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**MDSPGP-7**

**Activity a(5)**

**Boat Ramp Construction, Repair, Expansion, and Replacement**

The authorized Boat Ramp Construction, Repair, Expansion, and Replacement activities must comply with the following applicable activity specific conditions, all general conditions of this permit, and any project-specific special conditions.

This activity authorizes discharges of dredged or fill material and the construction of structures such as wing walls and access piers associated with construction of new boat ramps and the repair, expansion, and replacement of existing boat ramps (Sections 10 and/or 404; all waters of the United States).

**Category A Impact Limits and Requirements:**

- (i) The boat ramp must not exceed 12 feet in width.
- (ii) The boat ramp must not extend more than 30 feet channelward of the mean high/ordinary high-water mark or further than a water depth of -3.0 feet at mean low water in tidal areas, whichever is less.
- (iii) Boat ramps and associated discharges must not be placed in special aquatic sites, including wetlands, SAV, mudflats, sanctuaries and refuges, and riffle and pool complexes, etc.
- (iv) Access piers must not exceed five (5) feet in width.
- (v) Fixed access piers must be constructed a minimum of three (3) feet above the mean low water level in tidal areas.

**Category B Impact Limits and Requirements:**

- (i) The boat ramp must not exceed 24 feet in width, unless the Corps waives this criterion by making a written determination concluding that the discharge of dredged or fill material will result in no more than minimal adverse environmental effects.
- (ii) The boat ramp must not extend more than 25% of the width of any waterway or further than a water depth of -3.0 feet at mean low water in tidal areas, whichever is less.
- (iii) The discharge of concrete, rock, crushed stone or gravel into forms, or in the form of pre-cast concrete planks or slabs into waters of the United States must not exceed 50 cubic yards, unless the Corps waives this criterion by making a written determination concluding that the discharge of dredged or fill material will result in no more than minimal adverse environmental effects.

(iv) All boat ramps and associated discharges must be designed to eliminate or minimize impacts to special aquatic sites, including but not limited to wetlands, SAV, mudflats, sanctuaries and refuges, and riffle and pool complexes, etc.

**Requirements Applicable to Both Category A and Category B Activities:**

- (i) Application must be submitted to MDE for Corps authorization.
- (ii) This activity authorizes the discharge of concrete, rock, crushed stone, or gravel into forms, or placement of pre-cast concrete planks or slabs, or other suitable material within the limits of the boat ramp only.
- (iii) Excavation must be limited to the area necessary for site preparation.
- (iv) This activity does not authorize dredging to provide access to the boat ramp.
- (v) This activity does not authorize use of materials not structurally sound.
- (vi) Alternate Corps permit review procedures are required for boat ramps that may cause more than a minimal adverse effect on navigation.
- (vii) Authorization of the boat ramp and associated piers is based upon current water depths; propeller dredging is not authorized.
- (viii) This activity authorizes a maximum of two access piers associated with the boat ramp.
- (ix) Access piers must be directly abutting the boat ramp and must not extend more than the channelward extent of the boat ramp or the minimum necessary to provide adequate access to the boat ramp, whichever is less.