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June 2, 2023

Tarah Vick
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2201 Rowland Avenue
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RE: Letter of Permission (LOP) and Revocable License (RL), Causton Bluff Property Owners Association, Confined Disposal Facility Maintenance, (Habersham Creek, Chatham County, Georgia (SAS-2002-04980))

Dear Ms. Vick,

This Letter of Permission is in response to your request on behalf of Causton Bluff Property Owners Association to perform maintenance within the existing Confined Disposal Facility (CDF) as outlined in Coastal Marshlands Protection Act (CMPA) Permit # 158, issued November 8, 1983. The existing 3.79-acre CDF is located approximately 800' north of the Causton Bluff Marina. The project includes the temporary placement of mats for vehicular access to the CDF. The work will begin no sooner than 15 days from the date of this letter and be completed within six months.

Approximately 190ft. x 19ft. of matting will be temporarily placed north of Elba Island Road to provide vehicular access the CDF berm. Vehicles will access the CDF to perform maintenance activities to ensure the functionality of the existing weir and outfall. The Department authorizes the temporary placements of mats to service the CDF. This LOP is not meant to exempt the above referenced activity from future environmental laws. Please find enclosed a fully executed revocable license for projects. 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 in revocation of this license and in required removal of the materials and related structures.

No unauthorized equipment, materials or debris may be placed, disposed of, or stored in jurisdictional areas. Any incidental impacts associated with this project must be rectified by fully restoring areas to their pre-operational topographic and vegetative states. CRD staff will be notified when work associated with this project is complete.

This authorization 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. Future maintenance activities that occur within tidal waters and have the potential to cause adverse impact, either temporary or permanent, or that will be in the public's interest shall be reported to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Coastal Resources Division.

Please feel free to contact Deb Barreiro at 912.266.3695 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Jill Andrews
Chief, Coastal Management Section

Enclosures: Project Description, Plans, Photos and Executed License

cc: Brian Moore, USACE
Mr. Clark Wong, Land Manager; Georgia State Properties Commission
Ms. Kelie Moore, Federal Consistency Coordinator; GADNR CRD
Ms. Susan S. Brinkly, President, Board of Directors, Causton Bluff Property Owners
Association

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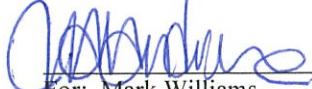
REVOCABLE LICENSE FOR THE USE OF TIDAL WATERBOTTOMS

APPLICANT NAME(S): Mr. David Knox; President, Causton Bluff POA
MAILING ADDRESS: 1901 Bull Street, Savannah, GA, 31401
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)
PROJECT ADDRESS/LOCATION: Causton Bluff Marina
COUNTY: Chatham WATERWAY: Wilmington River
LOT, BLOCK & SUBDIVISION NAME FROM DEED: Causton Bluff

The State of Georgia hereby grants you a revocable license not coupled with an interest¹. 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/or by any other remedy available at law to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

Attached hereto as Attachments A and B and made a part of this license are the project description, drawing(s), and terms and conditions that are the subject of this license. The project approved for this license must be constructed and completed within the specified timeframe noted in the terms and conditions 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.

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By: 
For: Mark Williams
Commissioner-DNR

Date: June 2, 2023

Enclosures: Attachment A: Project Description, Terms and Conditions
Attachment B: Project Drawing(s)

¹ Tidal water bottoms and marshlands of coastal Georgia are public trust lands owned by the State, except where ownership of such lands is demonstrated through an unbroken chain of title to a valid Crown or State Grant, which explicitly conveys the beds of such tidewaters. The Revocable License authorizes use of lands presumed to be owned by the State of Georgia, and which are under control of the State. This Revocable License is issued with the understanding and condition that it could be rendered invalid should another person demonstrate ownership to such lands pursuant to a valid Crown Grant or State Grant. This Revocable License is issued with the understanding that such lands are subject to the public trust doctrine.



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April 3, 2023

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Attn: Deb Barreiro
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Re: Causton Bluff – Marina Basin Maintenance Dredging
Right of Access Request for Confined Disposal Facility (CDF)
Habersham Creek, Chatham County, Georgia
Terracon Project No. ES217113

Dear Ms. Barreiro:

On behalf of our client, Causton Bluff Owners Association, we request a Letter of Permission (LOP) for additional access to the Confined Disposal Facility (CDF), located off Habersham Creek, and owned by the State Properties Commission (SPC). On March 23, 2021, the Coastal Resource Division (CRD) provided an LOP to the Causton Bluff Property Association to perform maintenance dredging associated with the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act (CMPA) Permit #158, issued November 8, 1983. This LOP allowed for maintenance dredging of the 6.7-acre existing Causton Bluff Marina Basin/entrance channel and to pump the dredged materials to the authorized CDF located approximately 800' north of the basin, and adjacent to Elba Island Road.

As you are aware, on February 8, 2021 the SPC issued an 18-month Revocable License (RL) Agreement for a one-time use of the CDF, which expired on August 8, 2022. Prior to the August 8, 2022 expiration of the RL, the maintenance dredging within the marina basin was completed.

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However, because the CDF needed time to release ponded water, the remaining post construction obligations, within the interior of the CDF, were unable to be completed.

Therefore, in order to remain in compliance with permit #158 provided by the CMPA, Terracon Consultants, Inc. (Terracon) requests the right to access the CDF so the sub-contractor can place temporary mats across the marsh and finish the work mentioned above. Exhibit 3 and photo sheets 2-3 define the previously authorized marsh crossing to access the CDF. The same access point will be used for this continued maintenance work. We anticipate this work can be completed within 6 months of issuance of the LOP.

In advance, we appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to discussing this matter with you shortly.

Sincerely,

Terracon Consultants, Inc.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tarah Vick'.

Tarah Vick
Field Scientist

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael J. DeMell'.

Michael J. DeMell
Department Manager II

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April 2023

Attachments: **Attachment 1: Exhibit 3**
 Attachment 2: Photo sheets 2-3

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Attachment 1: Figure 3 - CDF Temporary Access Exhibit



Approximate 190ft. x 10ft. Matting

 Approximate Project Boundary

 Construction Matting



Source(s): NAIP 2017 Aerial Imagery, Sub-Meter GPS Data (2020)

Disclaimer: The information depicted on this figure is for conceptual purposes only, serves to aid a licensed engineer or geologist in rendering professional services, and is subject to review and approval by appropriate regulatory agencies.



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Causton Bluff - CDF Temp. Access Exhibit

Causton Bluff

Chatham County, Georgia

Project No.	HM137000
Date	Jun 2020
Drawn By	AJV
Checked By	MJD
Approved By	MJD
Figure No.	3

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Attachment 2: Photo Sheets 2-3 displaying CDF Temporary Access



Photo 3: Facing east in roadside ditch

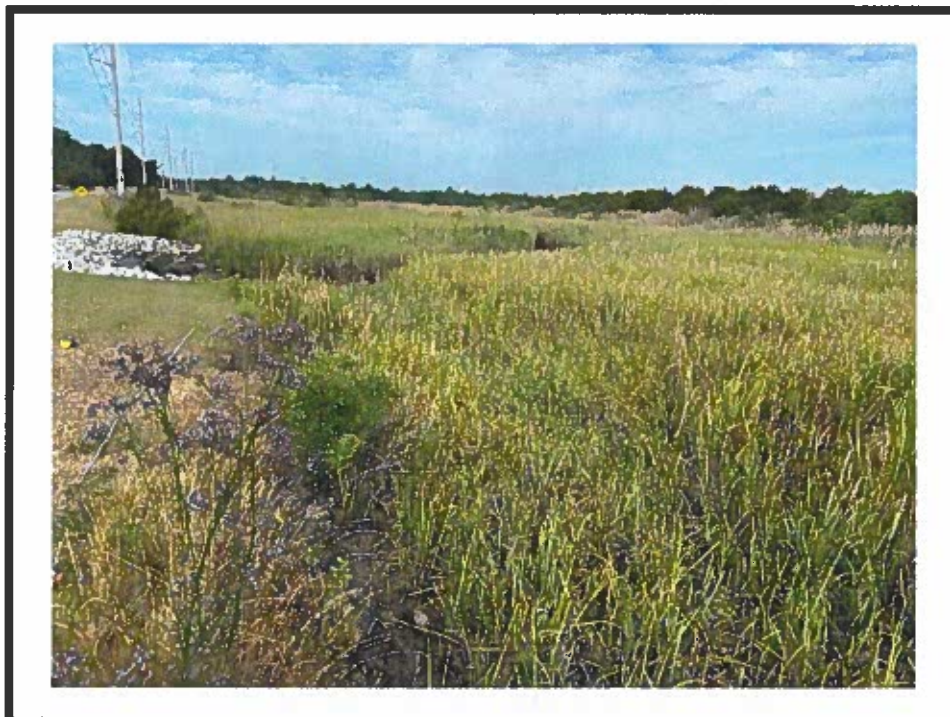


Photo 4: Facing west in roadside ditch



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Photosheet 2

Causton Bluff - CDF Temporary Access

Chatham County, Georgia

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Checked By	MD
Figure No.	2



Photo 5: Facing north at roadside ditch with Confined Disposal Facility (CDF) in background

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Photosheet 3
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Chatham County, Georgia

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