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June 10, 2025

Shawn Jordan
McIntosh County Board of Commissioners
1200 North Way
Darien, Ga. 31305

Re: Letter of Permission (LOP), Maintenance of an Existing Public Boat Ramp, Coastal Marshlands Protection Act (CMPA) Jurisdiction, Parcel No. 0059 0021, Shellman Bluff Road, White Chimney Creek, McIntosh County, Georgia, (GPS 31.5818, -81.3589), SAS-2025-00118.

Dear Mr. Jordan:

This Letter of Permission (LOP) is in response to your request dated February 4, 2025, to conduct maintenance of an existing public boat ramp in Coastal Marshlands Protection Act (CMPA) jurisdiction located on White Chimney Creek, McIntosh County, as illustrated in the attached project description and drawings. The project will begin no sooner than (15) days from the date of this letter and be completed within six (6) months.

The existing concrete boat ramp is 12ft. x 120ft. and extends approximately 10ft. into White Chimney Creek at Mean Low Water (MLW). The boat ramp surface has deteriorated and has an uneven surface that is creating a safety issue for the public. The existing ramp will be broken up and filled with #57 stone to achieve a 12-14% grade. Approximately 80 cubic yards of #57 stone will be needed to establish the new grade. Once grade is established, a new concrete push slab ramp will be poured on site and pushed into the pre-existing footprint of the former ramp.

The Department authorizes the maintenance of the public boat ramp as described in the attached project request and drawings. No unauthorized equipment, materials, or debris may be placed in, disposed of, or stored in 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 may require restoration by a method acceptable to the Department.

Staff of the Coastal Management Program has reviewed the above referenced application pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and/or Section 10 of the River and Harbors Act of 1899 for consistency with the Georgia Coastal Management Program (GCMP). The Program concurs with the applicant's consistency certification.

This authorization does not relieve you from obtaining any other federal, state, or local permits. If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact Josh Noble at (912)-264-7218.

Sincerely,



Doug Haymans
Director

Enclosures: Nationwide Permit Pre-Construction Notification
Nationwide Permit #3 Verification
Project Request

CC: Sarah.M.Whorton@usace.army.mil

File: LOP20250053



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U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, SAVANNAH DISTRICT
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April 17, 2025

South Atlantic Division
Regulatory Technical Regional
Execution Center
SAS-2025-00118

Mr. Shawn Jordan
McIntosh County Board of Commissioners
1200 North Way
Darien, Georgia 31305

Dear Mr. Jordan:

I refer to the Pre-Construction Notification submitted on your behalf by Mr. Steven Partin of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Resources Division, requesting verification for use of Nationwide Permit (NWP) No. 3 (Maintenance) for permanent impacts to impact 12 linear feet (0.02 acre) of open water to replace an existing boat ramp at the White Chimney Creek Public Pier. The project site is located White Chimney Creek along Shellman Bluff Road Northeast approximately 2.3 miles west of Shellman Bluff, Georgia (Latitude 31.5818, Longitude -81.3589). This project has been assigned number SAS-2025-00118, and it is important that you refer to this number in all communication concerning this matter.

We have completed an ARDR for this site. The enclosed exhibit entitles, "SAS-2019-00157 Glynn County St. Simons Island Revetment Maintenance" sheets # through #, dated February 18, 2025, identifies the leniation limits of all aquatic resources within the project area. The wetlands were delineated in accordance with criteria contained in the 1987 "Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual," as amended by the most recent regional supplements to the manual. Please note, this delineation may require re-verification and is subject to change based on site conditions at the time of re-evaluation.

We have completed coordination with other federal and state agencies as described in Part C (32)(d) of our NWP Program, published in the January 13, 2021, Federal Register, Vol. 86, No. 8, Pages 2744-2877 (86 FR) and/or the December 27, 2021, Federal Register, Vol. 86, No. 245, Pages 73522-73583 (86 FR). The NWPs and Savannah District's Regional Conditions for NWPs can be found on our website at <http://www.sas.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Permitting/GeneralPermits/NationwidePermits.aspx>. During our coordination procedure, no adverse comments regarding the proposed work were received.

As a result of our evaluation of your project, we have determined that your proposed activity is authorized under NWP 3(a), as described in Part B of the NWP Program. However, at this time, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Resources Division (Georgia CRD), has denied Georgia Coastal Management Program (GCMP) certification, pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act, of 1972 (16 U.S.C. § 1455), as amended, for use of a NWP for your project.

This letter is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' provisional verification for your use of NWP 3(a), and does not authorize work in aquatic resources on the project site. Prior to beginning work in aquatic resources, you must obtain GCMP certification from the Georgia CRD for your project and submit a copy of this certification to this office.

Once you submit a copy of the GCMP Certification for your project to this office, you will have fulfilled this prerequisite for use of the NWP. You will not receive confirmation of receipt of the required certification from this office.

Please be advised that if you fail to obtain and submit the necessary GCMP Certification prior to beginning work, this action would be considered a willful and knowing violation of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and appropriate enforcement action will be taken.

Your use of this NWP is valid only if you comply with all of the following conditions:

- a. The activity is conducted in accordance with the information submitted and meets the conditions applicable to the NWP, as described at Part C of the NWP Program and the Savannah District's Regional Conditions for NWPs.
- b. You shall notify the Corps, in writing, at least 10 days in advance of commencement of work authorized by this permit.
- c. You fill out and sign the enclosed certification and return it to our office within 30 days of completion of the activity authorized by this permit.
- d. All work shall be completed in accordance with the enclosed plans, "U S Army Corps of Engineers//SAS-2025-00118," sheets 1 and 2, dated 21 February 2025.
- e. To ensure the protection of the West Indian manatee (*Trichechus manatus*) that have the potential to be in the vicinity of the project, the permittee shall comply with the following special condition(s):

- a) The permittee shall ensure that all personnel associated with construction of the authorized dock facility are informed of the civil and criminal penalties for harming, harassing or killing manatees, which are protected under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) and the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972. The permittee and the permittee's contractor(s) (contractor) will be held responsible for any manatee harmed, harassed or killed as a result of construction activities.
- b) The use of siltation barriers in waters of the United States, below the high tide line, is not allowed in association with the construction of the authorized dock facility.
- c) All vessels associated with project construction shall operate at "no wake/idle" speeds at all times while in the project area. All vessels will follow routes of deep water when entering or exiting the project area, and while operating in the project area, whenever possible. For the purposes of compliance with manatee conditions, the project area is defined as all areas of shoreline, marsh and open waters within 100 feet of the outermost perimeter of the authorized dock facility.
- d) All contractors and other on-site personnel are responsible for observing for the presence of manatees in or near the project area. All in-water construction activities shall cease upon sighting of a manatee within 50 feet of any ongoing work in the marsh or open waters. Activities will not resume until the manatee(s) have moved beyond the 50-foot radius of the project operation, or until 30 minutes elapses if the manatee(s) has not reappeared within 50 feet of the operation. Animals must not be herded away or harassed into leaving.
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- f) In the event of injury to or mortality of a manatee in the project area, the permittee or contractor shall immediately notify the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (Georgia DNR) at 912-264-7218 or 1-800-272-8363 on weekdays between 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or 1-800-241-4113 on nights and weekends. Within one hour of a manatee injury or mortality the permittee or

contractor shall notify the Corps at 1-800- 448-2402 and the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Georgia Ecological Services Field Office at 912-832-8739. Any dead manatee found in the project area shall be secured to a stable object to prevent the carcass from moving with the current. In the event of a manatee injury or mortality, all open water construction activity shall cease pending completion of consultation between the Corps and the USFWS, pursuant to Section 7 of the ESA.

- g) The permittee shall ensure that the contractor keeps a log of sightings, collisions or injury to manatees that occur during construction of the dock facility.
- h) Within 30 days of project completion, the permittee shall submit a report summarizing manatee sightings or incidents that occurred during project construction, to the FWS, Ecological Services Field Office, Coastal Georgia Sub-Office, 4980 Wildlife Drive NE, Townsend, Georgia 31331. Submission of a negative report is not required.
- i) All temporary or unused construction materials shall be removed from the project area upon completion of the work, and any impacted area of salt marsh shall be restored. No construction debris or trash is to be discarded in project area.
- j) The permittee shall regularly inspect and maintain all hoses, faucets, and other potential sources of freshwater, to ensure that any freshwater leak is stopped and immediately repaired. Manatees are attracted to freshwater leaking from dock facilities, where boats are concentrated and there is an increased risk for manatee collisions.
- k) Prior to initiating authorized construction activities, the permittee shall contact Georgia DNR at 912-264-7218 for assistance with development of temporary manatee awareness sign plan for the project area. The plan will include the types and number of signs; and locations where signs will be installed to be prominently visible to contractors entering the project area from uplands and from the water. The permittee shall install temporary manatee awareness signs in accordance with the Georgia DNR approved plan. See attached Appendix A for information about the size and appearance of temporary manatee awareness signs. Within 30 days of project completion, the permittee shall remove all temporary manatee signs.

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- m) Within 30 days of installation, the permittee shall submit a notarized letter to the Corps confirming that required permanent manatee signs have been installed in compliance with the Georgia DNR approved plan. The permittee shall maintain all permanent manatee signs in a clearly visible condition for the life of the facility.
- n) The permittee shall utilize the Georgia DNR video, "Georgia Wildlife - Sharing the Coast- Manatee" as a manatee education awareness program; available at www.youtube.com/watch?v=whD8KX4PBNA. This video program focuses on educating boaters on manatee biology, how watercraft can adversely affect the manatee, and detail actions that boaters can take to avoid impacts to the manatee. The permittee shall insure that all boat operators view this video before using the permitted facility. The permittee shall continue a manatee education awareness program for the life of the facility. The permittee may develop and use a comparable manatee education awareness program upon approval by the Corps, FWS, and Georgia DNR.
- o) After project completion, the permittee shall identify the individual, facility operator or homeowner's association representative to be responsible for reporting manatee sightings, boat strikes or other manatee concerns to the FWS and Georgia DNR.
- p) For facilities with oil/gas pumps and/or sewage pump-out equipment, the permittee shall develop and maintain spill contingency plans in accordance with the requirements of the Georgia DNR, Coastal Resources Division.

This proposal was reviewed in accordance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. Based on the information we have available, we have determined that the project may effect, but not likely adversely affect eastern indigo snake (*Drymarchon couperi*), west Indian manatee (*Trichechus manatus*), and wood stork (*Mycteria americana*); and would have no effect on any other threatened or endangered species nor any critical

habitat for such species. Authorization of an activity by a NWP does not authorize the "take" of threatened or endangered species. In the absence of separate authorization, both lethal and non-lethal "takes" of protected species are in violation of the Endangered Species Act. See Part (C) of 86 FR for more information.

This verification is valid until the NWP is modified, reissued or revoked. All of the existing NWPs are scheduled to expire on March 14, 2026. It is incumbent upon you to remain informed of changes to the NWPs. Furthermore, if you commence or are under contract to commence this activity before the date that the relevant NWP is modified or revoked, you will have 12 months from the date of the modification or revocation of the NWP to complete the activity under the present terms and conditions of this NWP.

This authorization should not be construed to mean that any future projects requiring Department of the Army authorization would necessarily be authorized. Any new proposal, whether associated with this project or not, would be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Any prior approvals would not be a determining factor in making a decision on any future request.

Revisions to your proposal may invalidate this authorization. In the event changes to this project are contemplated, I recommend that you coordinate with us prior to proceeding with the work.

This communication does not relieve you of any obligation or responsibility for complying with the provisions of any other laws or regulations of other federal, state or local authorities. It does not affect your liability for any damages or claims that may arise as a result of the work. It does not convey any property rights, either in real estate or material, or any exclusive privileges. It also does not affect your liability for any interference with existing or proposed federal projects. If the information you have submitted and on which the Corps bases its determination/decision of authorization under the NWP is later found to be in error, this determination may be subject to modification, suspension, or revocation.

An electronic copy of this letter is being provided to the following party: Mr. Steven Partin of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Resources Division.

Thank you in advance for completing our on-line Customer Survey Form located at http://corpsmapu.usace.army.mil/cm_apex/f?p=regulatory_survey. We value your comments and appreciate your taking the time to complete a survey each time you have interaction with our office.

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If you have any questions, please call Sarah Whorton at (205)767-4912 or reach out by email to sarah.m.whorton@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Whorton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Sarah Whorton
Regulatory Biologist
SAD, Technical Regional Execution Center

Enclosures

Regulatory Division

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE
WITH
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
NATIONWIDE PERMIT 3(a)

PERMIT FILE NUMBER: SAS-2025-00118

PERMITTEE/ADDRESS: Mr. Shawn Jordan, McIntosh County Board of Commissioners, 1200 North Way, Darien, Georgia 31305.

LOCATION OF WORK: The project site is located at 816 Point Comfort Road, Augusta, Georgia (Latitude 33.5574, Longitude -82.0648).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project site is located in White Chimney Creek at the White Chimney Public Pier along Shellman Bluff Road Northeast approximately 2.3 miles west of Shellman Bluff, Georgia (Latitude 31.5818, Longitude -81.3589).

ACRES AND/OR LINEAR FEET OF WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES IMPACTED: Permanent impacts to 12 linear feet (0.02 acre) of open water.

DATE WORK IN WATERS OF UNITED STATES COMPLETED: _____

COMPENSATORY MITIGATION REQUIRED: None Required

DATE MITIGATION COMPLETED OR PURCHASED (include name of bank):

I understand that the permitted activity is subject to a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Compliance Inspection. If I fail to comply with the permit conditions at Part C of the Nationwide Permit Program, published in the January 13, 2021, Federal Register, Vol. 86, No. 8, Pages 2744-2877 (86 FR) and/or the December 27, 2021, Federal Register, Vol. 86, No. 245, Pages 73522-73583 (86 FR), it may be subject to suspension, modification or revocation.

I hereby certify that the work authorized by the above referenced permit as well as any required mitigation (if applicable) has been completed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the said permit.

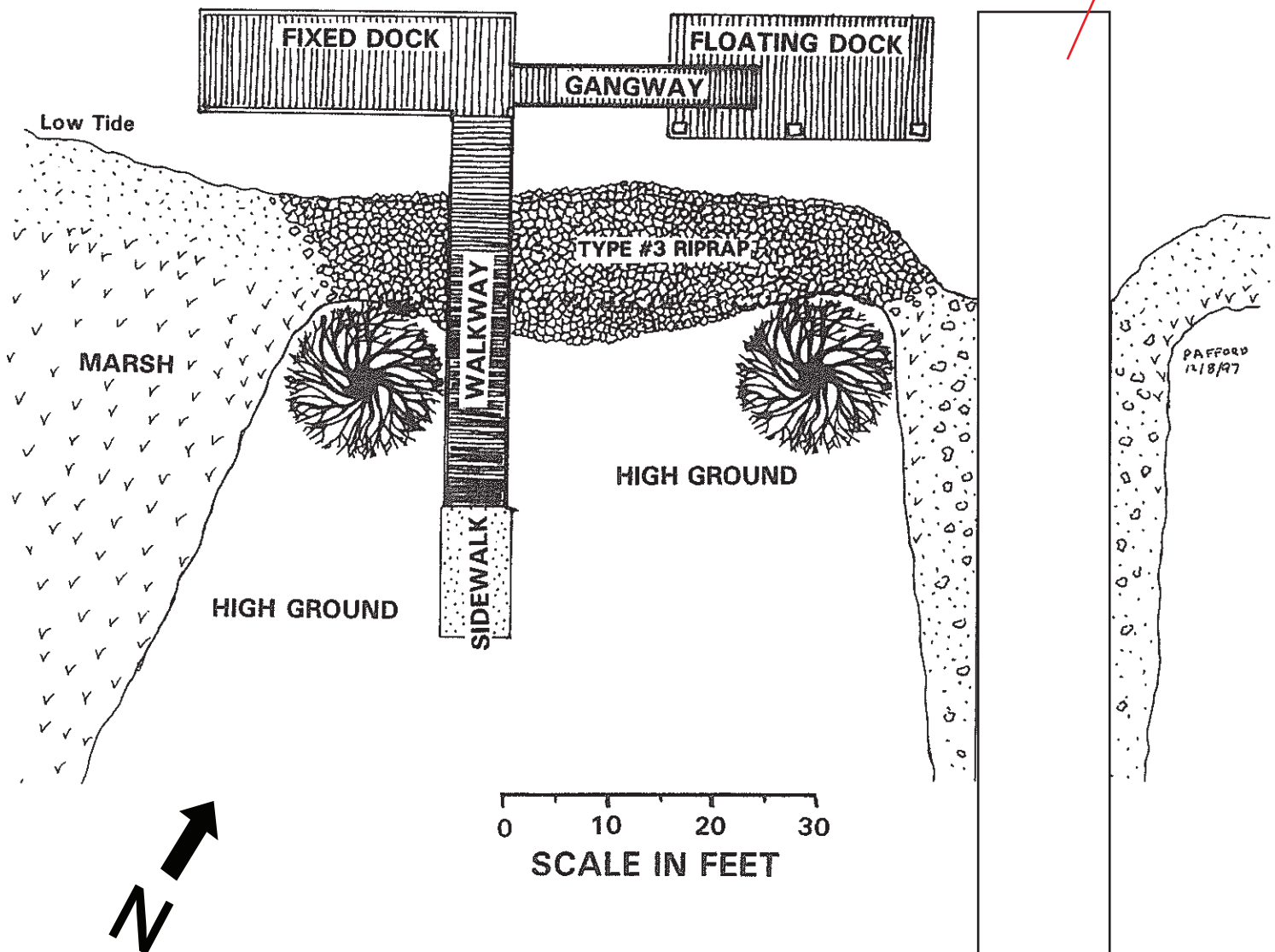
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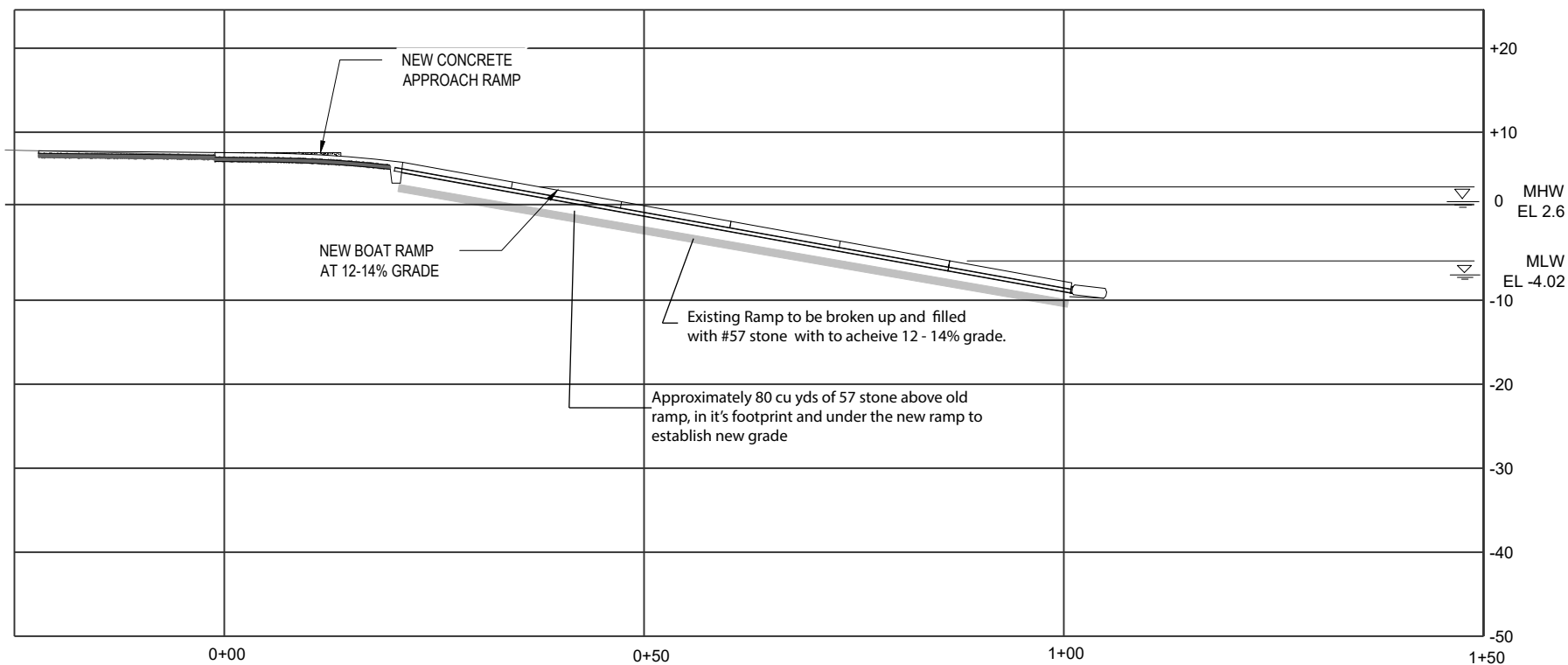
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Site drawing showing an aerial view of the proposed dock facility adjacent to the existing White Chimney Creek public boat ramp located off Shellman Bluff Road, McIntosh County, Georgia.

**WHITE CHIMNEY CREEK BOAT RAMP
SHOWING PROPOSED PUBLIC DOCK
(Sapelo Estuary, McIntosh County)**

Proposed New Push Slab
Boat Ramp in the same foot
Print as Existing.
Approximately 12 ft Wide
and 120ft long



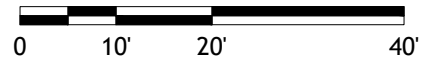


White Chimney Creek Boat Ramp McIntosh County, Georgia

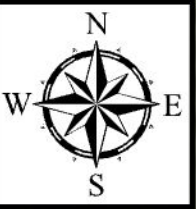
Boat Ramp will be broken up and a new push slab ramp will be poured in the same footprint of the existing ramp. New slope will be 12 - 14. %

GENERAL NOTES:

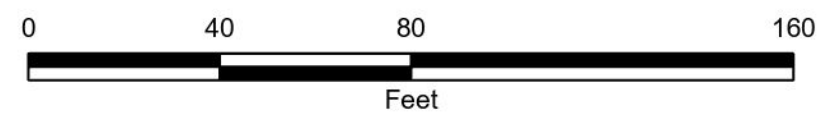
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Drawing by Georgia DNR
2/3/2025



SAS-2025-00118 McIntosh County Board
White Chimney Creek boat ramp replacement
near 31.5818, -81.3592



Map created by Sarah Whorton
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**Programmatic Agreement
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act
Manatee Consultation Procedures
Dock and Marina Facilities in Coastal Georgia Waters**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Georgia Ecological Services (FWS) agree to the consultation procedures outlined in this Programmatic Agreement (PA), pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, concerning effects on the West Indian Manatee (*Trichechus manatus*) (manatee), from construction, modification, maintenance and use of dock and marina facilities, in Brantley, Bryan, Camden, Charlton, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long, McIntosh and Wayne Counties, Georgia.

CONSULTATION PROCEDURES:

1. The Corps will coordinate permit actions with FWS, as follows:

a. Individual Permits (IP): The Corps will include the following statement in joint public notices advertising Department of the Army IP applications for proposed dock and marina facilities, "Any permit that may be issued by the Corps for the proposed project will include the applicable manatee special permit conditions: (1) for single and multi-family private recreational docks, special conditions a thru j; or (2) for private community docks and commercial marinas, special conditions a thru p. The facility types will follow the definitions the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (Georgia DNR) uses in their facility permitting. With inclusion of the applicable special conditions in the permit, and with the requirement for the permittee to implement and adhere to these conditions, the Corps has determined that the project may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect the manatee."

b. Letters of Permission (LOP): The Corps will include the following statement in the agency coordination email for all LOP for proposed dock and marina facilities, "Any permit that may be issued by the Corps for the proposed project will include the applicable manatee special permit conditions: (1) for single and multi-family private recreational docks, special conditions a thru j; or (2) for private community docks and commercial marinas, special conditions a thru p. With inclusion of the applicable special conditions the permit, and with the requirement for the permittee to implement and adhere to these conditions, the Corps has determined that the project may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect the manatee."

c. Nationwide Permit 3(a) (NWP 3(a)): The Corps will include the following statement in agency coordination email for all Pre-Construction Notifications proposing use of NWP 3(a) to repair, rehabilitate or replace a previously authorized, currently serviceable dock or marina facility, "Any verification for use of NWP 3(a) that may be

issued by the Corps for the proposed project will include the applicable manatee special permit conditions: (1) for single and multi-family private recreational docks, special conditions a thru j; or (2) for private community docks and commercial marinas, special conditions a thru p. With inclusion of the applicable special conditions in the NWP 3(a) verification letter, and with the requirement for the permittee to implement and adhere to these conditions, the Corps has determined that the project may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect the manatee.”

d. Programmatic General Permit 83 (PGP 83): PGP 83 authorizes the construction, maintenance and modification of certain private recreational dock facilities in the tidal waters of Georgia. The Corps has delegated authority to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Resources Division (Georgia CRD) to review PGP 83 applications, and verify whether proposed dock facilities comply with the terms and conditions for authorization under the PGP. All dock facilities authorized by PGP 83 must comply with manatee special permit conditions a thru j. With inclusion of these special conditions in PGP 83 verifications issued by Georgia CRD, and with the requirement for the permittee to implement and adhere to these conditions, the Corps has determined that private single family docks authorized by PGP 83 may affect, but are not likely to adversely affect the manatee.

2. FWS: For IP, LOP and NWP 3.a, the FWS will respond in writing (letter or email) to the Corps’ public notice or email notification during the specified comment period when there is a project specific issue that would preclude FWS’ concurrence with the Corps’ may affect but not likely adversely affect determination for the project. The Corps will initiate Section 7 consultation with the FWS for such a project. However, if FWS does not disagree in writing with the Corps’ determination within the specified comment period; the FWS is thereby concurring with the Corps’ determination for the project. For private recreational dock facilities authorized by PGP 83, the FWS concurs with the Corps’ may affect but not likely adversely affect determination.

MANATEE SPECIAL PERMIT CONDITIONS:

1. Single and multi-family private recreational docks, conditions a thru j.
2. Private community docks and commercial marinas, conditions a thru p.
3. Special Permit Conditions:

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l. Once construction activities are completed, and prior to use of the facility, the permittee shall contact Georgia DNR at 912-264-7218 for assistance with development of permanent manatee awareness sign plan. The plan will include the types and number of signs; and locations where signs will be installed to be prominently visible to all facility users entering the project area from uplands and from the water. The permittee shall install permanent manatee awareness signs in accordance with the Georgia DNR approved plan. See attached Appendix A for information about the size and appearance of permanent manatee awareness signs.

m. Within 30 days of installation, the permittee shall submit a notarized letter to the Corps confirming that required permanent manatee signs have been installed in compliance with the Georgia DNR approved plan. The permittee shall maintain all permanent manatee signs in a clearly visible condition for the life of the facility.

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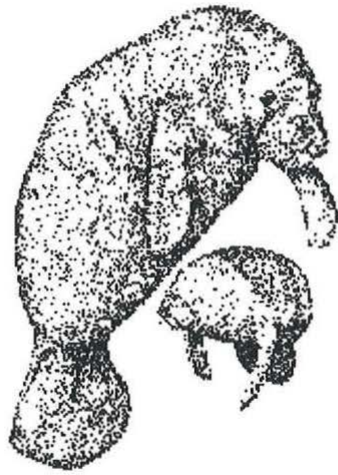
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PRIVATE COMMUNITY DOCK AND COMMERCIAL MARINAS

MANATEE SIGNS

PLACEMENT PROCEDURES



The West Indian manatee (*Trichechus manatus*) is an endangered species protected at the Federal level by the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended and the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended. In Georgia they inhabit coastal estuaries and rivers primarily from March through November. Increasing coastal development and associated watercraft facilities are expected to increase boat traffic and the probability of collisions between manatees and watercraft. Raising boater awareness of this threat and educating the public about manatees in general are important components of manatee conservation within Georgia waters. Signage has and will continue to play a key role in informing the boating community and general public about the species and how best to protect it from adverse impacts .

Use

Manatee signage may be temporary or permanent. Temporary signs are most often associated with the construction phase of in-water structures and facilities. They are intended to remind those involved with the construction of the potential presence of manatees within the project area. Although the project permit usually mandates their use, they are informative and non-regulatory in nature. Two examples of such signage are included in this Appendix under the "Temporary Construction Sign" section. Permanent signs are intended to provide long-term boater awareness and public education about manatees in Georgia waters. Examples of permanent signage include, "Manatee Basics for Boaters" and waterway display sign, "Protect Georgia's Manatees", and are included in this Appendix under the "Permanent Signs" section. Both "Manatee Basics for Boaters" and "Protect Georgia's Manatees" permanent signs are required for all private community docks and commercial marinas. Private single or dual family docks are not required to have manatee signs.

Procedure for Approval of Sign Installation:

1. The applicant should forward a project site plan, including the proposed location for the permanent signs to: Manatee Sign Approval, Nongame Conservation Section, Department of Natural Resources, One Conservation Way, Brunswick, GA 31520. The applicant should also include a chart indicating the location of the facility in relation to waterways, location within a given county (specify county name), Contact person with phone number, and the Permit and/or Lease number associated with the project
2. The Nongame Conservation Section of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (GDNR) will review the proposed sign placement site plan and will respond to the applicant within 30 days. If the proposed location is unacceptable, guidance on an alternate site will be provided. The contact person should notify the Nongame Conservation Section when sign placement has been completed (912-264-7218). A photograph(s) of the posted manatee signage at your facility must be submitted with the required permit compliance form to the Marsh and Shore Regulatory Program of the Coastal Resources Division/GA Department of Natural Resources.
3. If during a site visit, approved signs and their locations are found not to be in compliance with the instructions given in this document, relocation or addition of signs will be required. Annual site visits will be conducted to document sign placement and condition. All signs locations will be recorded in the GDNR manatee database.

Approved Suppliers of Manatee Signs: Signs are available through the companies listed below and may also be available from other local suppliers throughout the state. Permit/lease holders, marinas, and boat docking/launching facilities should contact sign companies directly to obtain pricing information and arrange for shipping and billing.

Grafix, Inc.
455 Montgomery Street
Savannah, GA 31402
912-691-1117

Fendig Signs
411 Arnold Rd
St. Simons Island, GA 31522
912-638-3668

Image Sign Company
785 King George Blvd., Bldg. 3
Savannah, GA 31419
912-961-1444

Good & Associates
344 Major Wright Road
St. Simons Island, GA
912-638-7664

Doug Bean Signs, Inc.
160 Dean Forest Rd
Savannah, GA 31408
912-964-1900

Temporary Construction Signs



Permanent Signs



"Protect Georgia's Manatees" sign – At least one sign will be required to face the waterway for each facility. This is dependent upon the size of the facility and the number of docks/piers present. The number and placement of signs will be determined on a site-by-site basis by GDNR biologists. Each approach to the marina from the waterway to the facility will need a visible sign. This sign is intended to alert any passing boater that may or may not be associated with the facility that manatees may be present and again raise awareness of this endangered species.

Manatee Basics for Boaters



"Manatee Basics for Boater" sign – One sign is required for each entry point to any dock /pier space. It should be placed where anyone boarding or launching a boat will easily see the sign. This sign is intended to provide detailed information about manatees, how to avoid negative impacts to manatees, and to raise awareness of their presence in Georgia to any person using the facility. Sign placement approval by the Nongame Conservation Section is required.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
NATIONWIDE PERMIT PRE-CONSTRUCTION NOTIFICATION (PCN)
33 CFR 330. The proponent agency is CECW-CO-R.

Form Approved -
OMB No. 0710-0003
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DATA REQUIRED BY THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974

Authority Rivers and Harbors Act, Section 10, 33 USC 403; Clean Water Act, Section 404, 33 USC 1344; Regulatory Program of the Corps of Engineers (Corps); Final Rule 33 CFR 320-332.

Principal Purpose Information provided on this form will be used in evaluating the nationwide permit pre-construction notification.

Routine Uses This information may be shared with the Department of Justice and other federal, state, and local government agencies, and the public and may be made available as part of the agency coordination process.

Disclosure Submission of requested information is voluntary, however, if information is not provided the permit application cannot be evaluated nor can a permit be issued.

The public reporting burden for this collection of information, 0710-0003, is estimated to average 11 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or burden reduction suggestions to the Department of Defense, Washington Headquarters Services, at whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil. Respondents should be aware that notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if it does not display a currently valid OMB control number.

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR RESPONSE TO THE ABOVE EMAIL.

One set of original drawings or good reproducible copies which show the location and character of the proposed activity must be attached to this application (see *sample drawings and/or instructions*) and be submitted to the district engineer having jurisdiction over the location of the proposed activity. An application that is not completed in full will be returned.

(ITEMS 1 THRU 4 TO BE FILLED BY THE CORPS)


1. APPLICATION NO.	2. FIELD OFFICE CODE	3. DATE RECEIVED	4. DATE APPLICATION COMPLETE
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(ITEMS BELOW TO BE FILLED BY APPLICANT)

5. APPLICANT'S NAME First - Middle - Last - Company - <i>McIntosh Co. Board of Commissioners</i> Company Title - E-mail Address - <i>Shawn.jordan@mcintosh county-ga.gov</i>	8. AUTHORIZED AGENT'S NAME AND TITLE (<i>agent is not required</i>) First - <i>Steven</i> Middle - Last - <i>Partin</i> Company - <i>GA DNR, Coastal Resources Division</i> E-mail Address - <i>Steven.Partin@dnr.ga.gov</i>
6. APPLICANT'S ADDRESS Address - <i>1200 North Way</i> City - <i>Darien</i> State - <i>GA</i> Zip - <i>31305</i> Country - <i>USA</i>	9. AGENT'S ADDRESS Address - <i>1 Conservation Way</i> City - <i>Brunswick</i> State - <i>GA</i> Zip - <i>31520</i> Country - <i>USA</i>
7. APPLICANT'S PHONE NOS. with AREA CODE a. Residence b. Business c. Fax d. Mobile <i>912-437-6671</i>	10. AGENT'S PHONE NOS. with AREA CODE a. Residence b. Business c. Fax d. Mobile <i>912-264-7210, 912-266-3260</i>

STATEMENT OF AUTHORIZATION

11. I hereby authorize, *Steven Partin* to act in my behalf as my agent in the processing of this nationwide permit pre-construction notification and to furnish, upon request, supplemental information in support of this nationwide permit pre-construction notification.

 *2/3/2025*
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT DATE

NAME, LOCATION, AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY

12. PROJECT NAME or TITLE (*see instructions*)
White Chimney Creek Public Boating Access Facility Maintenance

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25. Is any portion of the nationwide permit activity already complete?

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Yes

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No

If Yes, describe the completed work:

26. List the name(s) of any species listed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act that might be affected by the proposed NWP activity or utilize the designated critical habitat that might be affected by the proposed NWP activity. (see instructions)

West Indian Manatee (*Trechechus manatus*), Eastern Black Rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis* ssp. *jamaicensis*), Wood Stork (*Mycteria americana*), Eastern Indigo Snake (*Drymarchon couperi*), Green Sea Turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), Hawksbill Sea Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*)

27. List any historic properties that have the potential to be affected by the proposed NWP activity or include a vicinity map indicating the location of the historic property or properties. (see instructions)

N/A

28. For a proposed NWP activity that will occur in a component of the National Wild and Scenic River System, or in a river officially designated by Congress as a "study river" for possible inclusion in the system while the river is in an official study status, identify the Wild and Scenic River or the "study river":

N/A

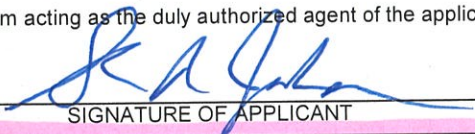
29. If the proposed NWP activity also requires permission from the Corps pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 408 because it will alter or temporarily or permanently occupy or use a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers federally authorized civil works project, have you submitted a written request for section 408 permission from the Corps district having jurisdiction over that project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "yes", please provide the date your request was submitted to the Corps district:

30. If the terms of the NWP(s) you want to use require additional information to be included in the PCN, please include that information in this space or provide it on an additional sheet of paper marked Block 30. (see instructions)

N/A

31. Pre-construction notification is hereby made for one or more nationwide permit(s) to authorize the work described in this notification. I certify that the information in this pre-construction notification is complete and accurate. I further certify that I possess the authority to undertake the work described herein or am acting as the duly authorized agent of the applicant.


SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

2/3/2025
DATE


SIGNATURE OF AGENT

2/3/2025
DATE

The pre-construction notification must be signed by the person who desires to undertake the proposed activity (applicant) and, if the statement in Block 11 has been filled out and signed, the authorized agent.

18 U.S.C. Section 1001 provides that: Whoever, in any manner within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals, or covers up any trick, scheme, or disguises a material fact or makes any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations or makes or uses any false writing or document knowing same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or entry, shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than five years or both.

**Instructions for Preparing a
Department of the Army
Nationwide Permit (NWP) Pre-Construction Notification (PCN)**

Blocks 1 through 4. To be completed by the Corps of Engineers.

Block 5. Applicant's Name. Enter the name and the e-mail address of the responsible party or parties. If the responsible party is an agency, company, corporation, or other organization, indicate the name of the organization and responsible officer and title. If more than one party is associated with the preconstruction notification, please attach a sheet of paper with the necessary information marked Block 5.

Block 6. Address of Applicant. Please provide the full address of the party or parties responsible for the PCN. If more space is needed, attach an extra sheet of paper marked Block 6.

Block 7. Applicant's Telephone Number(s). Please provide the telephone number where you can usually be reached during normal business hours.

Blocks 8 through 11. To be completed, if you choose to have an agent.

Block 8. Authorized Agent's Name and Title. Indicate name of individual or agency, designated by you, to represent you in this process. An agent can be an attorney, builder, contractor, engineer, consultant, or any other person or organization. Note: An agent is not required.

Blocks 9 and 10. Agent's Address and Telephone Number. Please provide the complete mailing address of the agent, along with the telephone number where he / she can be reached during normal business hours.

Block 11. Statement of Authorization. To be completed by the applicant, if an agent is to be employed.

Block 12. Proposed Nationwide Permit Activity Name or Title. Please provide a name identifying the proposed NWP activity, e.g., Windward Marina, Rolling Hills Subdivision, or Smith Commercial Center.

Block 13. Name of Waterbody. Please provide the name (if it has a name) of any stream, lake, marsh, or other waterway to be directly impacted by the NWP activity. If it is a minor (no name) stream, identify the waterbody the minor stream enters.

Block 14. Proposed Activity Street Address. If the proposed NWP activity is located at a site having a street address (not a box number), please enter it in Block 14.

Block 15. Location of Proposed Activity. Enter the latitude and longitude of where the proposed NWP activity is located. Indicate whether the project location provided is the center of the project or whether the project location is provided as the latitude and longitude for each of the "corners" of the project area requiring evaluation. If there are multiple sites, please list the latitude and longitude of each site (center or corners) on a separate sheet of paper and mark as Block 15.

Block 16. Other Location Descriptions. If available, provide the Tax Parcel Identification number of the site, Section, Township, and Range of the site (if known), and / or local Municipality where the site is located.

Block 17. Directions to the Site. Provide directions to the site from a known location or landmark. Include highway and street numbers as well as names. Also provide distances from known locations and any other information that would assist in locating the site. You may also provide a description of the location of the proposed NWP activity, such as lot numbers, tract numbers, or you may choose to locate the proposed NWP activity site from a known point (such as the right descending bank of Smith Creek, one mile downstream from the Highway 14 bridge). If a large river or stream, include the river mile of the proposed NWP activity site if known. If there are multiple locations, please indicate directions to each location on a separate sheet of paper and mark as Block 17.

Block 18. Identify the Specific Nationwide Permit(s) You Propose to Use. List the number(s) of the Nationwide Permit(s) you want to use to authorize the proposed activity (e.g., NWP 29).

Block 19. Description of the Proposed Nationwide Permit Activity. Describe the proposed NWP activity, including the direct and indirect adverse environmental effects the activity would cause. The description of the proposed activity should be sufficiently detailed to allow the district engineer to determine that the adverse environmental effects of the activity will be no more than minimal. Identify the materials to be used in construction, as well as the methods by which the work is to be done.

Provide sketches when necessary to show that the proposed NWP activity complies with the terms of the applicable NWP(s). Sketches usually clarify the activity and result in a quicker decision. Sketches should contain sufficient detail to provide an illustrative description of the proposed NWP activity (e.g., a conceptual plan), but do not need to be detailed engineering plans.

The written descriptions and illustrations are an important part of the application. Please describe, in detail, what you wish to do. If more space is needed, attach an extra sheet of paper marked Block 19.