR 10.25(3) and (4) are specific to dredging activities and are not applicable to the proposed action.

## Performance Standard 5

Performance Standard 5 states that projects which affect nearshore areas of land under the ocean shall not cause adverse effects by altering the bottom topography so as to increase storm damage or erosion of coastal beaches, coastal banks, coastal dunes, or salt marshes.

## Compliance with Performance Standard 5

The proposed amendment will result in the temporary displacement of 25 square feet of LUTO. This represents a 95 percent reduction in the area of temporary displacement from that which would result from the use of the currently authorized anchoring system. Further, there are no coastal beaches, coastal banks, coastal dunes, or salt marshes in the vicinity of the project site that could be damaged by the temporary displacement of this resource area. Accordingly, the proposed amendment is in compliance with the terms and conditions of Performance Standard 5.

## Performance Standard 6

Performance Standard 6 states that projects which affect land under the ocean shall if waterdependent be designed and constructed, using best available measures, so as to minimize adverse effects.

## Compliance with Performance Standard 6

The proposed mooring piles will be installed using best available measures to minimize potential adverse effects. Specifically, the piles will be installed using vibratory methods following a "soft start procedure", building up power slowly from a low energy start-up over a period of 20 to 40 minutes. By adhering to a "soft-start" protocol the potential impacts to fish in the vicinity of the work can be minimized.

## Performance Standard 7

Performance Standard 7 states that, notwithstanding the provisions of 310 CMR 10.25(3) through (6), no project may be permitted which will have any adverse effect on specified habitat sites of rare vertebrate or invertebrate species, as identified by procedures established under 310 CMR 10.37.

## Compliance with Performance Standard 7

A review of maps prepared by the Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (updated August 1, 2021) has revealed that the project area is not a specified habitat for rare vertebrate or invertebrate species. Accordingly, this performance standard is not applicable to the proposed amendment.

## Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage

## Definition and Existing Conditions

Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF) consists of land subject to any inundation caused by coastal storms up to and including that caused by the 100-year storm, surge of record or storm of record, whichever is greater. At the project site the FEMA base flood elevation is defined as being 10', NAVD88 (see attached FEMA FIRMette of Community Panel 25025C0081J). Although the proposed project, being conducted entirely below, within, or over the Boston Harbor watersheet, will not require work to be performed on LSCSF, the applicant has been advised that the two-dimensional area of piles extending above the elevation of mean low water is considered by the Boston Conservation Commission to represent a displacement of LSCSF.

## Compliance with Performance Standards

There are no specific performance standards specified in the Massachusetts Wetlands Regulations (310 CMR 10.00) concerning work to be conducted within this resource area; nevertheless, it is understood that such work should not result in increased flooding or damage due to inundation by flood waters. The proposed mooring piles will occupy a total area of approximately 25 square feet of space above the elevation of MLW. This level of displacement will have no measurable impact on the LSCSF resource area. Being entirely within or over a tidal watersheet, the impact on area of inundation during flooding will be de minimis. The wide spacing of the mooring piles (>25 feet) ensures that they will not constrict flows in a way that will increase the velocity of flood waters or redirect high energy waves onto adjacent shorelines.

## Compliance with Massachusetts Stormwater Standards

The proposed amendment does not include activities that generate stormwater runoff.
Accordingly, the provisions of 310 CMR 10.05(6)(k) regarding the use of stormwater best practices consistent with the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Standards are not applicable.

## Compliance with City of Boston (BPDA) Climate Change Resiliency Standards

The proposed action does not include construction of a structure or implementation of a land use upon the surface of land. Accordingly, the City of Boston's Climate Change Resiliency Standards are not applicable to this work.

## Effect of Projected Sea Level Rise, Changes in Storm Intensity and Frequency, and Other Consequences of Climate Change on Resource Areas and the Proposed Activity

The proposed amendment consists solely of the temporary installation of 23 mooring piles. These mooring piles will remain in-place for what is anticipated to be approximately one (1) year, while the existing piles beneath Pier 4 are repaired. As the proposed activity is of such short duration, the anticipated effect of projected sea level rise, changes in storm intensity and frequency, and other consequences on climate change on both the resource areas and activity are de minimis.

