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April 8, 2025

Glynn County Public Works
c/o Tony Vicent
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Re: Letter of Permission (LOP), Placement of Temporary Pedestrian Bridges Within Shore Protection Act (SPA) Jurisdiction, Vicinity of Massengale Park, East Beach, Atlantic Ocean, St. Simons Island, Glynn County, Georgia

Dear Mr. Vicent:

This Letter of Permission (LOP) is in response to your request dated April 7, 2025, to restore public and life safety access to the beach by providing safe passage over the tidal pool at critical locations. Previously, LOP20230048 authorized two temporary public access bridges; LOP20230052 authorized a third temporary public access bridge; LOP20230102 authorized three temporary, floating public access bridges; LOP20240027 authorized three temporary, floating public access bridges and a modification of the crosswalk at the Cedar Street Beach Access; and LOP20240078 authorized two temporary floating bridges.

Per the request, Glynn County is requesting an LOP for two temporary floating bridges. The floating bridge structures for this request will be a maximum of 120ft. long by 8ft. wide and will be placed as depicted in the attached project request. The temporary floating bridge structures consist of floating sections of stainless-steel posts which will be embedded 4ft. into the sand to anchor the bridge and provide support for cable hand railings. The floating deck structure is composed of individual float sections which will be assembled on site. The sections will be assembled on the beach adjacent to the tidal pool and floated into place where the final location is proposed. A mini excavator will be used to drive pole supports, and various vehicles with trailers will assist in transporting the sections to the worksite location. All equipment and vehicles will enter the site via the Massengale Park Beach Access 24. Materials and equipment such as generators, air compressors, and any other hand tools will be staged in the vicinity as necessary during the construction. All construction debris will be removed from the site. Care will be taken not to disturb the jurisdictional area within the vicinity of work. The work at this site should be completed within a week of commencement, weather permitting.

The exact location and configuration of this project must be reviewed onsite and approved by Department staff immediately prior to beginning construction. Minor changes to the location may be allowed or required in areas that have eroded or accreted subsequent to the locations proposed in the requests. In the event of an anticipated storm event, the bridges will be removed from SPA jurisdiction. If ordinary high water impacts the temporary bridge locations, they will be relocated based on the Department's site-specific recommendation.

The project will begin no sooner than 15 days after the date on this letter and be completed within 6 months. This includes the time needed to remove the bridges and return all affected areas to a condition approximate to, or better than, that which existed before commencement of the activity.

Because the project may occur between May 1st and October 31st, turtle nesting season, an individual with a DNR Sea Turtle Cooperators Permit is required to survey the area to be used by the equipment prior to the work beginning. All sea turtle nests must be avoided, and no activity may occur within 20ft. of the nest area. Additionally, to protect sea turtles, the bridge may not extend more than 20ft. onto the eastern shoreline of the tidal pool, and no lights may be put on the structure at night. Should the beach profile change so as to become more favorable for sea turtle nesting, the structures may need to be relocated or removed at the request of the Department prior to the expiration of this LOP.

The Department authorizes the temporary activities associated with the activities depicted in the attached project request. It is the applicant's responsibility to minimize any additional impacts at the site and to protect the shore jurisdictional areas.

This LOP is not meant to exempt the above referenced activities from future environmental laws. **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-construction topographic and vegetative states. This LOP is valid for the above referenced projects. Any change in the use, location, dimensions, or configuration of the approved project, without prior notification and approval from this office could result in the revocation of this LOP and in the required removal of materials and related structures. This project must comply with all other Federal, State, and local statutes, ordinances and regulations.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact Beth Byrnes at (912)-264-7218.

Sincerely,



Jill Andrews
Chief, Coastal Management Section

Enclosures: Project Request, Drawings

File: LOP20250030



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April 07, 2025

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Beth,

The Glynn County Public Works Department would like to request a Letter of Permission (LOP) to:

1. Continue to have in place and utilize two (2) floating bridge structures over the tidal pool located just east of Massengale Park on Saint Simons Island. This request is to continue to have in place and utilize the two (2) floating bridge structures that were authorized by LOP20230102 on November 02, 2023.

We understand that this request is only for temporary permission. Glynn County Public Works and Glynn County Engineering Services are working with a third-party consultant to develop a long-term solution where the floating bridges will no longer be needed.

Please contact Public Works with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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Floating Bridges

Located at Massengale Park
Saint Simons Island, Georgia