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April 28, 2026

Sea Island Company
c/o Yates Anderson
200 Ocean Road
Sea Island, GA 31561

Re: Letter of Permission (LOP), Installation and Maintenance of Sand Fencing Within Shore Protection Act (SPA) Jurisdiction, Ocean Forest Golf Club, Atlantic Ocean, Sea Island, Glynn County, Georgia (GPS 31.212458°N/-81.313392°W)

Dear Sea Island Company, LLC:

This Letter of Permission (LOP) is in response to your request dated April 21, 2026, to install sand fencing within Shore Protection Act (SPA) jurisdiction along the northern shoreline of Sea Island near the Ocean Forest Golf Course, Glynn County, Georgia as described in the attached request. The project will begin no sooner than fifteen (15) days from the date of the letter and must be completed within six (6) months.

According to the applicant, the northern end of Sea Island is experiencing sand accretion due to the attachment of Hupp's Bar to the northern shoreline. The accumulating sand has covered the rip-rap armor along the northern concrete bulkhead and is accumulating at heights that could allow sea turtles to access areas beyond the sand-sharing system on the Ocean Forest Golf Course. A temporary filter-fabric barrier was installed along the top of the bulkhead to exclude nesting sea turtles in June 2024; However, per the applicant, additional measures are needed to ensure the protection of sea turtles and retain sand within SPA jurisdiction.

The project includes installation and maintenance of sand fencing on the seaward side of a 1,550ft. portion of existing concrete bulkhead to encourage dune formation seaward of the bulkhead and provide nesting habitat for sea turtles that could discourage them from crawling further landward. The sand fencing will be installed at locations determined by dynamic site conditions as depicted in the attached project request and drawings, and in accordance with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Sand Fence Guidelines. All access will occur from the applicant's property, and all work within jurisdiction will be accomplished using low impact hand tools. All construction debris will be removed and disposed of at an appropriate upland disposal site.

As these activities may occur between May 1st and October 31st, sea turtle nesting season, an individual with a DNR Sea Turtle Cooperators Permit is required to survey the area to be used prior to the work beginning. All sea turtle nests must be avoided, and no activity may occur within 20ft. of a nest area.

The Department authorizes the installation and maintenance of sand fencing as depicted in the attached project request and drawings. It is the applicant's responsibility to minimize any additional impacts at the site and to protect the shore jurisdictional areas. **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-mentioned project. 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, GADNR Sand Fence Guidelines

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Yates Anderson, Sea Island Company
Lucas Walters, Sea Island Company

File: LOP20260043



April 21, 2026

Mr. Josh Noble
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Subject: Shore Protection Act Letter of Permission Request RLC Project No. 22-178.3
Ocean Forest Sea Turtle Protection
Glynn County, Georgia

Dear Mr. Noble:

As you are aware, the northern end of Sea Island is experiencing a period of sand accretion due to the attachment of Hupp's Bar to the northern shoreline beginning in 2018, which is part of the normal ebb-tide delta sand sharing process along the coast of Georgia. The accumulating sand has covered the once exposed rip-rap armoring along the northern concrete bulkhead and is accumulating at heights along the bulkhead that would allow sea turtles to access areas beyond the sand-sharing system on the Ocean Forest golf course (please refer to Figure 2). Sea Island Company is requesting a Letter of Permission to conduct temporary activities within Shore Protection Act (SPA) jurisdiction to address this issue in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 12-5-232(9.1).

Sea Island Company notified your Department of the conditions in June of 2024 and with your consent installed a temporary filter-fabric barrier along the top of the bulkhead to exclude nesting sea turtles from accessing the golf course. While this temporary solution worked in the short-term, the dynamic condition requires additional measures to ensure the protection of sea turtles in the upcoming nesting seasons and to retain sand within SPA jurisdiction. With the approach of the upcoming 2026 nesting season, Sea Island Company seeks to install and maintain sand fence on the seaward side of the existing bulkhead consistent with Sea Island Company's mission to enhance the functions of the dynamic dune field and protect marine turtles.

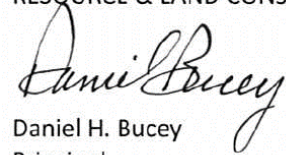
The work would be conducted as determined by the applicant according to dynamic site conditions along a +/-1,550' portion of the existing bulkhead. The proposed work would consist of utilizing hand-labor at locations along the bulkhead as necessary to install sand fencing at locations determined by dynamic site conditions and would be installed seaward of the bulkhead in accordance with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Sand Fence Guidelines. The sand fence would promote dune formation seaward of the bulkhead and provide nesting habitat for sea turtles that could discourage them from crawling further landward.

The work area would be accessed from the golf course and would commence during sea turtle nesting season. The work area would be monitored daily by Sea Island personnel qualified in sea turtle monitoring prior to any work being conducted. If any nests are located in proximity to any work area, coordination with your office will be initiated prior to beginning work.

We believe that these measures will provide the best temporary and long-term solution to protect sea turtles due to the dynamic conditions on this portion of the Sea Island beach.

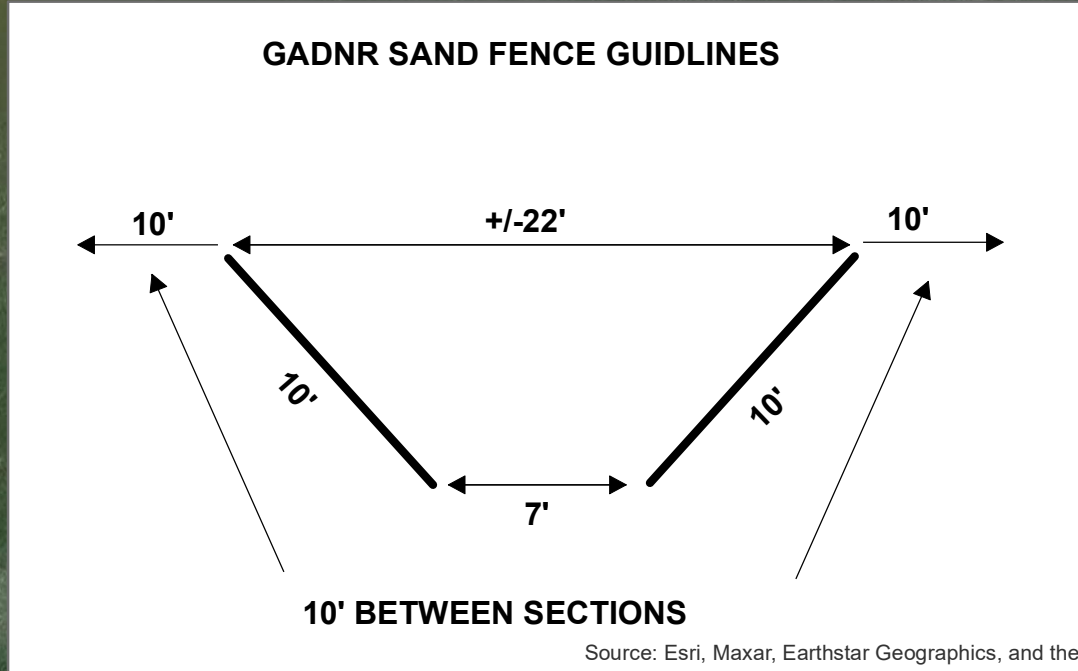
If you have any questions, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,
RESOURCE & LAND CONSULTANTS

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel H. Bucey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'D'.

Daniel H. Bucey
Principal

cc: Lucas Walters; Sea Island Co.
Yates Anderson; Sea Island Co.



Source: Esri, Maxar, Earthstar Geographics, and the GIS User Community

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**PROPOSED SAND
FENCING**
Prepared For: Sea Island Co.

**Ocean Forest
Sea Turtle Exclusion**
Glynn County, Georgia

RLC Project No.:	22-178.3
Figure No.:	1
Prepared By:	DB
Sketch Date:	4/21/2026
Map Scale :	1" = 1,000'





Georgia Department of Natural Resources Sand Fence Guidelines

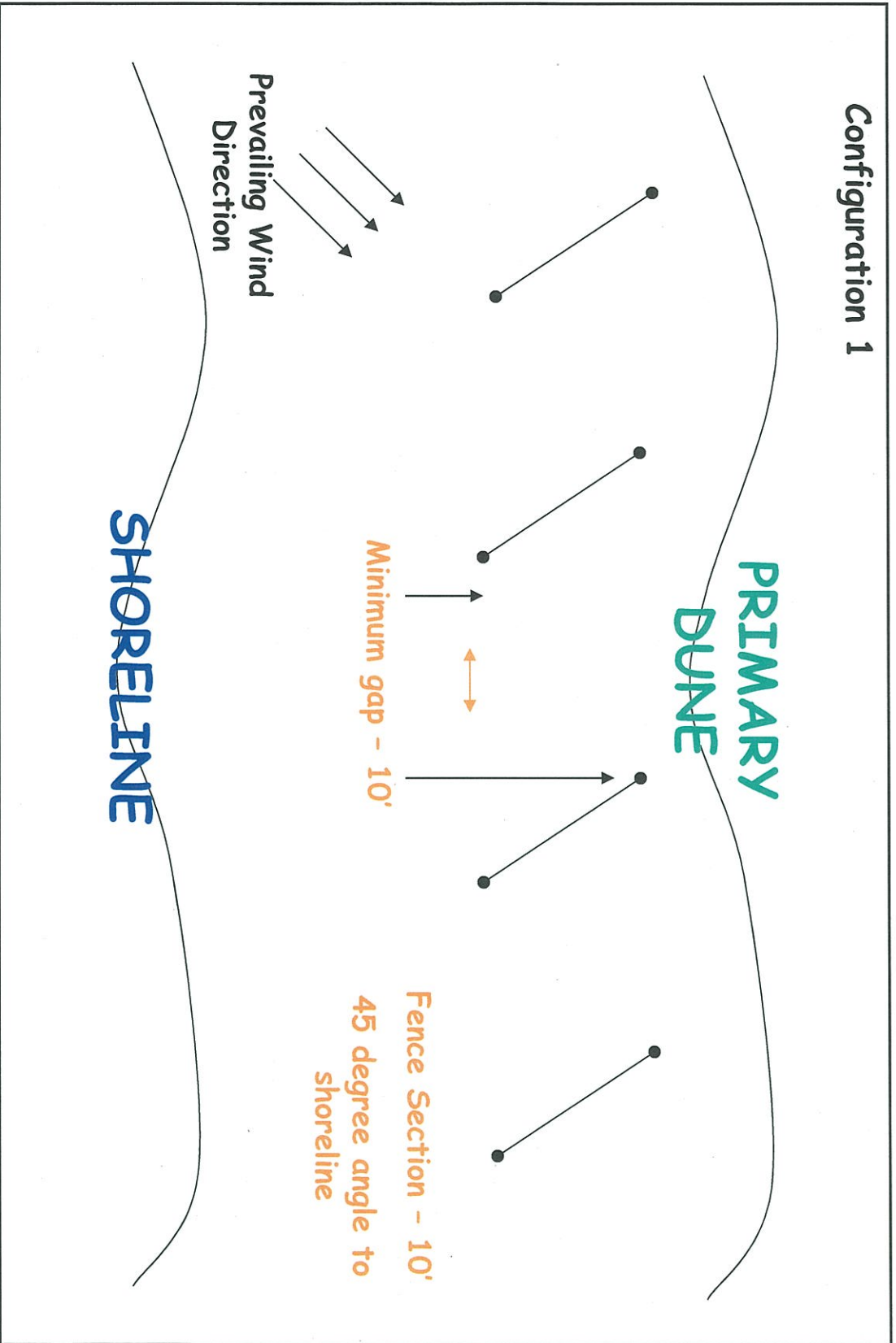
Sand fencing is used extensively along the Atlantic Coast to build and stabilize dune fields and control human access to the beach. Unfortunately, some sand fence configurations have been shown to restrict or inhibit sea turtle nesting. The **Management Plan for the Protection of Nesting Loggerhead Sea Turtles and their Habitat in Georgia** (II, B, 2, C) stipulates that “fencing must be placed so as not to deter turtles’ access to nesting areas, and arranged to prevent trapping nesting turtles”. The following sand fence guidelines are designed to provide good dune building and stabilization performance, while minimizing impacts to sea turtles.

Standard sand fencing consists of 4’ wooden slats wired together with spaces between the slats. Woven fabric type fencing has also been successfully used in dune restoration projects. However, it is important that fabric fencing have a 40% to 60% open to closed space ratio to be effective. Fabric fencing is susceptible to ultraviolet degradation causing it to sag and lose its original shape. With sufficient maintenance, this problem may be avoided.

Guidelines for Sand Fence Placement:

1. Installation and repositioning of sand fences shall be conducted outside the marine turtle nesting season (May 1 – October 15) unless approved by the USFWS or GADNR Nongame-Endangered Wildlife Program.
2. Sand fence shall be installed in a temporary manner in accordance with the attached conceptual drawing. Configuration 1 consists of 10 foot sections of fence spaced at a minimum of 10 feet on a diagonal alignment to the shoreline (facing the prevailing wind). Configuration 2 consists of two 10 foot sections placed in an “open V” shape with the wider end facing the shoreline. Minimum space between ends of the “V” is 10 feet, and minimum width between the close ends of the “V” is 7 feet. For both configurations, the approximate angle of the fence to the shoreline is 45 degrees.
3. Sand Fence shall not be placed in the inter-tidal zone. Sand Fence must be placed above the highest spring high tide line, preferably adjacent to the primary dune.
4. Sand Fence shall not be placed within 7’ of a beach scarp.
5. Sand Fence shall not be placed in front of an existing fence until the existing fence is completely buried.
6. Sand fences shall not be placed to control pedestrian traffic seaward of the secondary dunes. A post and rope fence may be used to restrict pedestrian access without impacting nesting marine turtles.
7. If fence material is damaged, debris must be removed from the beach area by the owner in an expeditious manner.

Configuration 1



Configuration 2

