



Delegated Action of the Executive Director

PROJECT Day Dock along the Washington Channel within East Potomac Park East Potomac Park side of the Washington Channel Washington, DC	NCPC FILE NUMBER 7865
SUBMITTED BY United States Department of the Interior National Park Service	NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER 1.51(49.10)44521
	ACTION TAKEN Approve as requested
	REVIEW AUTHORITY Approval Per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) and (d)

The United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service (NPS), in conjunction with the Wharf District Master Developer, LLC, seeks preliminary and final approval for the construction of a new day dock, or hop dock, in East Potomac Park, adjacent to the Washington Channel, in the vicinity of the entrance to the East Potomac Park Golf Course. The day dock will be a recreational pier installed by the Wharf developer but attached to NPS shoreline, and connected to the Wharf by a seasonal water shuttle or jitney. The proposed floating dock will provide a free public launching site for non-motorized, hand carried boats, such as canoes, kayaks, and stand-up paddle boats. The dock will only operate during the day, and closed after dark. The proposed dock replaces a former dock, which was constructed between 1972 and 1979, and removed in 1994.

The proposed day dock consists of a concrete floating dock approximately 60 feet long and 12 feet wide, and will be laterally supported by steel pipe piles. The dock will have an aluminum gangway approximately 30 feet long, with an 8 foot long and 10 foot wide timber landing platform to provide a transition point between the ramp and the dock gangway. The entire facility will be ADA accessible and compliant. Dock amenities include cleats (channel side) and bull rails (ends and landside), solar powered navigation lights, and life safety equipment. Signage on the proposed day dock will indicate operational restrictions for the facility. Resurfacing of an existing walkway on the landside and modification and repair to the existing railing and sidewalk impacted by the dock construction will be completed to maintain safe pedestrian access to the dock from the roadway and existing waterside path. The proposed dock was permitted by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in January 2017 with an offset of 40 feet from the water channel.

Pursuant to its regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), NPS determined that the project is covered by its categorical exclusion, Section C. 18, which pertains to construction of minor structures, including small improved parking lots, in previously disturbed or developed areas. NCPC staff has independently reviewed the project information and has determined that the proposed project meets NCPC's categorical exclusion §8(C)(2) of the Commission's Environmental and Historic Preservation Policies and Procedures. Prior to applying this categorical exclusion, NCPC staff determined that no extraordinary circumstances were present as required by the Commission's NEPA procedures. In accordance with the requirements

