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**Re: Niblack Exploration Project – Response to Additional Information Request;  
Marine Facility ACOE Section 404 Permit Application**

**POA-1982-290-M~~/~~N**

Dear Mrs. Hayes:

This letter is in response to your letter dated January 26, 2007 requesting additional information on Niblack's proposal to build a marine terminal at the company's project on Prince of Wales Island.

Requested information provided herein includes:

*a) Size of pilings proposed and method of installation*

Please see attached figures (Sheet 4). Pilings will be 16 inch diameter, and will be installed with a vibratory hammer and/or pneumatic double acting hammer

*b) Will there be any utility lines needed for the barge camp operations (i.e., outfall line from barge, fuel line, water line, etc.)?*

Please see attached figures. A 1 inch water line will supply the camp barge with water for domestic use. The water line will be sourced at an upland creek site, and will travel overland then down the edge of the walkway and floats to the camp. No other utility lines are contemplated. Sewage outfall from camp barge will be via a diffuser below the waters surface and alongside the hull of the barge.

*c) Will there be any additional lines or anchors attached to or under the barge?*

No

*d) Will any additional slips for boats or floatplanes be required?*

See attached figures.

*e) How much space will be between the barge camp and the barge landing ramp?*

See attached figures.

*f) How will fueling of the barge be handled?*

Fueling of the camp barge will be by fuel truck transported to site by barge and secured to the mooring facility. A spill response plan will be in place, and containment booms and sorbents will be on site.

*g) The application indicates that siting will be done to avoid eelgrass beds to the extent practicable; please provide a map of the eelgrass bed locations*

Recent eel grass mapping by a biologist with HDR Alaska Inc. has identified the location of eel grass within the anchorage. No eel grass is mapped within the 1.61 acre area of the proposed marine facility outlined on Sheet 3 (attached figures). A map of eel grass distribution will be submitted to the ACOE following receipt of final report from HDR Alaska Inc.

*h) Please describe the substrate in the project area (i.e., rocky bottom, vegetated shallows, etc.).*

The substrate within the 1.61 acre area of the proposed marine facility is primarily rocky bottom. A map indicating distribution of the substrate will be submitted following receipt of final report from HDR Alaska Inc. Photographs (below) taken at a zero tide provide an indication of the substrate in the intertidal zone at the proposed location of the facility.

- i) *The plans depict a curved shoreline; however the drawings depict the barge landing extending to the 0-foot elevation. Please clarify the drawing and explain the hatch marks (i.e., will there be dredging in the area below the 0-elevation?).*

No dredging will occur below the 0-foot elevation mark. Better detail is provided on updated drawings (see attached figures).

- j) *Will any structures or ties be needed for vessels/crafts utilizing the barge landing?*

Vessels/crafts utilizing the barge landing will tie-up to the floats and pilings as shown on the updated drawings (see attached figures).

- k) *The location map on Sheet 5 does not match up with the cross-section, (i.e., A-A' does not accurately match up; and the walkway extends to the high tide line on sheet 4, but on sheet 5 it extends to the 24-foot elevation, etc.) Please depict the accurate information.*

See attached figures.

- l) *Please include the Mean High Water mark, as well as the dimensions of all of the structures and the barge landing area on the drawings.*

See attached figures.

- m) *Please re-label A-A' as B-B' on sheet 5 for clarity.*

See attached figures.

If you have any questions regarding this submittal please contact me directly at (604) 484-5045 or Rick Richins at (208) 343-8727.

Sincerely,



Darwin Green, VP Exploration

CC: Paddy Nicol (President)  
Bob Tsigonis (LMPT Project Coordinator)  
Joe Donahue, (ACMP Supervisor)

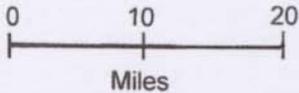
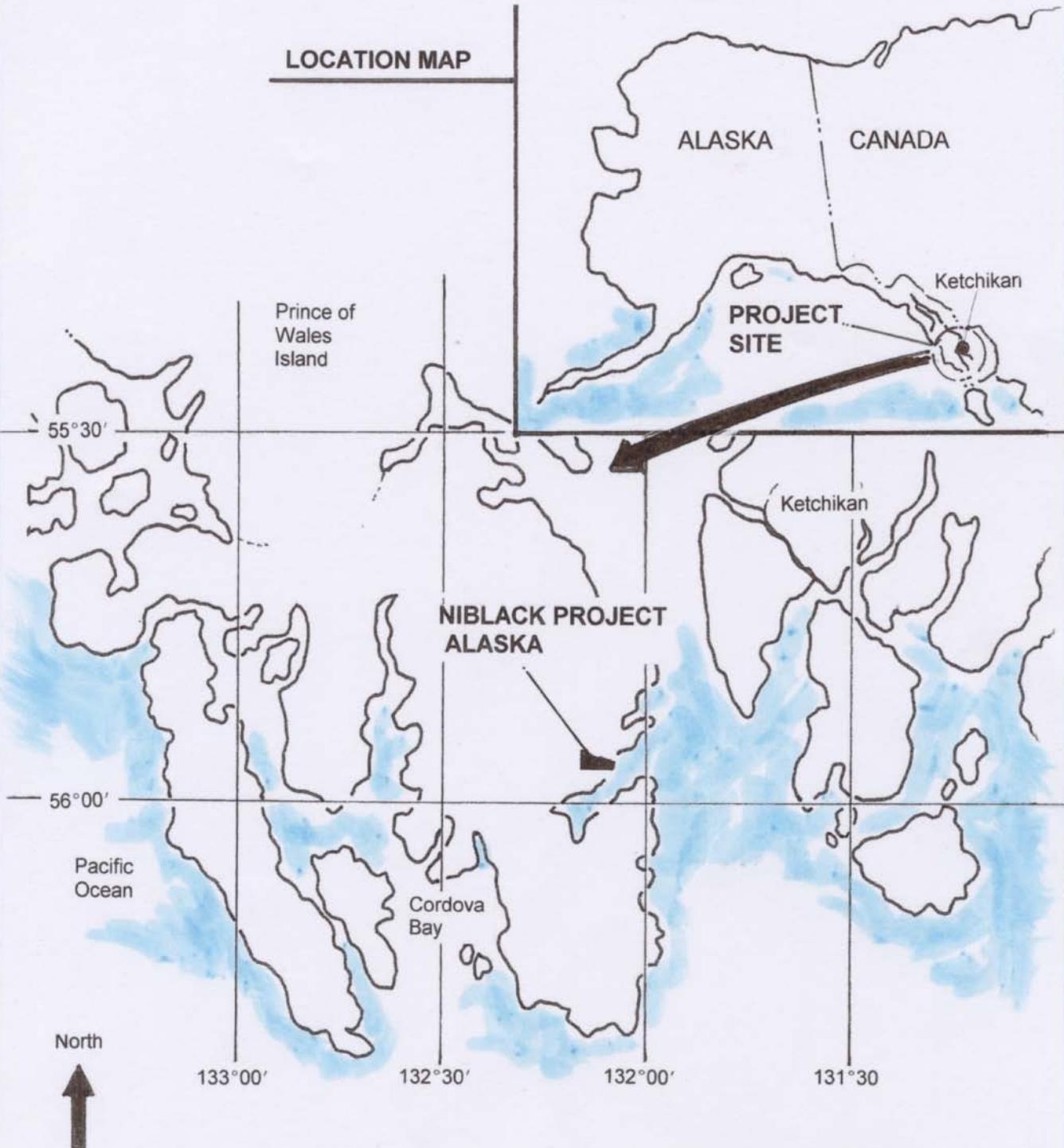


Photograph of proposed marine facility, looking west (zero elevation tide)



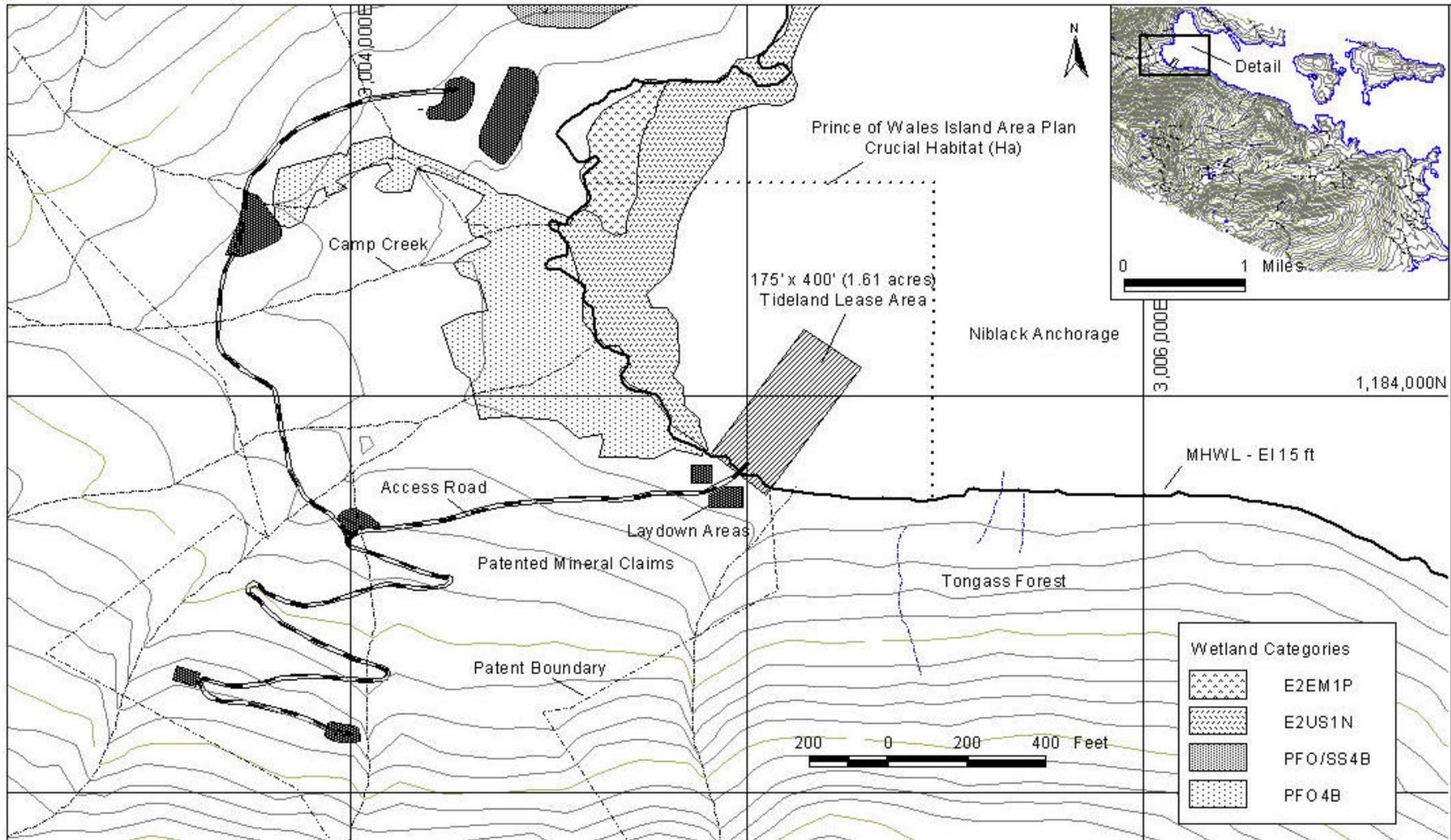
Photograph of proposed marine facility, looking east (zero elevation tide)

**LOCATION MAP**



Scale noted

<b>NIBLACK MINING CORP</b>	
<b>PROPOSED EXPLORATION PROGRAM</b>	
<b>NIBLACK PROPERTY PROJECT LOCATION</b>	
LOCATION T78S R88E MERIDIAN: COPPER RIVER	Sheet 1



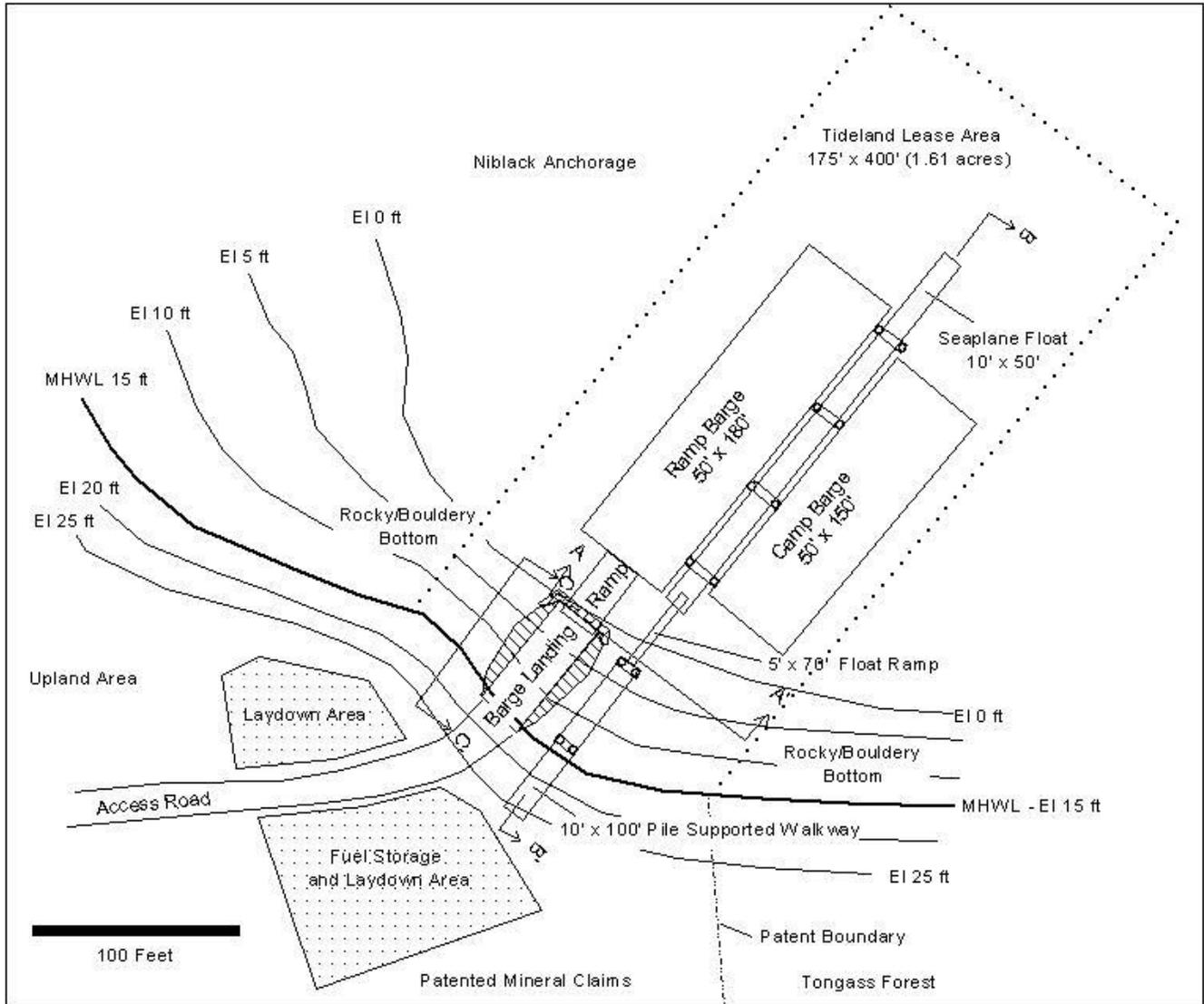
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Marine Facility Diagram  
Area Plan - Location Map

Location T78S R88E Meridian: Copper River

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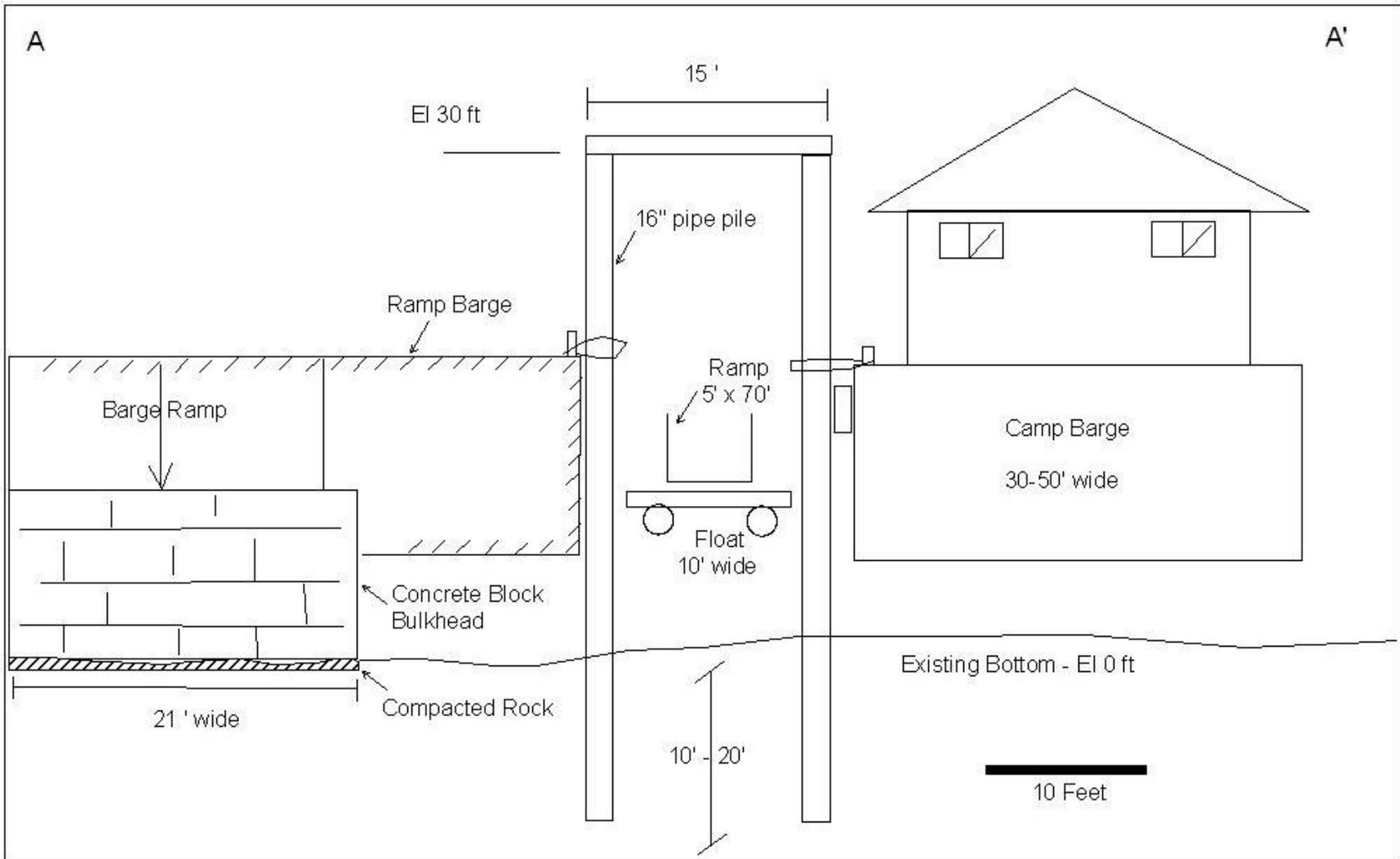
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Marine Facility Diagram  
Detailed Plan

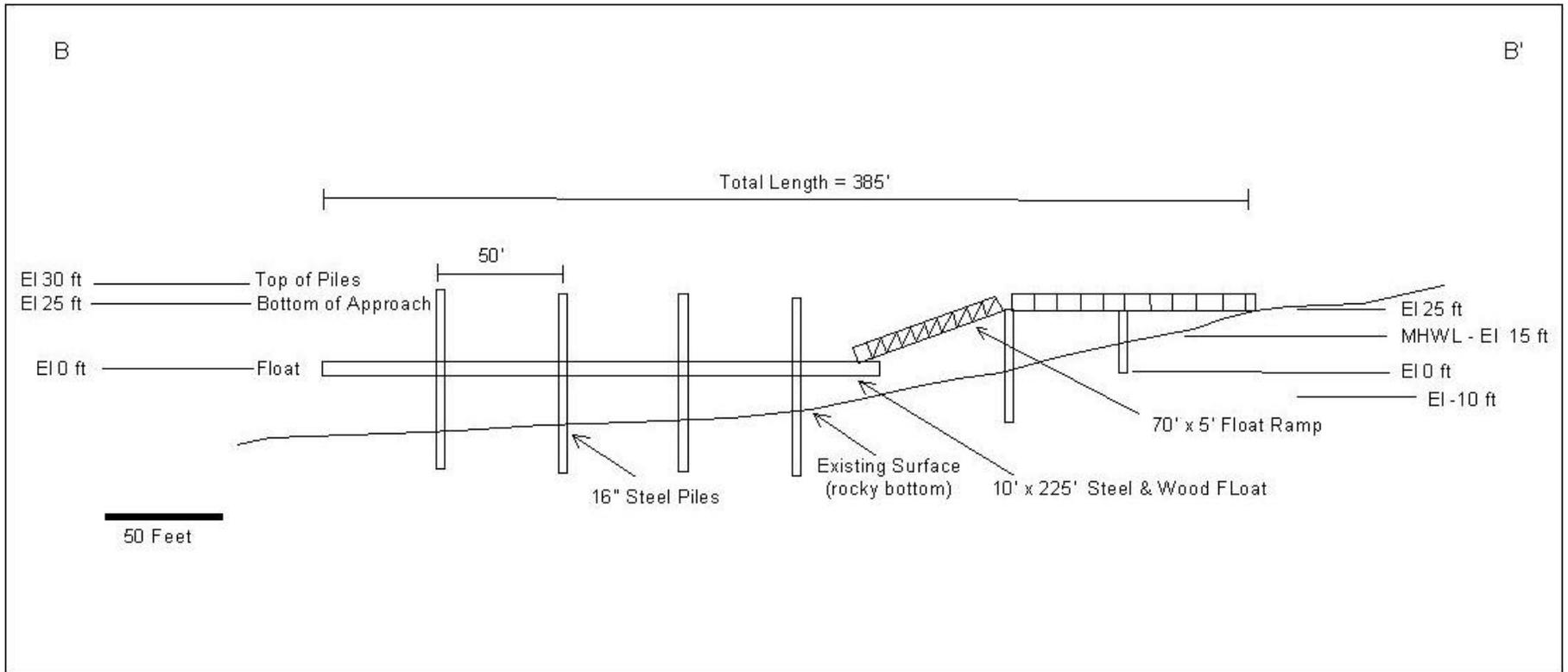
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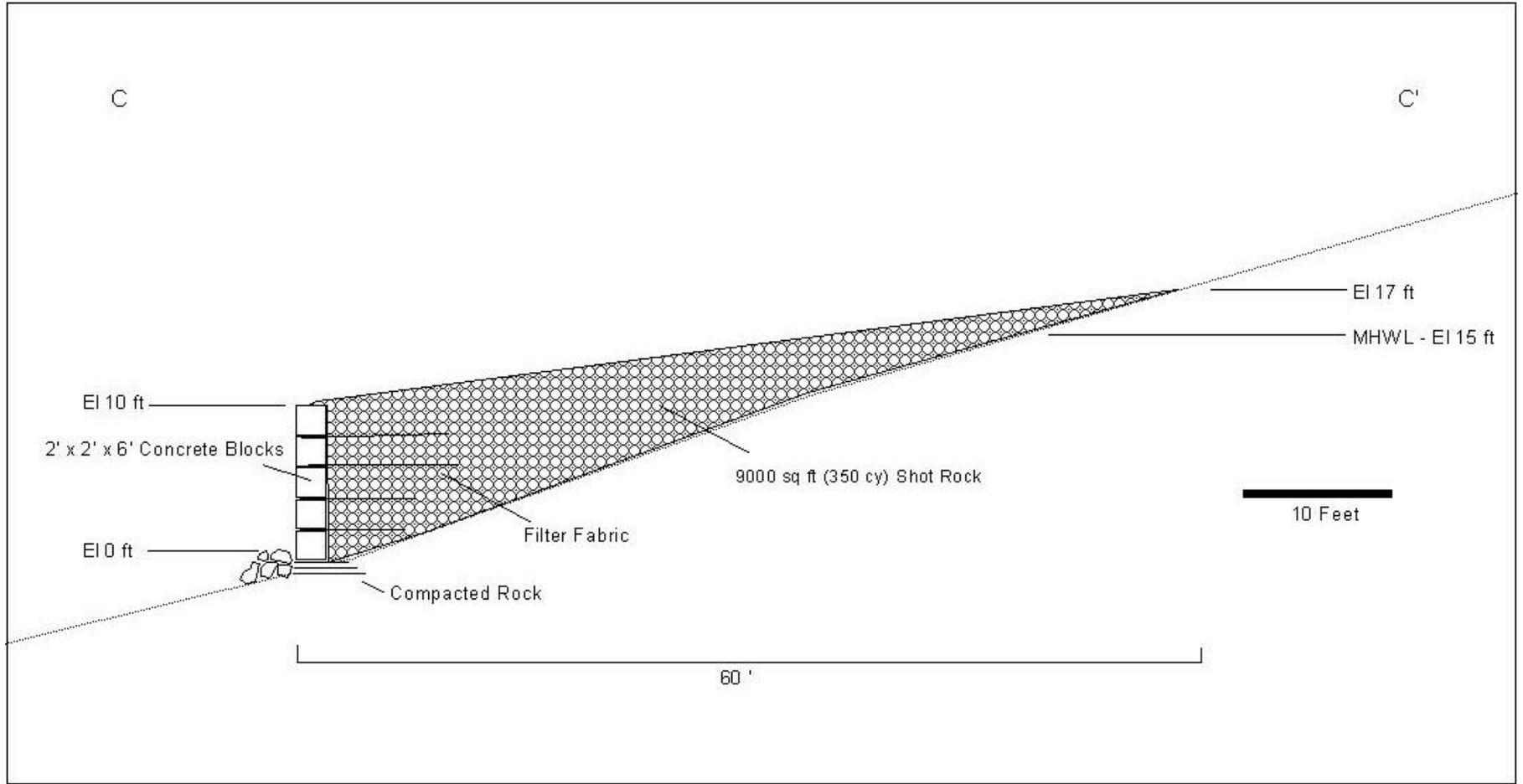
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Marine Facility Diagram Section A - A'	
Location T78S R88E Meridian: Copper River	
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Marine Facility Diagram Section B - B'	
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Marine Facility Diagram  
Section C - C'

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