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Preliminary Navigation Clearance Determination (PNCD)

March 1, 2024

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Dear Mr. Rochelle:

The Coast Guard has reviewed the Navigation Impact Report update dated January 2024, for Mid-Currituck Sound, at Currituck County, NC. Based on the preliminary review of this study and the information available as of the date of this letter, the Coast Guard does not foresee anything that would prevent a bridge permit from being issued. The Preliminary Navigation Clearance Determination (PNCD) and information below are provided to assist the North Carolina Department of Transportation and North Carolina Turnpike Authority in preparing and submitting a bridge permit application.

The Coast Guard has made a PNCD that a fixed bridge across Mid-Currituck Sound, approximately 18 miles north of Wright Memorial Bridge, between Aydlett on the mainland and Corolla on the Outer Banks, in Currituck County, NC, will provide for the current and prospective reasonable needs of navigation. The proposed fixed bridge should provide at least 20 feet of vertical clearance above mean high water and at least 40 feet of horizontal clearance through the main navigation span of the bridge. The location of the navigational span of the bridge should be located in an area of deeper water, in general alignment with a north-south corridor through Currituck Sound and the Big Narrows and provide for the reasonable needs of navigation.

Please note that this PNCD is not binding, does not constitute an approval or final agency action, and **expires three (3) years from the date of this correspondence**. A final determination can only be made in accordance with regulation and after North Carolina Department of Transportation and North Carolina Turnpike Authority submits a complete bridge permit application to the Coast Guard. If a complete bridge permit application is not submitted within three (3) years from the date of this correspondence, an updated Navigation Impact Report as described in appendix A of the Coast Guard's Bridge Permit Application Guide, COMDTPUB P16591.3D, should be prepared and submitted in order to obtain a new PNCD.

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Mr. Hal R. Pitts, at the above listed address or telephone number, has been assigned as the Coast Guard's Bridge Permit project officer. Please maintain frequent and regular contact with the project officer to ensure efficient and effective project administration.

Sincerely,

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Encl: Bridge Permit Application Guide, COMDTPUB P16195.3D and BPAG Applicant
Template located at (<https://go.usa.gov/xRFk2>)

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