

REEFING THE OLD GULF STATE PARK PIER: PUBLIC PROPOSAL



**Alabama Department of Conservation
& Natural Resources**

Purpose of Public meeting

- 1. Describe permit process and timeline for reefing the damaged Gulf State Park Pier around the new Pier**
- 2. Inform public of considerations to be taken into account prior to development of reef application**
- 3. Confirm fishing public wants fishing reefs created around the new GSPP**
- 4. Solicit suggestions on proposed choices for placement of materials**

“Why reef the old State Park Pier around the new State Park Pier?”

- 1. Need to remove for public safety concerns and aesthetics**
- 2. Potential cost savings deploying material near new pier compared to reefing material offshore**
- 3. Creation of habitat**
- 4. Increase fishing opportunities**

Permitting process

- **Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources will submit to USACE an application containing specific information on reef composition, location, profiles, etc.**
- **USACE will determine whether to issue a Letter of Permission or send through standard permitting process for project approval**

LOP – one to two months

Intra-agency review – six to seven months

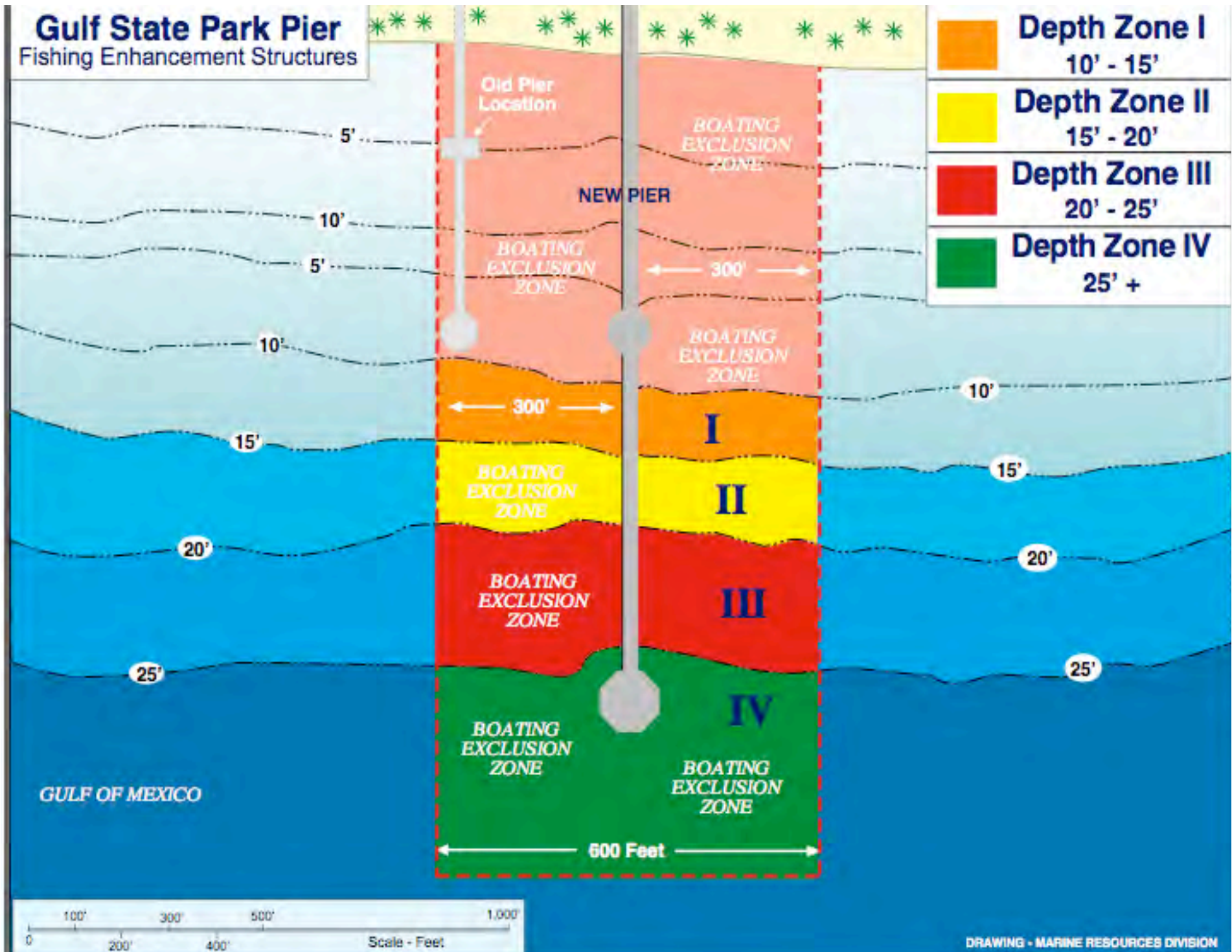
- **ADCNR would like to deploy reef material prior to opening of new pier**

Considerations prior to developing an official Site Plan Request for US Army Corps of Engineers

- 1. Clearance above reef (USCG concerns & pier access for repair via barge)**
- 2. Best placement of material to prevent or minimize sedimentation (placement in deeper water could minimize sedimentation)**
- 3. Configurations (a few "large" reefs or many "small" reefs)**
- 4. Fishability vs. complexity (simple reef which minimizes snags and break-offs vs. greater species diversity and potentially larger fish)**
- 5. Placement of material relative to the 300 foot no entry zone for fishermen on boats**
- 6. Placement of material relative to the pier to minimize gear entanglement**

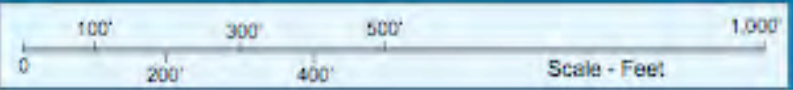
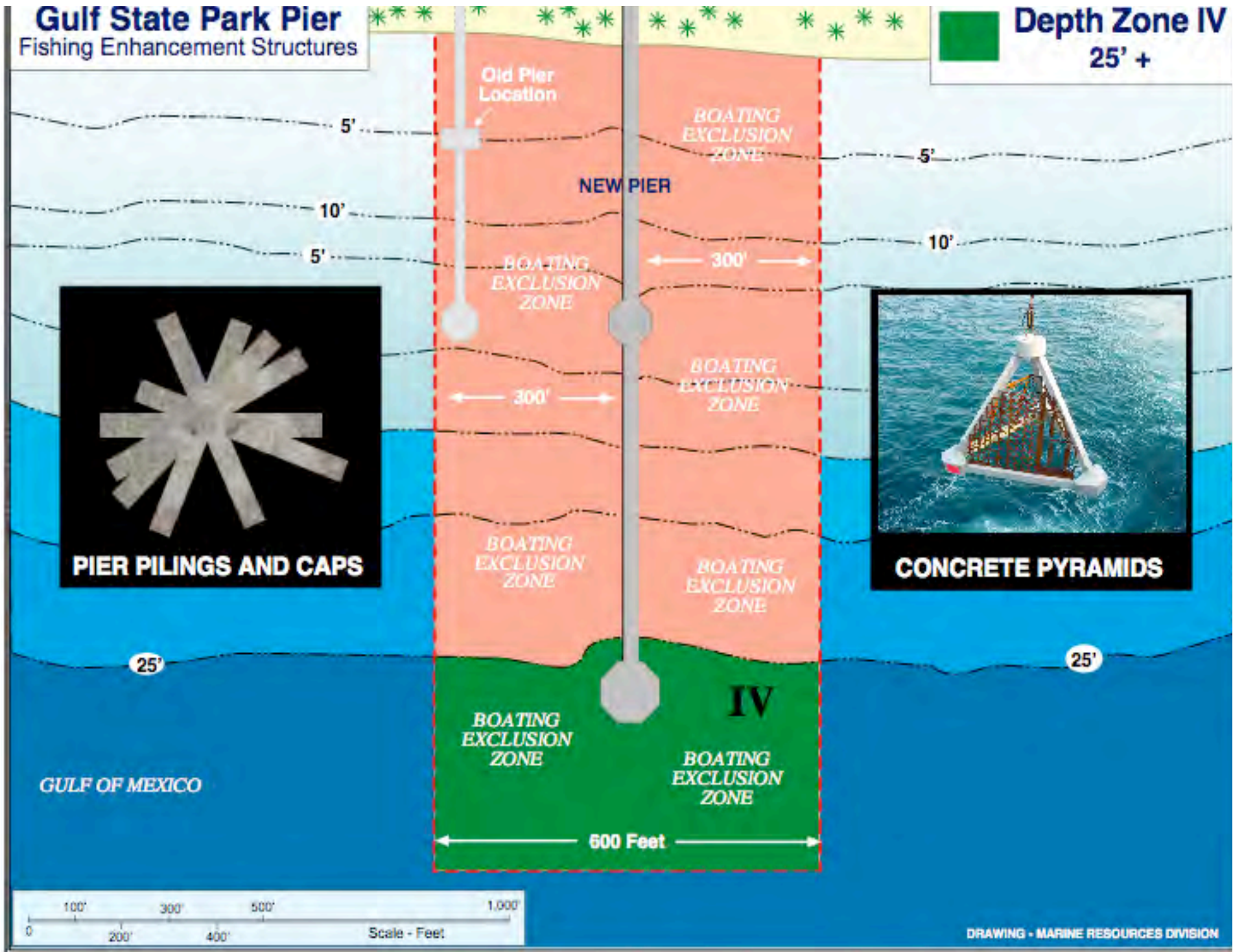
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Fishing Enhancement Structures



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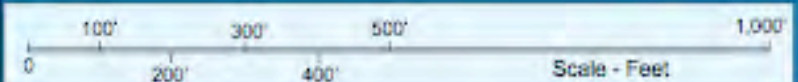
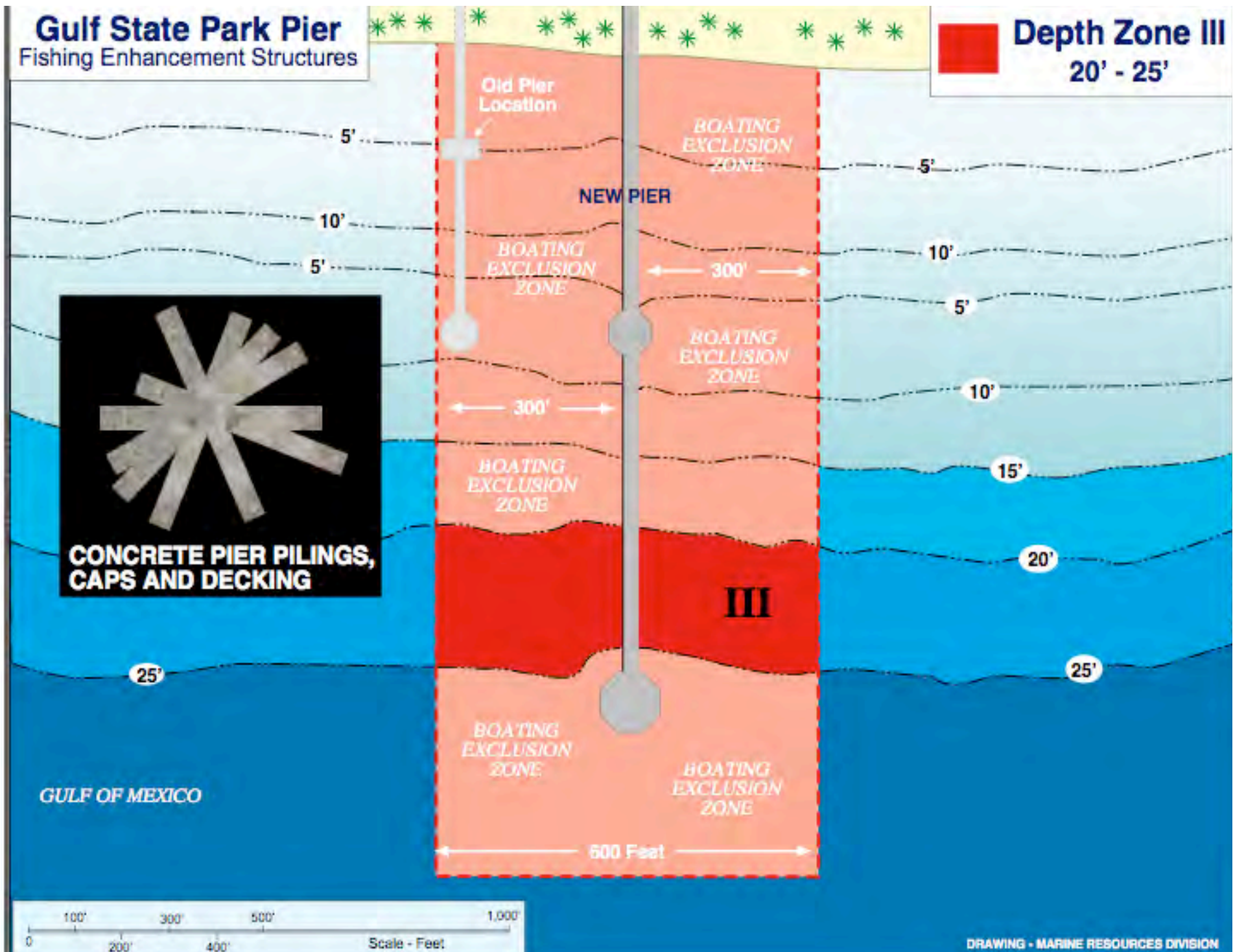
Depth Zone IV
25' +



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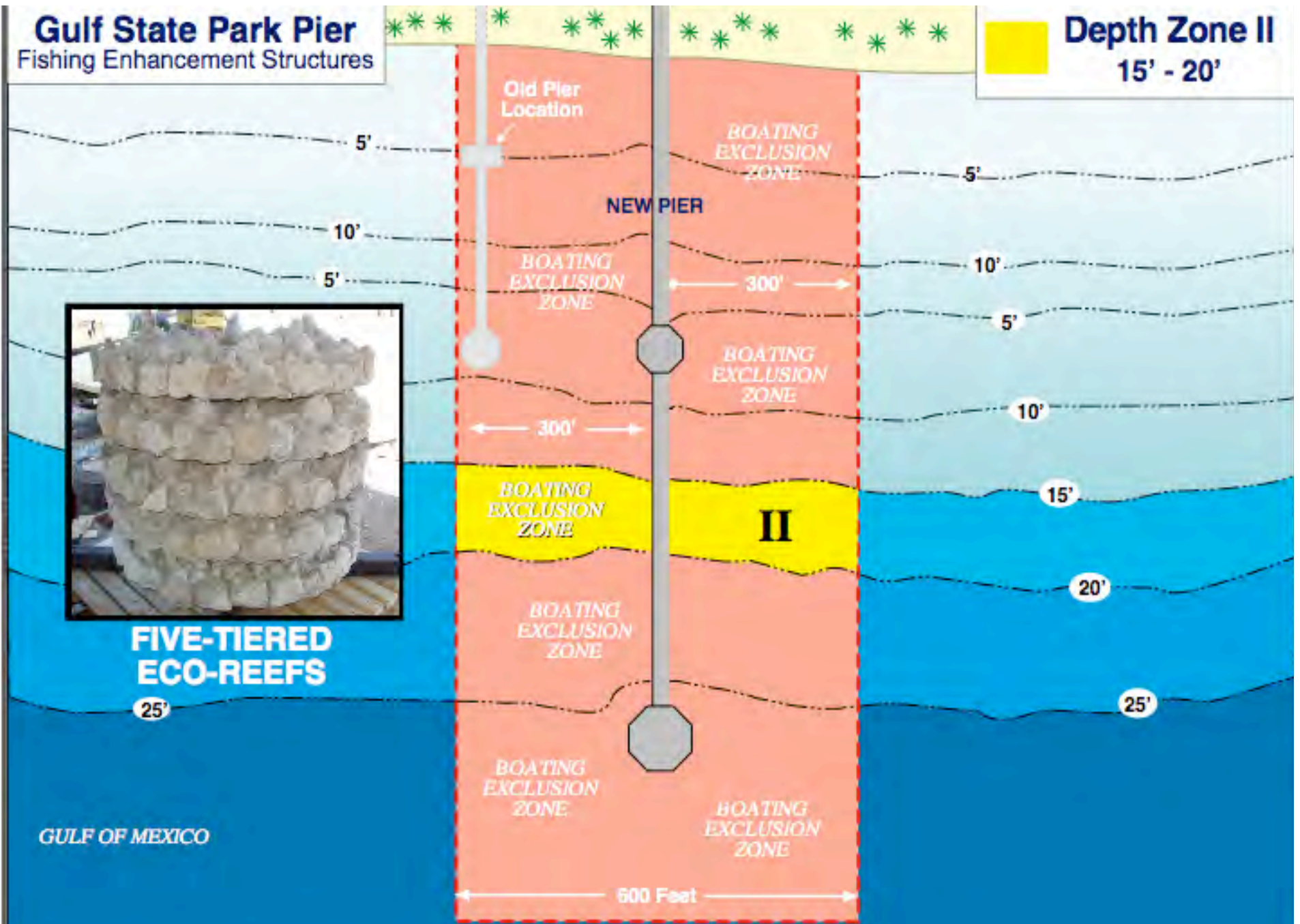
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Depth Zone III
20' - 25'

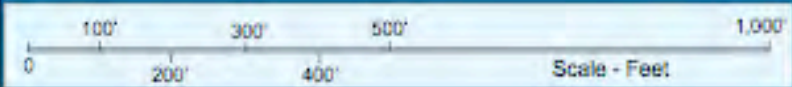


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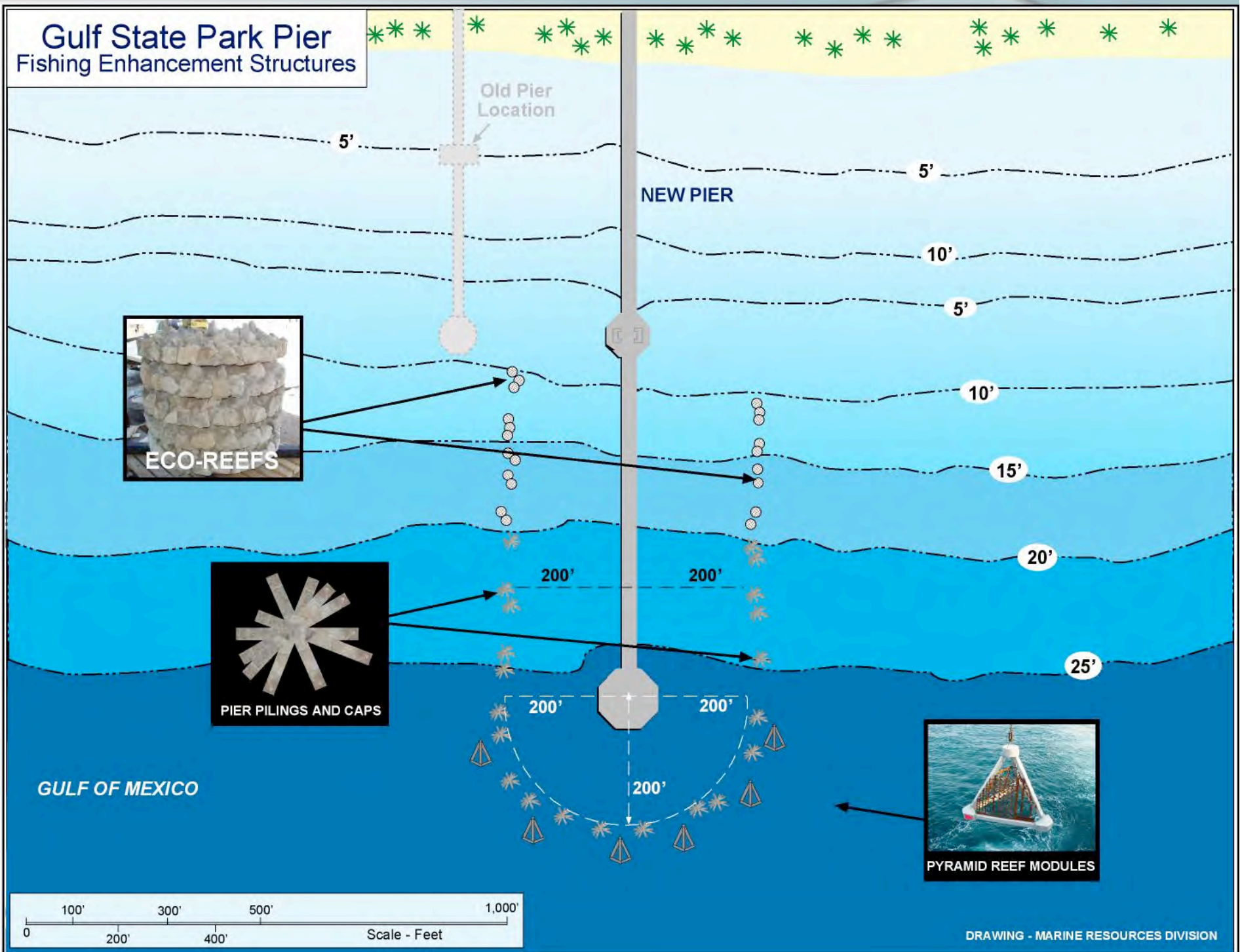
Depth Zone II
15' - 20'



**FIVE-TIERED
ECO-REEFS**



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Proposed Reef Arrangements

- 1. Many "small" reefs away from the pier (150'–200')**
- 2. A few "large" reefs away from the pier (150'–200')**
- 3. Clusters of small and large reefs away from the pier**
- 4. No reefs around the pier**

We want to hear from you!

Please choose your preference from the four possible scenarios on the available form

AND

**Contact DCNR via email:
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before July 14, 2008**



Status of pier construction as of 6-18-08