

MARK WILLIAMS COMMISSIONER

A.G. 'SPUD' WOODWARD DIRECTOR

AUG **01** 2017 Joseph C. Fendig 100 Cart Drive St. Simons Island, GA 31522

Re: Letter of Permission (LOP) and Revocable License (RL) for Temporary Installation of Construction Mats within Coastal Marshlands for Upland Sign Installation, Little Satilla River Marshes, East of Interstate 95 at Exit 29, 126 Queens Court, Glynn County, Georgia (GPS: 31.126027°N/81.581684°W)

Dear Mr. Fendig:

This Letter of Permission (LOP) is in response to your request to install temporary construction matting within jurisdiction of the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act (CMPA) for access to an upland portion of your property to install a billboard sign. According to your request, crew and heavy equipment will access the upland site via approximately 331 linear ft. of construction matting through coastal marshlands. The sign construction will be completed exclusively on the upland. This request is for a one-time event to occur upon issuance. After initial construction, the billboard signs will be accessed on foot or with the use of an All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV). As proposed, the project will temporarily impact approximately 2,648 sq. ft. of coastal marshlands. The project is expected to take no more than 10 days to complete. Work will begin no sooner than 15 days from the date of this letter and must be completed within six (6) months.

The Department authorizes the installation of temporary construction matting as depicted in the attached description, provided all Best Management Practices (BMPs) should be used to prevent any erosion and sedimentation at the site and to protect coastal marshlands. Trimming of vegetation within CMPA jurisdiction is not authorized. No unauthorized equipment, materials, or debris may be placed in, disposed of, or stored in marsh jurisdictional areas. If in the future access with mechanized equipment through CMPA jurisdiction is needed for sign maintenance, authorization from the Department is required; this includes ATVs. Construction mats must be removed within 30 days of installation. Any visible alterations in marsh topography must be restored immediately using low-impact hand tools. Any damage to the marsh vegetation that has not recovered naturally during the next growing season must be repaired by a method acceptable to the Department.

Please find enclosed a fully executed Revocable License for the above-described project. This license serves as authorization to utilize state owned tidal water bottoms for your project as per the dimensions and configuration described. Any change in the use, location, dimensions, or configuration of the approved project, without prior notification and approval from this office

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could result on the revocation of this license and in the required removal of the materials and related structures.

This LOP does not relieve you from obtaining any other required federal, state, or local permits. Tidal water bottoms and marshlands of coastal Georgia are public trust lands controlled by the State, except for such lands where a validated Crown Grant or State Grant exists.

If you have any questions, you may contact Skye Stockel at (912) 262-3127.

Sincerely,

Jill Andrews, Chief

Coastal Management Section

Enclosures:

Description and Location Map

File:

LOP20170119

## STATE OF GEORGIA 3-YEAR REVOCABLE LICENSE REQUEST

APPLICANTS NAME(S): Joseph C. Fendig & Josephine H. Fendig
MAILING ADDRESS: 100 Cart Dr. St. Simons Island, Ga. 31522 (Street) (City) (State) (Zip)
PROJECT ADDRESS/LOCATION: 126 QUEENS CT Unit: 31003 BRUNSWICK 31523
COUNTY: Glynn County WATERWAY: DATE: 6-20-17
LOT, BLOCK & SUBDIVISION NAME FROM DEED: 27th G.M.D. Glynn County Parcel E. Curry Tract
Georgia Department of Natural Resources Coastal Resources Division One Conservation Way Brunswick, Georgia 31520-8687
I am making application for a permit with the U.S. Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Savannah District. understand that the issuance of such a permit will not relieve me of the obligation to obtain authorization from the State of Georgia since the proposed project would constitute an encroachment on the beds of tidewaters which are State-owned property. Accordingly, I hereby request that I be granted a revocable license from the State of Georgia. Attached hereto and made a part of this request is a copy of the plans and description of the project that will be the subject of such a license. I certify that all information submitted is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and understand that willful misrepresentation or falsification is punishable by law.  I understand that if permission from the State is granted, it will be a revocable license and will not constitute a license coupled with an interest. I acknowledge that this revocable license does not resolve any actual or potential disputes regarding the ownership of, or rights in, or over the property upon which the subject project is proposed, and shall not be construed as recognizing or denying any such rights or interests. I acknowledge that such a license would relate only to the property interests of the State and would not obviate the necessity of obtaining any other State license, permit or authorization required by State law. I further acknowledge that I will have no
liveaboards, nor allow them to occur, at this structure. I recognize that I waive my right of expectation of privacy and I do not have the permission of the State of Georgia to proceed with such project until the Commissioner of DNR has signed a copy of this request.  Sincerely,
By:
By: Attachment By: Applicant), title if applicable
The State of Georgia hereby grants you a revocable license not coupled with an interest as provided in your request. This area may now or in the future be utilized by boats employing power drawn nets under the provisions for commercial or sport bait shrimping. In its occupancy and use of the premises, licensee shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, gender, color, national origin religion, age, or disability. This covenant by licensee may be enforced by termination of this license, by injunction, and by any other remedy available at law to the Department. The project proposed for this license must be completed within 3 years of the date of issuance of the license and must be maintained in serviceable condition. Otherwise, action will be initiated to revoke this license and all structure must be removed immediately at the licensee's expense.
STATE OF GEORGIA Office of the Governor  By:  Mark Williams, Commissioner-DNR
DATE:AUG_ 0 1 2017 Revised 3/2012

GA DNR



June 8, 2017

Skye Stockel

As we have discussed, the project is for the purpose of installing a billboard on the upland property that we own as shown on the drawing. The reason for not doing the CMPA for the building of the sign is to minimize the impact on the wetlands. We would have a much greater long term impact on the wetlands to get the equipment needed to complete the project through the CMPA process. Using the matts will have a minimal impact on the wetlands for construction purposes, thus allowing us to come back with a CMPA plan with a smaller footprint in the wetlands for maintenance only.

We would propose spanning approximately 331 feet of matts, about 21 of them to make this project work. We are opposed to using the DOT uplands because to cross from their property to ours, we would have to cross a wide and deep ditch. This would be very risky for our equipment and personnel. I have looked at this very closely and believe our route as shown would be much safer. In the proposed route, the ground, although it is classified as wetlands, is almost completely dry and would have much less risk to the equipment and the personnel.

We are ready to begin as soon as we are able. It usually takes a couple of weeks to get a construction crew in place and then usually no more than a week to ten days to complete the project depending on the weather. I am pretty confident we can be in and out in less than 30 days once we begin the process. Once it is complete, we should be able to maintain it either by foot or a small ATV through a CMPA permit. The normal maintenance is maybe 6 times a year.

We currently have State and Glynn County permits for the sign, and I have talked to EPD and ACOE in the past. We, of coarse, will make sure these bases are covered before we begin.

If you need any other information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Joe Fendig

**GA DNR** 

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## Stockel, Skye

From:

Stockel, Skye

Sent:

Wednesday, June 7, 2017 1:59 PM

To:

'Joe Fendia'

Subject:

Exit 29 sign installation

**Attachments:** 

RL 3 Year.pdf

## Joe,

Kevin has completed the legal review. To move forward with obtaining authorization for the project please provide the following:

- The attached RL filled out and signed by both Josephine H. Fendig & Joseph Carter Fendig
- Copies of your coordination with GDOT about utilizing the upland along the existing fence for access. As we've
  discussed, this approach would minimize the square footage of impacts.
- A separate written project description that includes what is listed in red on the drawing provided and the following additional information:
  - o How many layers of mats will be needed?
  - How long installation is expected to take and an anticipated start date.
  - Why are you choosing to not utilized the upland shown on the survey? Using this area (or the area adjacent to the GDOT fence) would significantly decrease impacts to coastal marshlands.
  - o How frequently and what equipment will crews need to access the sign after initial installation?
  - o Will you pursue a CMPA Permit as originally discussed to provide permanent access to the site?
- Have you coordinated with Glynn County or EPD on the project in reference to buffer requirements?
- Have you coordinated with the ACOE on the project?

Most of these things we have already discussed but I need it in writing to process the authorization. Please feel free to give me a call or shoot me an email if you have any questions.

Sincrerely,
Skye Stockel
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