



C. Earl Hunter, Commissioner

Promoting and protecting the health of the public and the environment.

**PUBLIC NOTICE
PROPOSED GENERAL PERMIT FOR:**

**SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
RECREATION & TOURISM**

SCDHEC/OCRM is proposing to issue a general permit (GP) to the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism (SCPRT) for the construction of boardwalks over tidal wetlands. Specifically the boardwalks, although avoided when feasible, are integral components of trail systems in our State Parks. These crossing areas serve as natural viewing sites and as educational opportunities for school groups and others who visit our State parks. This GP may not be used in order to provide access to islands. Access to an island will require a direct permit from SCDHEC/OCRM. This GP is intended to aid in the future design of trail systems by SCPRT.

This GP is limited, as shown on the attached plans, to the construction of boardwalks with varying lengths over tidal wetland areas. The SCPRT will have to submit to SCDHEC/OCRM specific drawings as they relate to the various projects. SCDHEC/OCRM reserves the right to require a direct permit if the project is deemed out of the scope of the intended GP.

This public notice is being distributed to all known interested persons and agencies to assist the Department in its decision-making process. Comments concerning the proposed work should be submitted in writing, setting forth sufficient detail to furnish a clear understanding of the reasons for support or opposition.

COMMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO SCDHEC/OCRM, ATTN: TESS RODGERS, AT THE ADDRESS BELOW BY JANUARY 21, 2006.

Please refer to GP-05-001.

December 22, 2005

**SCDHEC/OCRM General Permit for
South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism
GP-05-001**

Attachment A

Work: The construction of boardwalks over tidal wetlands within State Park boundaries that are part of an internal trail system.

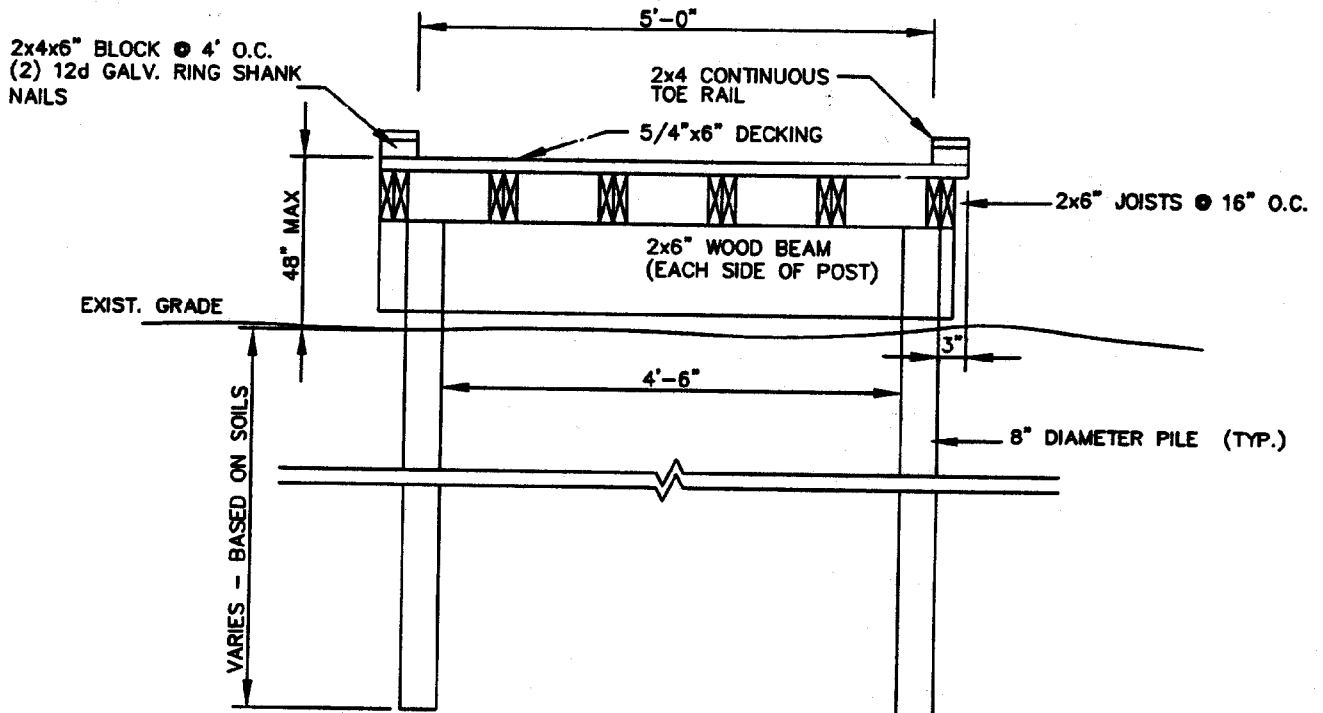
Where: Within the Tidelands Critical Areas in the counties of Horry, Georgetown, Berkeley, Dorchester, Charleston, Colleton, Beaufort & Jasper.

Description: The construction of boardwalks over tidal wetlands within State Park boundaries that are part of an internal trail system provided that the following provisions are met:

Provisions:

1. This general permit may not be used in order to access any island. Island access will require a direct permit from SCDHEC/OCRM. Further, SCDHEC/OCRM reserves the right to require an individual or direct critical area permit if in its discretion, if conditions warrant.
2. In addition to this general permit, the applicant must obtain any applicable local or Federal permit, if required.
3. Boardwalks may only be a maximum of 5' clear width. Guardrails will be installed when the deck is 48" or more over the existing grade. Toe rails will be installed when guardrails are not required.
4. No more than one, 12' x 12' viewing platform/turn-around is permitted on a 100 foot or longer stretch of boardwalk.
5. The boardwalk elevations will be evaluated individually in each application.
6. The maximum length of any single boardwalk section is 500 feet under this general permit and the maximum total length of boardwalks along a trail is limited to 1000 feet, per park under this general permit.

NOTE:
 ALL LUMBER TO BE SOUTHERN
 YELLOW PINE #1 GRADE,
 PILE TREATMENT LP-22 0.8 CCA RETENTION
 OTHER LUMBER TREATMENT LP-22 0.4 CCA RETENTION
 CONTRACTOR TO PREDRILL NAIL HOLES IN AREAS WHERE
 WOOD MAY SPLIT. SPLIT WOOD SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED.



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PROJECT NAME: GENERAL PERMIT DRAWING WOODEN BOARDWALK	
PROJECT LOCATION: SC STATE PARKS	
APPLICANT: SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM	
DATE: SEPTEMBER 28, 2005	SCALE: NTS
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1000' MAX MARSH VEGETATION ZONE

EXISTING GRADE

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8" DIAMETER WOOD PILES - SYP GRADE 2, 2.5 CCA

10' MAX
TYP

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