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AUG 10 2017  
Mr. Joel Willis  
Epworth By The Sea, Inc.  
P.O. Box 20407  
St. Simons Island, GA 31522

**Re: Letter of Permission (LOP) and Revocable License (RL) Request for Repairs to the Floating Docks at the Fishing Pier, Epworth By The Sea, Frederica River, Glynn County, Georgia GPS: (31.172748°N/-81.407921°W)**

Dear Mr. Willis:

This Letter of Permission (LOP) is in response to your request, dated July 12, 2017, to make repairs to the floating sections of the fishing pier, due to damage caused by Hurricane Matthew, as described in the request (Enclosed).

According to the request, the project involves replacement of 10ft. x 40 ft. floating dock and five (5) wooden pilings. These repairs will not increase the footprint of the structure and will be within the original pre-storm physical perimeter. Work will be done from the existing building/shore and from a barge in the water. A crane will be located on the barge for installation removal of damaged floats and installation of new floats. All other work will be completed with the use of small hand tools. The project will begin no sooner than 15- days from the date of this letter and be completed no later than six (6) months from the date of this letter.

The Department authorizes the repairs and replacement of the floating dock system to its original pre-storm footprint as depicted in the attached description and drawings, provided all Best Management Practices (BMPs) should be used to prevent any erosion and sedimentation at the site and to protect coastal marshlands. During the project period, no unauthorized equipment, materials, or debris may be placed in, disposed of, or stored in marsh jurisdictional areas. Any visible alterations in marsh topography will be restored immediately using low-impact hand tools. Any damage to the marsh vegetation that has not recovered naturally during the next growing season will 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, could result on the revocation of this license and in required removal of the materials and related structures.

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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 Paul Tobler (912) 264-7218.

Sincerely,



Jill Andrews

Chief, Coastal Management Section

Enclosures: Revocable License, Project Description, and Drawings

Cc: Sherrelle Reinhardt, USACOE

Glynn County Building Inspector

Erin Mugge  
Education Director  
Driftwood Education Center  
P.O. Box 20712  
St. Simons Island, GA 31522

File: LOP20170172



# Epworth BY THE SEA

**Mr. Joel Willis**  
President  
Chief Executive Officer

**Rev. Wayne Racz**  
Executive Vice President  
Director of Spiritual Formation,  
Church Relations & Development

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July 12, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

Epworth By The Sea, Inc. does hereby authorize Driftwood Educational Environment, Inc. to act as agent in applying for a permit for like for like hurricane repair to the original floating dock structure located at Epworth By The Sea, Inc. south dock pier on the Frederica River.

Sincerely,

  
Joel Willis

STATE OF GEORGIA

REVOCABLE LICENSE REQUEST FOR THE USE OF TIDAL WATERBOTTOMS

APPLICANTS NAME(S): Epworth By The Sea, Inc.

MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 20407 St. Simons Island GA 31522  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

PROJECT ADDRESS/LOCATION: South Georgia United Methodist Conference Center

COUNTY: Glynn WATERWAY: Frederica River DATE: 8/2/2017

LOT, BLOCK & SUBDIVISION NAME FROM DEED: \_\_\_\_\_

Georgia Department of Natural Resources  
Coastal Resources Division  
One Conservation Way  
Brunswick, Georgia 31520-8687

I am requesting that I be granted a revocable license from the State of Georgia to encroach on the beds of tidewaters, which are state owned property. 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 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 or his/her designee has signed a copy of this request.

Sincerely,

By: *Joel Willis*  
(Applicant), title if applicable

By: Joel Willis President / CEO  
(Applicant), title if applicable

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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 constructed and completed within the **specified timeframe associated with the authorization and/or transmittal letter associated with this revocable license** and must be maintained in serviceable condition. Otherwise, action will be initiated to revoke this license and all structures must be removed immediately at the licensee's expense.

STATE OF GEORGIA  
Office of the Governor

By: *Mark Williams*  
For: Mark Williams, Commissioner-DNR

Date: AUG 10 2017

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JUL 28 2017  
GA DNR / HMP

Frederica River

40' x 10' Floating dock

Pilings

Piling

35' x 4' Aluminum ramp

Piling

Existing southernmost Fixed dock  
coming out from Epworth

Security Gate

Mean Low Water Mark

Floating Dock Installation  
Epworth By The Sea  
Spring 1998

Piling





