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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Sea Island Acquisition, LLC
Removal of Existing Concrete Cart Path, Re-Grading & Re-Grassing of Existing Tee Boxes to Construct a Putting/Chipping Green, and Installation of a Drainage Pipe
115 Retreat Avenue, St. Simons Island, Glynn County, Georgia

This serves as notification from the Shore Protection Committee and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources of a request from Sea Island Acquisition, LLC for a Shore Protection Act (SPA) permit under Official Code of Georgia (O.C.G.A.) 12-5-230 *et. seq.* for the removal of an existing concrete cart path, re-grading and regrassing of the existing tee boxes to construct a putting/chipping green, and the installation of a drainage pipe within the State's SPA Jurisdiction, at 115 Retreat Avenue, St. Simons Island, Glynn County, Georgia.

The applicant proposes to conduct activities within jurisdiction to renovate the golf course, specifically the conversion of the existing tee boxes at the 10th hole into a putting and chipping green. This activity would result in the re-grading of 15,681.6 sq.ft. (0.36 acre) of the existing tee boxes and fairway. In place of the tee boxes, a practice putting and chipping green would be constructed with a finished elevation ranging from 8 to 10 feet. A sand bunker would be located along the north and east side of the green.

Additionally, the project would result in the removal of 4,791.6 sq.ft. (0.11 acre) of the existing concrete path. Once removed, the disturbed area from where the cart paths were removed will be graded and grassed as part of the putting green feature. To facilitate drainage of the roof of the new Lodge Cottages located landward of SPA jurisdiction, a storm drainage pipe would be installed in the western edge of the

project area, resulting in 435.6 sq.ft. of temporary impacts during the installation of the pipe.

As proposed, the total jurisdictional impacts would total 20,908.8 sq.ft. (26%). Approximately 79,714.8 sq.ft. (74%) of the state's jurisdictional area will be retained in its natural vegetated and topographic state.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to demonstrate that the project is not contrary to the public interest and that no feasible alternative sites exist. In passing upon the application for permit, the permit issuing authority shall consider the public interest which for purposes of this part shall be deemed to be the following considerations: (1) Whether or not unreasonably harmful, increased alteration of the dynamic dune field or submerged lands, or function of the sand-sharing system will be created; (2) Whether or not the granting of a permit and the completion of the applicant's proposal will unreasonably interfere with the conservation of marine life, wildlife, or other resources; and (3) Whether or not the granting of a permit and the completion of the applicant's proposal will unreasonably interfere with reasonable access by and recreational use and enjoyment of public properties impacted by the project.

A detailed public notice with drawings has been distributed and is available by visiting the Department of Natural Resources website: <u>CoastalGaDNR.org</u> under "Marsh & Shore Permits"

Please provide this office with substantive, site-specific comments as to why the proposed work should or should not proceed. Comments and questions concerning this proposed project should be submitted in writing and be submitted by the close of business on March 16, 2018 to Jordan Dodson, Department of Natural Resources, One Conservation Way, Georgia 31520.



