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**Re: Letter of Permission (LOP), Temporary Activities in the State's Coastal Marshlands Protection Act Jurisdiction, Priest Landing, Wilmington River, Chatham County, Georgia.**

Dear Ms. Bryant:

This Letter of Permission (LOP) is in response to your request received October 10, 2017 to temporarily install a ramp at Priest Landing and to spud barges at the facility and the Wilmington River, Chatham County, Georgia. The project will begin no sooner than 15 days from the date on this letter and be completed no later than November 30, 2017. Production dates are subject to change due to weather or unforeseen production changes.

The project includes the temporary installation of an aluminum ramp, mooring of production vessels, spudding of production vessels and use of production equipment at or in the vicinity of the University of Georgia's Skidaway Institute of Oceanography Priest Landing facility on the Wilmington River, Chatham County, Georgia. An aluminum ramp will be attached to the existing facility to provide access to an 80ft. x 38ft. production barge spudded at the dock. Additionally, a 110ft. x 40ft. production barge will be spudded in the Wilmington River in the general vicinity of 31.9643N / -81.0106W. One (1) 86ft. picture vessel and at least five (5) support boats associated with the production vessels will be at the facility and in the waters adjacent to the facility. Support vessels consist of one (1) safety boat, two (2) crew/equipment shuttle boats, one (1) camera boat and one (1) grip/electric boat. Movie lights and camera equipment will be staged at the facility. Some equipment will be used on the dock and the remaining equipment will be loaded on the production barge. Production is expected to commence November 2, 2017 and filming is expected to be complete by 4am, Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Upon completion of production, all equipment will be the dock and the ramp will be removed as soon as production work has ceased.

The Department authorizes the temporary installation and removal as outlined in the attached description provided all Best Management Practices (BMPs) are used to prevent any erosion and sedimentation at the site and to protect Coastal Marshlands. During installation and removal, unauthorized equipment, materials, or debris may not be placed in, disposed of, or stored in marsh jurisdictional areas. All material removed must be relocated to the upland. Any visible alterations in marsh topography will be restored immediately using low-impact hand tools. Any

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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.

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This authorization does not relieve you from obtaining any other required federal, state, or local permits including an executed Marine Event Permit from Georgia Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division.

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 Deb Barreiro at 912.266.3695

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: Project description and location maps

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Dear Deb and Karl,

RE: Letter of request, 'The Front Runner', Front Runner Productions, Inc., filming at Priest Landing Dock and out in the waterway of the state's shore jurisdiction on the Herb River, OSCA Road, Priest Landing Dock. Proposed filming date is currently scheduled for Friday, November 3, 2017.

This film is about Gary Hart's 1988-failed attempt for the US Presidency. Production has scheduled day and nighttime filming for this day.

For all of the scenes taking place at the Priest Landing Dock and out in the waterway, there will always be approximately five support picture boats in the waters. These boats consist of one safety boat, two crew/equipment shuttle boats, one camera boat and one grip/electric boat.

**SETUP** – Priest Landing Dock. Our 86' 'Monkey Business' vessel will be tied up to the dock. An 80'x38' barge will also be tied and spudded up to the dock. The barge will be anchored by spud poles. Water depth at low tide in front of the dock is approximately 20'. The Boat will arrive one day prior, Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and will leave the dock after all filming is complete and all filming equipment has been removed from the vessel. This is scheduled for Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Once filming is complete and all equipment has been removed from the barge, it too will leave the dock. The barge will be coming from Myrick Marine. Once the barge is in place, a temporary ramp will be installed from the secure dock to the barge. Once filming is complete and all equipment has been removed from the barge, the ramp will be removed. We have a second barge, 110'x40' that are seeking permission to have spudded in the Herb River.

**1<sup>st</sup> Location** - Filming day – Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> - Production starts off with a day scene where the 'Monkey Business' is adrift. The boat 'is heading to Bimini but breaks down'. Production will have this second barge, 110'x40' spudded in the waters. This barge will be anchored using spud poles. Approximate depth at low tide is 25'. Approximated area of barg/filming is Lat/Long of 31.9643 N 81.0106 W. Our camera, lighting, grip, crew will be filming from the barge to the 'adrift boat'. Production will have the five support boats nearby at all times. These support boats will not be anchored and will be able to move at all times. This open water work filming will be done in Wassaw Sound and seaward.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Location** – Priest Landing Dock. The rest of our filming day will take place during night hours and our picture boat will be tied to the dock at all times. **RECEIVED**

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is expected to be complete by 4am, Saturday morning, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Once filming is complete and all equipment removed from barge, the barge will leave the dock. ~~Permission to have movie lights and camera equipment on the barge and on land to shine back at the 'Monkey Business' vessel.~~

Mr. Hart and friends are on the boat, having conversations. The boat is still 'adrift' but will be tied to the Priest Landing Dock at all times. The support barge will be tied up to the dock as well. There will be the support boats that will assist in lighting the boat.

The navigational channel will be open at all times. Production is requesting permission to hire off duty marine patrol and their vessel(s) to patrol the water within 500' of our set. This is to guard our set and crew from any recreational water vehicle or person encroaching our set. The Company will coordinate with the GADNR Law Enforcement to obtain necessary Marine Event permits.

All vehicles will be parked on the surface parking lot of Skidaway Island Marine Institute's property.

Our tentative filming date window is November 2<sup>nd</sup> and continues through November 15<sup>th</sup>, which takes in consideration weather and tides. There is a total of six days of filming during this timeframe. These extended dates allow for inclement weather or unforeseen production changes.

Sincerely,

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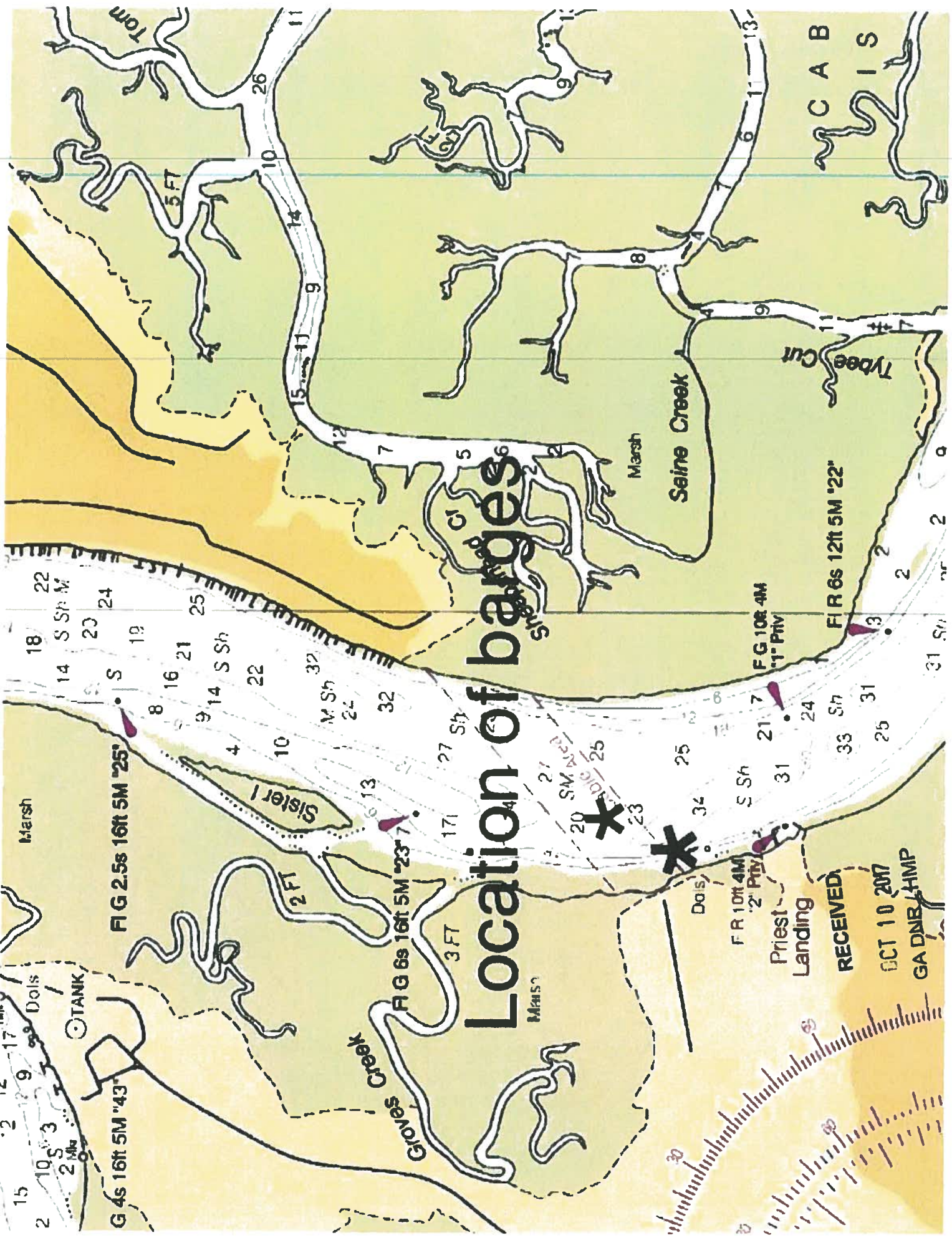
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86' power vessel, picture boat

80'x38' barge