

Provisions for Dredging/Silt Removal Lake Seminole

Both initial and maintenance dredging may be approved if conditions of the Regional Permit and the *Shoreline Management Plan - Lake Seminole* are met. Anyone intending to dredge in Lake Seminole must contact the Resource Management Office for a site evaluation and to begin the permit authorization process prior to starting work. Provisions for dredging /silt removal are:

- The site considered for the dredging activity shall be adjacent shoreline allocated as "Limited Development."
- The activity shall be for removing only silt (not original soils and rocks) and for improving navigation to an existing permitted dock or boatramp.
- The permit will not be authorized if needed access to the site could result in destroying public property.
- All work shall be performed only in water adjacent the applicant's property.
- Initial dredging shall result in a depth of no greater than the approved design depths, and in no case shall the water's depth at average pool elevation (77.5 MSL) exceed six feet.
- Maintenance dredging shall follow the same criteria as initial dredging except that in no case will the depth exceed the authorized initial dredged depth.
- Requests for initial dredging shall not exceed 500 cubic yards of material.
- Requests for maintenance dredging shall not exceed 300 cubic yards of material.
- Dredged material shall not be placed on lands which the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers either holds in fee or has an easement interest. It shall be placed at an upland site and properly confined so sediment will not reenter the water or interfere with natural drainage.
- The activity shall be a single and complete project—"piecemeal dredging" activities will not be authorized.
- Applicants shall follow the "**Application Procedure for Dredging/Silt Removal Permit.**"

Application Procedure for Dredging/Silt Removal Permit

- After developing proposed plans complying with the "**Provisions for Dredging/Silt Removal**", applicants should contact the resource management office and schedule a meeting with a project ranger.
- The ranger will review the plan, discuss it with the applicant and assess the work site to determine if proposed plans are within the scope of applicable permit conditions.
- If the work site qualifies, the ranger will instruct the applicant regarding required coordination with the appropriate state historic preservation officer (SHPO)*. *Cultural resource surveys are required of upland disposal areas if the SHPO determines there may be a cultural resource concern.* The applicant must furnish the SHPO with the following information:

Project Description - This information shall include a written description the activity and the location of the work and the proposed location of the disposal site; a drawn plan of the work site including a delineation and discussion of any wetlands involved; a written description of the types (composition) and amount of disposal materials; and a signed statement of intention to comply with all terms and conditions of the regional permit.

Location Map - Work sites and disposal sites shall be clearly marked on a topographical map which include current major road systems. USGS quadrangle maps are preferred however, other high quality topographical maps (*i.e.* city or county maps) may be acceptable. Applicants should determine the acceptability of the maps to be used.

- The SHPO will advise an applicant by letter whether or not the disposal site has cultural significance. The applicant will furnish this letter to the resource management office. If the site has cultural resource significance, the applicant is responsible for having the required cultural resource survey performed. The key personnel responsible for coordinating the cultural resource survey must meet the professional qualifications standards set forth in the *Department of the Interior's Archaeology and Historic Preservation: Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines* (Federal Register, VOL. 48, NO. 190: 44716-44742; September 29, 1983). The survey shall be conducted and reported according to these standards as well as those established by the SHPO.
- Three copies of the survey report along with the project description and location map shall be forwarded to the Resource Management Office for coordination with appropriate federal and state reviewing officials. This coordination will take approximately three months.
- If the SHPO determines the disposal site has no cultural significance, the applicant shall forward the SHPO's letter along with the request to dredge, the written description of the project, plans and location map to the Resource Management Office for permit authorization. No work may proceed until the applicant receives a permit.

*State historic preservation officers may be contacted at the following addresses:

for property in Georgia:

Office of Historic Preservation
Department of Natural Resources
205 Butler St., S.E.
Suite 1462
Atlanta, GA 30334
telephone (404) 656-2840

for property in Florida:

Division of Historic Resources
Compliance/Review Section
500 South Bronough St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250
telephone (904) 487-2333