



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

Operations Division  
Regulatory Branch

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
P.O. BOX 60267  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70160-0267

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY GENERAL PERMIT

Authorization No.: (General Permit) NOD-29

Effective Date: November 30, 1985

Proposed Expiration Date: February 28, 2018

Under authorization granted by applicable sections of Parts 320 through 330 of Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, and delegated authority from the Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Commander and District Engineer at New Orleans has determined that it is not contrary to the public interest to issue a general permit time extension to:

Dredge and maintain boat slips, install and maintain appurtenant structures and fill, such as associated walkways, boat sheds, boathouses, riprap, bulkheads and deposition of hauled or dredged material behind the bulkheads for stabilization (see enclosed sample drawings).

Specific legislation requiring Department of the Army permits for work of this nature are:

- a. Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).
- b. Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344).

This general authorization for the above cited work is granted subject to the following conditions:

- a. This general permit would only be applicable to allow an individual to obtain a boat slip and associated work for recreational use only in a manmade waterway. It would authorize the dredging and maintenance of a boat slip with a maximum area of 500 square feet with a maximum depth of 4 feet below mean low water elevation, but not to exceed the average depth of the adjacent waterway, and up to a 10-foot continuous extension of the dredging into the waterways, with same width and depth or slip.
- b. The material removed is to be placed on the applicant's property in a non-wetland area above the mean high water shoreline or hauled from the site for disposal in a non-wetland area. An average of one cubic yard per running foot, of dredged or fill material, placed along the bank below the plane of the ordinary high water mark or the high tide line may be deposited behind the bulkhead for stabilization.

c. Up to 68 feet of bulkhead or riprap may be installed and maintained within the slip. Additionally, bulkhead or riprap wing extensions of up to 5 feet on either side or both sides of the slip may be installed and maintained in the waterway along the bank or at or above the high water shoreline, whichever is more landward.

d. A boat shed or boathouse may be installed and maintained within the slip area.

e. Work authorized under this general permit may not commence unless and until all required local, state, and other federal permits, licenses, authorizations, and certifications are obtained. This includes, but is not limited to:

(1) A coastal use permit or waiver (if applicable) signed by the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources or designee and

(2) A water quality certification (if required) from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services.

f. Applicants wishing to perform work under authority of this general permit must make written application to the Regulatory Branch of this District and receive written authorization before commencing work. Written requests must include a map showing the location of the proposed work and 8.5 x 11-inch drawings, showing as a minimum, the information on the enclosed sample drawings, to illustrate the work to be done.

g. This general permit may be suspended, modified, or revoked by the District Engineer any time it is found to be in the public interest to do so.

h. The District Engineer may choose not to grant approval under this general permit and require the applicant to go through regular permit processing procedures when he finds that such action is in the public interest.

i. Public notice will be given any time this general permit is modified, revoked or suspended.

j. If cultural artifacts are discovered at a worksite, work must be suspended and notification given by the permittee to the State Historic Preservation Officer. Work may not resume until proper provisions are made for study, preservation, or recovery of the artifacts.

k. Applicable provisions of the regular Department of the Army permit (ENG Form 1721) are made a part of this general permit. A copy of the form is enclosed.

l. No activity that is likely to adversely affect federally listed threatened or endangered species, or that is likely to destroy or adversely modify the critical habitat of such species, is authorized under this general permit.

m. The permittee agrees to make every reasonable effort to prosecute the construction or operation of the work authorized herein in a manner so as to minimize any adverse impact of fish, wildlife, and natural environmental values.

n. The permittee agrees that he or she will prosecute the construction or operation of work authorized herein in a manner so as to minimize any degradation of water quality.

o. The permittee shall maintain the structure or work authorized herein in good condition and in reasonable accordance with the plans and drawings approved under this general permit.

p. Individual approvals granted under this general permit allow five years from the date of the approval letter to complete the project.

q. Permittee shall use rip rap material that is free of protruding, reinforcement material such as rebar.

Authority under this general permit does **not** include the following:

a. Dredging of any vegetated wetlands is not authorized under this general permit.

b. Use of the boathouse or boat shed as a habitable structure or structural support for a habitable structure.

c. Access road to the boat slip area or construction of a parking area in a wetland.

d. Deposition of fill or dredged material in wetlands or waterways, either onsite or offsite, other than the minimum amount of material necessary to stabilize the bulkheads.

e. Issuance of more than one approval to an individual regardless of the amount of property that individual owns.

f. Two or more boat slips on one property including existing slips.

g. Present or future commercial use of the boat slip or obtaining the approval for improving the property intended for sale.

Areas where work may not be performed:

a. In or adjacent to waterways in the Louisiana Natural and Scenic River System without prior written approval or concurrence from the Scenic River Coordinator of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

b. Within 1,000 feet of a levee or flood control facilities constructed or maintained with federal funds, or owned and operated by agencies of state and local governments without prior written consent of the appropriate agency or governing body.

c. Within the boundaries of the National or State Wildlife Refuge, Game Management Area, or similar area without specific prior authorization from the manager of the facility or appropriate official at the managing agency.

d. Work within one mile of a site eligible to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places, or within one-half mile of a known archeological site, or within one-half mile of any cultural resources site.

e. Within any natural water bottoms.

f. Within 1,500 feet of colonial bird nesting sites.

g. Within 3,000 feet of a bald eagle nesting site.

BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

Martin S. Mayer  
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Enclosure