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Tom Heatherington
c/o PDS Tax Services
P.O. Box 13519
Arlington, TX 76094

Re: Letter of Permission (LOP), Maintenance of an Existing Deck and Private Dune Crosswalk, Shore Protection Act (SPA) Jurisdiction, 6 Driftwood Court, Tybee Island, Atlantic Ocean, Chatham County, Georgia

Dear Mr. Heatherington:

This LOP is in response to your request to maintain an existing dune crosswalk located at 6 Driftwood Court. The purpose of the project is to maintain the existing structure in its current footprint. The project will begin no sooner than 15 days after the date on this letter and be completed within 6 months of issuance.

The project scope includes maintenance of the existing +/-200ft. x 5ft. crosswalk through the accreting dynamic dune field and deck immediately landward of the crosswalk. Portions of the existing structure will be maintained or replaced using hand tools only. Additionally, the project includes the application of stain to the top surface of all boards on the deck and crosswalk. To minimize impacts from the application of the stain, drop cloths will be placed under the structure to capture drips and spills. To facilitate maintenance of the deck and crosswalk, a 3ft. corridor of vegetation will be trimmed in a linear area parallel to and immediately adjacent to the existing dune crosswalk. All trimmed vegetation and discarded decking will be removed from the dynamic dune field and disposed of at an authorized off-site disposal facility. Stockpiling material in the dunes is prohibited.

The Department authorizes the use of the project in the general area outlined in the attached project plans. No heavy equipment is authorized in connection with this project. All work must be accomplished using hand tools only. 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 the materials and related structures. This project must comply with all other Federal, State, and local statutes, ordinances and regulations.

The Department authorizes the maintenance of the dune crosswalk as depicted in the attached description and plans. This LOP is not meant to exempt the above referenced activity 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.

If you have any further questions or concerns in regard to this or any other project please feel free to contact Deb Barreiro at (912) 266.3695.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jill Andrews".

Jill Andrews
Chief, Coastal Management Section

Enclosures: Project description, SPA Standard Permit Conditions for Dune Crosswalks

cc: Patricia Sinel
City of Tybee Island
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Tybee Island, Georgia 31328

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6 Driftwood Court, Tybee Island
SPA LOP

Subject: Project description for LOP, 6 Driftwood, Tybee Island, GA 31328

To Whom It May Concern,

A Letter of Permission is requested for maintenance and staining of the private walk way to the beach in back of the residence at 6 Driftwood Court, Tybee, which includes the deck around the back of the house that is in contact with the dynamic dune field boundary.

Please allow for reasonable trimming of vegetation to facilitate this maintenance. The trimming would be limited to trimming branches 1 foot back from the sides where necessary and trimming vegetation below the walkway that is growing thru the deck boards of the walkway. Every effort will be made to trim conservatively to preserve the life of plants whose root systems are vital to the dune fields.

After deck boards are tightened and/ or reinforced, the structure will be pressure washed with water only and stain will be applied to the sides and top of all the surfaces of the walkway.

Permission is requested to traverse the dune field carefully on 3 feet either side of the walkway and under the walkway to accomplish these tasks.

To mitigate stain getting into the sand, we will utilize a drop cloth under the areas we are staining.

I can be reached at 912.492.7808 for any clarification.

Thanks
Doug Hutto



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Shore Protection Act O.C.G.A. 12-5-230 Standard Permit Conditions for Dune Crosswalks

Only one crosswalk structure shall be allowed on a parcel. In considering the design and routing of a crosswalk, the shortest route over the lowest area of the dunes shall be plotted to minimize impacts to the sand sharing system. For new construction, no decks or viewing platforms will be approved in the jurisdictional area. Previously permitted and grandfathered structures may be maintained provided they are serviceable. Additionally, the applicant requesting the structure must own 100% of the private lands through which the structure crosses or have the express written permission of the owner.

The following standard conditions shall apply to dune crosswalks:

1. The height of the structure shall be at least 36" above the grade of the sand dune and the width shall be no greater than 6' as measured from the outside posts, to allow for sand movement or accretion in the dynamic dune field.
2. The terminal point of the crosswalk shall be seaward of the seaward most dune but shall not encroach seaward of the ordinary high water line in the active intertidal beach.
3. If the shoreline erodes and the crosswalk extends seaward of the ordinary high water line, it will be the responsibility of the applicant to move the permitted improvements back to the dry sand beach, landward of the ordinary high water line.
4. The structure shall begin at the toe of the landward most dune.
5. Heavy equipment is prohibited in the Shore Protection Act jurisdiction. This project must be constructed using hand tools.
6. Clearing and grading of dunes is not authorized in conjunction with the construction of this project; stockpiling of materials in the dunes is prohibited.
7. Vegetation may be cleared only for the width of the permitted structure. The maintenance trimming of jurisdictional vegetation will only be allowed within 6" of the sides of the structure and 7' high over the structure.
8. No motorized vehicles are permitted on the crosswalk structure, except for motorized wheelchairs for handicapped persons.
9. Any sand needed to restore the site to pre-project vegetated and topographic conditions, or for backfilling, must be beach quality and obtained from an upland source and not from the beach.