

Programmatic General Permit 83  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, SAVANNAH DISTRICT  
PROGRAMMATIC GENERAL PERMIT 83  
FOR RECREATIONAL DOCK FACILITIES IN TIDAL WATERS  
WITHIN THE STATE OF GEORGIA

**AUTHORITIES:** On the recommendation of the Chief of Engineers, pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbor Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers hereby delegates authority to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Resources Division (GADNR) to administer Programmatic General Permit 83 (PGP 83). As administrator, GADNR has the discretion to: authorize an activity that complies with its permitting program; verify that an activity complies with the terms and conditions of PGP 83; or refer the proposed action to the Corps for further review.

**CONSTRUCTION PERIOD:** The construction period for an authorized facility is three (3) years from the date of GADNR's written verification that the facility is authorized under the terms and conditions of PGP 83.

**APPROVED LOCATIONS:** In tidal, navigable waters of the United States within the following eleven (11) coastal Georgia counties: Effingham, Chatham, Bryan, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, Wayne, Glynn, Brantley, Camden, and Charlton. See Appendix A for a map of the upstream limits where PGP 83 is approved for use.

**EXCLUDED LOCATIONS:**

1. The Atlantic Ocean, Altamaha River, Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Brunswick Harbor, Darien Harbor, St. Marys River, Sapelo Harbor, Savannah Harbor, and the Savannah River.
2. Within 1,000 feet of properties registered in or properties eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, including the Town of Vernonberg in Chatham County.
3. Within 1,000 feet of areas listed in the Register of Natural Landmarks.
4. Areas placed on the Wild and Scenic River Study List.

5. Within 1,000 feet of National Wildlife Refuges, National Monuments, and National Seashore, including: Fort Pulaski National Monument; Fort Frederica National Monument; Cumberland Island National Seashore; Savannah National Wildlife Refuge; Wassaw National Wildlife Refuge; Harris Neck National Wildlife Refuge; Blackbeard Island National Wildlife Refuge; and Wolf Island National Wildlife Refuge.

**AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES:** Before approval can be granted for any of the activities described below, the applicant must submit detailed plans to the GADNR that adhere to the request procedures, required specifications, other terms and conditions set forth in PGP 83, and the application package attached at Appendix B. Authorized activities include the following:

1. Construction of fixed walkways, fixed docks, boat hoists, connecting ramps, floating docks and piling, and screened dock houses, for which: (a) a Revocable Real Estate License has been issued by the State of Georgia; (b) the application/ notification procedures herein are complied with; and (c) the project complies with the terms, conditions and specifications of PGP 83.

2. Construction of new single family or shared-family, noncommercial, recreational docks for water-dependent activities. A shared-family facility may be shared by up to four adjoining lots with each having at least 50 feet of riparian frontage and a detached single-family residence on the high land or each have the ability to construct a detached, single-family residence.

3. Modifications including adding to, removal of, or reconfiguring any existing portion of a single-family or shared-family dock facility; proposed modifications or additions must comply with the standards set forth by this PGP 83 for new recreational docks (unless justification is provided and approved by the GADNR) and meets at least one of the following criteria: (a) the existing serviceable facility in its present configuration was constructed before the GADNR had any regulatory interest and no unauthorized additions have been made since the GADNR regulatory interest began; (b) the GADNR has permit history on file and the existing facility is found to be serviceable and compliant with previous authorizations; or (c) the owner of an existing, non-compliant structure has entered into an agreement with GADNR.

4. Maintenance to an existing, compliant and serviceable facility that requires the use of heavy machinery, barges, or any construction methods that may have a temporary negative effect on state owned tidal water bottoms and that has permit history on file with GADNR.

5. Reverification and reissuance of a State Revocable License of an existing, compliant and serviceable, single-family or shared-family dock facility to a new owner(s) of an associated upland property.

## GENERAL CONDITIONS:

1. All activities identified and authorized herein shall be consistent with the terms and conditions of this permit; and that any activities not specifically identified and authorized herein shall constitute a violation of the terms and conditions of this permit which may result in the modification, suspension, or revocation of this permit, in whole or in part, as set forth more specifically in General Conditions "7" or "8" hereto, and in the institution of such legal proceedings as the United States Government may consider appropriate, whether or not this permit has been previously modified, suspended, or revoked in whole or in part.
2. The permittee shall permit the District Commander or authorized representative(s) or designee(s) to make periodic inspections at any time deemed necessary in order to assure that the activity being performed under authority of this permit is in accordance with the terms and conditions prescribed herein. The permittee waives their right of the expectation of privacy.
3. The permittee shall maintain the structure or work authorized in good condition. If the structure becomes unserviceable, it must be removed at the permittee's expense. This shall include any portion of the facility that may become dislodged or damaged through natural forces or resulting from a natural disaster.
4. This permit does not convey any property rights, either in real estate or material, or any exclusive privileges; and does not authorize any injury to property or invasion of rights or any infringement of Federal, State, or local laws or regulations.
5. This permit does not obviate the requirement to obtain state or local assent required by law for the activity authorized herein (i.e. local municipal city/county building permit).
6. This permit does not authorize the interference with any existing or proposed Federal project and the permittee shall not be entitled to compensation for damage or injury to the structures or work authorized herein which may be caused by or results from existing or future operations undertaken by the United States in the public interest.
7. This permit may be summarily suspended, in whole or in part, upon a finding by the District Commander that immediate suspension of the activity authorized herein would be in the general public interest. Such suspension shall be effective upon receipt by a permittee of a written notice thereof which shall indicate: (1) the extent of the suspension, (2) the reasons for this action, and (3) any corrective or preventative measures to be taken by a permittee which are deemed necessary by the District Commander to abate imminent hazards to the general public interest. A permittee shall take immediate action to comply with the provisions of this notice. Within 10 days following receipt of this notice of suspension the permittee may request a hearing in order to present information relevant to a decision as to whether the permit should be

reinstated, modified, or revoked. If a hearing is requested, it shall be conducted pursuant to procedures prescribed by the District Commander. After completion of the hearing, or within a reasonable time after issuance of the suspension notice to the permittee, if no hearing is requested, the permit will be reinstated, modified or revoked.

8. This permit may be either modified, suspended, or revoked in whole or in part if the Secretary of the Army or his authorized representative determines that there has been a violation of any of the terms or conditions of this permit, there has been a falsification of information, or that such action would otherwise be in the public interest. Any such modification, suspension, or revocation shall become effective 30 days after receipt of written notice of such action which shall specify the facts or conduct warranting same unless: (1) within the 30-day period a permittee is eligible to satisfactorily demonstrate that (a) the alleged violation of the terms and conditions of this permit did not, in fact, occur or (b) the alleged violation was accidental and the permittee has been operating in compliance with the terms and conditions of the permit and is able to provide satisfactory assurance that future operations shall be in full compliance with the terms and conditions of this permit; or (2) within the aforesaid 30-day period, a permittee requests that a public hearing be held to present oral and written evidence concerning the proposed modification, suspension, or revocation. The conduct of this hearing and the procedures for making a final decision either to modify, suspend, or revoke this permit in whole or in part, shall be pursuant to procedures prescribed by the Chief of Engineers.

9. Any modifications, suspensions, or revocation of this permit shall not be the basis for any claim for damages against the United States.

10. This permit does not authorize the construction of particular structures, the authorization or approval of which may require authorization by the Congress or other agencies of the Federal Government.

11. If and when a permittee desires to abandon the activity authorized herein, unless such abandonment is part of a transfer procedure by which a permittee is transferring their interests herein to a third party, they must restore the area to a condition satisfactory to the District Commander. This includes removal of unsound structures at the permittee's expense. If transferred, the third party must obtain a new Revocable License from the State.

12. Use of the permitted activity must not interfere with the public's right to free navigation on navigable waters of the United States.

13. The permittee understands and agrees that, if future operations by the United States require the removal, relocation, or other alteration, of the structure or work herein authorized, or if, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Army or his authorized representative, said structure or work shall cause unreasonable obstruction to the free

navigation of the navigable waters, the permittee will be required, upon due notice from the US Army Corps of Engineers, to remove, relocate, or alter the structural work or obstructions caused thereby, without expense to the United States. No claim shall be made against the United States on account of any such removal or alteration.

#### SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

1. The dock facility must be for water-dependent activities that access a channel with defined banks and not ponded areas or mudflats.
2. No fixed docks, floats, or boat hoists shall be approved in waterways having a channel width of less than 20 feet. However, one "L" or "T" shaped walkway extension up to 6 feet wide by 14 feet long and parallel to the channel is allowable. If there is a vessel associated with the dock facility, it must be stored over the walkway extension. Channel width is measured from Mean Low Water (MLW) to MLW or between marsh lines on opposite sides of the bank for waterways that are essentially dry at MLW.
3. The fixed walkway maximum width is 6 feet, and the maximum length is 1,000 linear feet. The walkway width shall be measured from the outer edge of each handrail or the width of the decking if the walkway lacks handrails. All handrails, support bracing, and bumpers must be clearly indicated on the drawing. Support bracing and bumpers will count towards the total square footage of the walkway. The fixed walkway maximum area may not exceed 3,000 square feet. Walkways must be built at such a height as to clear all vegetation. Walkways across tributaries that can be bridged (those less than 20 feet wide) must have a minimum clearance of 6 feet above the mean high water line to the bottom of the bridge and be clearly described on the drawing. Walkway height and piling spacing must provide for safe navigation in the channel of the bridged tributary. The Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Resources Division may, on an individual basis, increase or decrease the clearance restrictions as appropriate.
4. Only one fixed deck with a maximum area (including screened and/or roofed sections) of 300 square feet is permissible. No fixed deck shall be located over marsh vegetation. Sections of walkway and catwalk do not count towards the total of 300 square feet of fixed deck for new, previously permitted or existing structures. Landings used for the sole purpose of gangway placement do count towards the total 300 square feet. Measurements are taken from the outer edge of the hand rails or decking if there are no handrails. All support bracing must be clearly indicated on the drawing. All sinks, benches, or other cantilevered components do count toward the total 300 square feet and must be clearly indicated on the drawing. No fixed dock shall be located over marsh vegetation.
5. A fixed dock house may be open-sided, partially or totally covered, and enclosed with screen. The covered portions may be constructed either with walls of a single layer

of woven screen wire or wainscot (lower 3 feet of the wall finished with wood, upper section finished in woven screen wire). The dock house shall not be fully enclosed with wood, glass, fiberglass, metal, or any other solid type material. The square footage of the footprint of the dock house is inclusive in the total square footage of the fixed deck.

6. The floating dock maximum area is 600 square feet for a single-family structure and 1,000 square feet for a shared-family structure. Floating watercraft lifts do not count towards total square footage of floating docks, but must be indicated on the drawing. Floating docks may not rest on the water bottom at low tide and must be supported on pilings or by a cradle at least two feet above the mud. No floating dock shall be located over marsh vegetation.

7. The channelward face, or any other portion of the structure(s), may be located channelward from the MLW line or vegetation line a maximum distance of 40 feet or 1/4 of the channel width, whichever is less. GADNR may, on an individual basis, ask for the MLW line to be clearly marked on site.

8. Only the fixed deck and boat hoist may be roofed. Roofs must be indicated on the drawing, and do not count towards total square footages of structures. All covered areas of the dock are limited to a maximum height of 12 feet above the decking at the lowest deck height. This includes any decorative components on top of the roof (i.e. copulas). Roof overhang (eaves) may not extend more than 18 inches beyond the structure to be covered. Justification shall be required for roof dimensions exceeding 12ft. above the decking and/or 18 inches beyond the structure to be covered. The use of the roof as a second story and/or storage and stairs to access a second story are prohibited.

9. One boat hoist (roofed or open) with a maximum dimension of 16 feet by 30 feet is permissible. The hoist is measured from piling to piling, not the roof dimensions. Over-dock storage systems, such as davits, are not considered boat hoists but must be indicated on the drawing. One catwalk, whose exclusive use is to service a hoist, may not exceed 3 feet x 30 feet. Justification shall be required for roof dimensions exceeding 18 inches beyond the structure to be covered. If the hoist area is decked, it must be clearly indicated on the drawing.

10. The use of utilities to service the dock facility (such as water and electricity) must be noted and location identified on the submitted drawing. Lighting for non-navigation purposes must be minimal in nature with light source capped and shielded. Freshwater outlets are permitted so long as routine monthly maintenance checks are performed. Any unattended free running fresh water is prohibited.

11. All equipment used within the marsh for the construction of the dock must be operated from construction mats laid in single file immediately adjacent to the dock. Equipment must only be operated on one side of the structure.

12. All portions of the structure must be no less than 10 feet from the extended property lines on both sides of the proposed structure or from dock corridor lines approved by GADNR. Justification shall be required for structures that are less than 10ft. from the above referenced lines.

13. A copy of the executed Revocable License, authorization letter, PGP 83 verification, and permitted dock structure drawings issued to the applicant by GADNR shall be prominently displayed on the upland site of the proposed or modified recreational dock during the entire duration of construction.

14. Individuals intending to construct facilities under the authority of PGP 83 shall submit a complete application package to GADNR in accordance with the Application/Notification Procedures, and obtain written verification for use of PGP 83 from GADNR, prior to beginning construction.

15. A Construction Notification Form must be submitted to GADNR within 10 business days of completing construction activities authorized by PGP 83.

16. GADNR will keep a record of each dock facility that is verified to comply with the terms and conditions for authorization under PGP 83. Within 15 days of the end of each quarter of the calendar year, GADNR will provide the Corps with a "PGP 83 Verification Report," documenting each dock facility verified during the preceding quarter. The summary report will include the following minimum information for each verified dock: the name and address of the permittee; the date of verification; the location and coordinates in decimal degrees of the dock facility; a copy of the authorization letter; executed Revocable License; and permit drawings.

17. GADNR will keep a record of each compliance inspection of a PGP 83 verified dock facility. Within 15 days of the end of each quarter of the calendar year, GADNR will provide the Corps with a "Compliance Inspection Report," documenting inspection(s) performed during the preceding quarter on completed PGP 83 verified dock facilities. These reports will include the following minimum information on each dock facility inspected: the name and address of the permittee; location and coordinates in decimal degrees of the dock facility; the date of the compliance inspection; and whether the dock facility was found to be in compliance with the terms and conditions of PGP 83.

18. Permittee hereby recognizes the possibility that the structure permitted herein may be subject to damage by natural forces and by wave wash from passing vessels. The issuance of PGP 83 does not relieve the permittee from taking all proper steps to insure the integrity of the permitted structure permitted herein and the safety of boats moored thereto from damage by wave wash and natural forces, and a permittee shall not hold the United States or the State of Georgia liable for any such damage.

19. The flotation units of floating facilities shall be constructed of material that will not become waterlogged or sink when punctured or deteriorate over time creating a navigational hazard or water quality issue.

20. The dock facility shall not be used for human habitation and there shall be no fuel or sewage discharge from the dock into the water. There shall be no toilet or fueling facilities allowed on the structures.

21. No other structure or covers, not specifically authorized herein, shall be constructed on the dock facility without prior Department of the Army approval.

22. The permittee must install and maintain, at his expense, any safety lights and signals prescribed by the United States Coast Guard (USCG), through regulations or otherwise, on the authorized facilities. The USGC may be reached at the following address and telephone number:

Commander  
7<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard District (OAN)  
Brickell Plaza Federal Building  
909 S.E., First Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33131-3050  
Tel. (305) 415-6730

23. Authorized work shall be accomplished in accordance with the plans and drawings of each dock facility verified by GADNR to meet the terms and conditions for use of PGP 83, which will be incorporated in and made a part each GADNR verification.

24. Manatee Special Permit Conditions:

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) has 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.

e. Extreme care shall be taken when lowering equipment and materials below the water surface and/or to the water bottom. Equipment and materials include, but are not limited to: piles; sheet piles; casings for drilled shaft construction; spuds; pile templates; and anchors. All such equipment/material shall be lowered as slow as possible, to avoid injury to any manatee that may have entered the project area undetected.

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 at 912-264-7218 or 1-800-272-8363 on weekdays from 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 FWS, 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 the 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.

24. If during construction of work authorized by PGP 83 a previously unidentified archeological or other cultural resource is encountered, which might be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, the permittee shall immediately notify the Corps.

#### FURTHER INFORMATION:

1. Congressional Authorities: Authorization to undertake the activities described above are issued pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403), and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

2. Limits of this authorization.

a. This permit does not obviate the need to obtain other Federal, State, or local authorization.

b. This permit does not grant any property rights or exclusive privileges.

c. This permit does not authorize any injury to the property or rights of others.

d. This permit does not authorize interference with any existing or proposed federal project.

3. Limits of Federal Liability. In issuing this permit, the Federal Government does not assume any liability for the following:

a. Damages to the permitted project or uses thereof as a result of other permitted, unpermitted activities, or from natural causes.

b. Damages to the permitted project or uses thereof as a result of current or future activities undertaken by or on behalf of the United States in the public interest.

c. Damages to persons, property, to other permitted or unpermitted activities, or structures caused by the activity authorized by this permit.

d. Design or construction deficiencies associated with the permitted work.

e. Damage claims associated with any future modification, suspension, or revocation of this permit.

4. Re-evaluation of Permit Decision. The Corps may re-evaluate its decision on an activity authorized by a Programmatic General Permit at any time the circumstances warrant. Circumstances that could require a re-evaluation include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. The permittee's failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the permit.
  - b. The information provided by the permittee in support of his permit application proves to have been false, incomplete, or inaccurate.
  - c. Significant new information surfaces which the Corps did not consider in reaching the original public interest decision.
5. Such a re-evaluation may result in a determination that it is appropriate to use the suspension, modification, and revocation procedures contained in 33 CFR 325.7 or enforcement procedures such as those contained in 33 CFR 326.4 and 326.5. The referenced enforcement procedures provide for the issuance of an administrative order requiring the permittee to comply with the terms and conditions of his permit authorization and for the initiation of legal action where appropriate. The permittee will be required to pay for any corrective measures ordered by the Corps, and if the permittee fails to comply with such directive, the Corps may in certain situations (such as those specified in 33 CFR 209.170) accomplish the corrective measures by contract or otherwise and bill the permittee for the cost.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

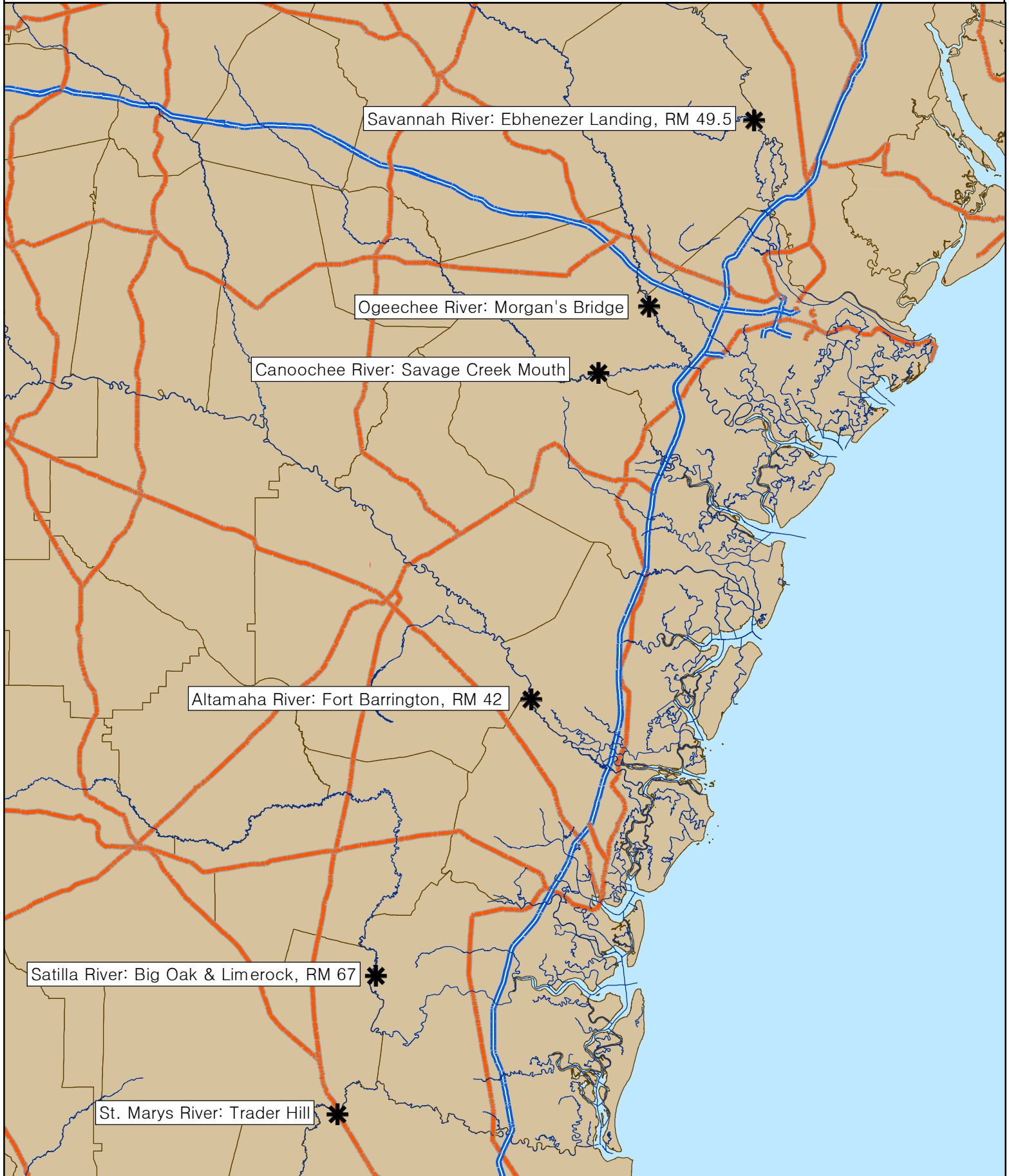
  
for Marvin L. Griffin, P.E.  
Colonel, U.S. Army  
District Commander

3 August 2017  
DATE

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Map of the "Limit of Tidal Waters in Georgia"
2. Appendix B, GDNR Application Package for use of PGP 83

# LIMITS OF TIDAL WATERS IN GEORGIA



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Savannah District  
Savannah, GA

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Appendix A





**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING PRIVATE RECREATIONAL DOCK  
PROGRAMMATIC GENERAL PERMIT (PGP0083) APPLICATION TO THE  
GADNR COASTAL RESOURCES DIVISION**

Use the checklist below to ensure you have submitted all of the required documents to complete your application. Your Project Manager may request additional supporting information to help with the processing of your application.

**Dock Application Checklist**

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Programmatic General Permit (PGP) Application (2 pages)** - This application is intended for private residential, single-family, shared-family, noncommercial, recreational docks in Chatham, Bryan, Liberty, McIntosh, Glynn, Camden, Long, Effingham, Wayne, Brantley, and Charlton Counties. (All owners listed on the Deed of the property must sign the application)
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Revocable License (RL) Request (1 page)** - Please ensure that all of the requested information at the top of the sheet is provided. (All owners listed on the Deed of the property must sign the RL)
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Adjacent Owner Notification Sheets - (1 page for each adjacent owner)**
  - a) Applicant can submit sheets **signed by both** upstream and downstream property owners.
  - OR-**
  - b) Applicant can submit **Certified Mail** (date stamped) receipts which were addressed to upstream and downstream property owners.
  - OR-**
  - c) Adjacent owners may submit their comments directly to your Project Manager.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Copy of the Warranty Deed and referenced Plat of the subject parcel.** (the applicant must be the current owner)
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Drawing/Plans of the Proposed Dock** - At least one clean, legible drawing on an 8 1/2"x 11" sheet to include:
  - a) Dimensions for each component (i.e. walkway, fixed deck, float, ramp, hoist, catwalk, etc.) If permit is being modified and components are being added, please indicate on the drawing which components exist and which components are proposed. **Please do not highlight or color code.** The drawing must indicate the exact configuration of the existing and proposed structure components.
  - b) Waterway width at Mean Low Water (MLW). Indicate grass to grass or bank to bank measurement if channel is dry or mostly dry at MLW.
  - c) Extent of dock into the channel from the MLW line.
  - d) Distance from each side of dock at the terminal end to extended property lines.
  - e) Any specific characteristic of the site should be identified with the proposed structure in place (i.e. a bend in the channel, a tidal creek or slough in proximity of the proposed structure, and dock corridors that have been approved by the GADNR)
  - f) When using previously submitted drawings or drawings from other sources, please ensure that all information matches the request. **(Professional drawings may be required depending on the proposed structure)**

To fit within the Programmatic General Permit (PGP) size restrictions, your dock structure proposal must adhere to the following:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Walkway is 6 ft. wide or less measured from outer handrail, with a max length of 1,000 ft., and max area of 3,000 sq. ft. Any bracing or support structures must be clearly indicated on the drawing.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fixed deck is 300 sq. ft. or less. This includes landings for the sole purpose of accessing the float. Please indicate if covered and give roof dimensions.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Floating dock is 600 sq. ft. or less for a single-family structure and 1,000 sq. ft. or less for a shared-family structure. This includes all run-up, modular, and jet-ski floats.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Single boat hoist no larger than 16 ft. x 30 ft. measured from pilings. Please indicate if covered and give roof dimensions.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Single catwalk, whose sole purpose is to service a boat hoist max is 3 ft. x 30 ft.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dock extends less than 40' or ¼ the channel measured at MLW, whichever is **less**.

If your dock structure does not fit within these restrictions and/or you are located on the Intra- Coastal Waterway (ICW), you must submit an Individual Permit (IP) application in lieu of the PGP application **as well as all of the other previously listed required application documents** to this Department and to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Applicants that do not wish or are not able to, adhere to the above dimension restrictions will be required to provide justification as to why the restriction cannot be met. Requests to exceed the PGP restrictions will be approved or denied on a case-by-case basis.

All documents must be submitted to the Permit Coordinator for your county before your application can proceed through the process. The application is considered incomplete if all of the required documents have not been submitted. If the requested information for your incomplete application is not received within 90 days after the initial submittal, your application will be withdrawn unless other arrangements have been made with your Project Manager. Within 10 days **post-construction**, you must complete and submit a Construction Notification Form to your Project Manager.

**Please mail all required dock application materials to:**

**PGP Dock Permit Coordinator**  
**County of Proposed Dock:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Georgia Department of Natural Resources**  
**Coastal Resources Division**  
**One Conservation Way**  
**Brunswick, GA 31520**

For general questions about dock permits, the status of a pending application, see our web page at <http://coastalgadnr.org/msp/ap/private> or call (912) 264-7218 to speak with the Permit Coordinator for your county.

**Application for the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers  
Programmatic General Permit  
PGP0083**

Administered by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources  
Coastal Resources Division

For Private Residential, Single-Family or Shared-Family, Noncommercial, Recreational Docks  
located in Effingham, Chatham, Bryan, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, Wayne, Glynn, Bryan,  
Camden, and Charlton Counties, Georgia

This permit is indicated for recreational docks for the exclusive, noncommercial use of the owner and their guests for recreational, water-dependent activities. The proposed dock does not have full enclosures or create a navigational hazard and adjoins a lot having a detached, single-family residence or a lot with at least 50 feet of marsh frontage suitable for the construction of such a residence are exempt from the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act of 1970 (O.C.G.A. 12-5-280).

**Applicant(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Agent:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Construction Company:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Physical Location of Dock Structure** (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_  
(directions or address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Lot or Block #: \_\_\_\_\_ Parcel ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ Subdivision: \_\_\_\_\_

**County:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Waterway:** \_\_\_\_\_

Is there an existing dock facility on this property? yes\_\_\_\_ no\_\_\_\_

Has a previous permit been issued? yes\_\_\_\_ no\_\_\_\_ unknown \_\_\_\_ (if yes) Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Permittee (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Please check **all** criteria which may apply to your application:

\_\_\_\_\_Single-Family \_\_\_\_\_ Shared-Family (choose one)

\_\_\_\_\_New Construction (includes complete removal and replacement of existing structures)

\_\_\_\_\_Modification to Existing (adding, removing, or reconfiguring existing structure design)

\_\_\_\_\_Maintenance to Existing (includes repairs requiring heavy machinery, barges, or other construction methods that may cause a temporary, negative effect on water bottoms)

\_\_\_\_\_Transfer of Ownership \_\_\_\_\_  
(previous owner name if known)

\_\_\_\_\_Time Extension (previous permit history required)

**Please read and initial the following and certify the information by signature below.**

\_\_\_\_\_I/we understand that additional site specific information may be required to support the processing of this application.

\_\_\_\_\_I/we certify that this dock facility will be used for private, residential, single-family or shared-family, noncommercial, recreational use by me and my guests only. No commercial activities will occur and no commercial vessels will be moored at the proposed dock facility.

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\_\_\_\_\_I/we understand that no person may live aboard vessels at this proposed dock facility.

\_\_\_\_\_I/we hereby designate the above named person/company to act on my behalf as my agent in the processing of this permit application and to furnish upon request, supplemental information as necessary for the processing of this application.

**I certify that I am familiar with the information contained in this application, I have read and understand the terms and conditions of the Programmatic General Permit (PGP0083), and that to the best of my/our knowledge and belief such information is true, complete, and accurate. I/we further certify that I/we possess the authority to undertake the proposed project.**

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**Applicant Signature**

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**Date**

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(name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(project location address) (city) (state) (zip)

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(lot number) (subdivision)

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