

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**

SAVANNAH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS HARTWELL LAKE AND POWERPLANT, PO BOX 278 HARTWELL, GEORGIA 30643-0278

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Operations Manager

Dear Stakeholder:

I am contacting you since you have an existing shoreline use permit/license for a boat dock or other facility/activity along the shoreline of Hartwell Lake or you have expressed an interest in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, South Atlantic Division's (SAD) Shoreline Management Program. This is to notify you of an increase in the total fee charged for these permits/licenses issued effective January 1, 2006.

For many years SAD has charged \$30 for processing a boat dock permit. This permit fee will not change; however, we will now also collect an administrative fee to cover the license costs. These licenses allow private land-based boat dock support structures, lighting, walkways, steps and other facilities to improve access to permitted boat docks on public land. The fee for the license covers labor, equipment, material and supply costs associated with the issuance, reissuance or modification of licenses. For a new permit/license (new activity/facility or new owner of existing activity/facility), the combined administrative fee will be \$400 for a five-year term, and to re-issue an existing permit/license to the same owner, the administrative fee will be \$175 for the five-year term. To modify an existing permit/license to the same owner, the administrative fee will be \$90 for the remainder of the five-year term. In addition to the administrative fee, we will continue to charge the current fair market value rental consideration for minor land-based facilities and activities such as improved walkways, steps, and utility rights-of-way. A copy of the fee schedule is enclosed.

Public law encourages Government agencies to be self-sustaining by recovering costs for services (31 USC 9701) and authorizing the acceptance of funds to cover administrative expenses relating to certain real property transactions (10 USC 2695). These funds are then returned to the lake incurring the expense for continued management of the program. By implementing this fee, the individual benefiting from the permit/license will bear the cost; not the taxpayers.

Information regarding this change can be found at: <a href="http://www.sad.usace.army.mil/adminfees/default.htm">http://www.sad.usace.army.mil/adminfees/default.htm</a>
If you have questions or need additional details, please contact Mark Dotson or George Bramlette, toll free, at (888) 893-0678, extensions 357 and 334 respectively.

Sincerely,

Virgil G. Hobbs III

Hartwell Project Operations Manager