

**What is the National Marine Manufacturer's Association permit application for?**

The Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District received a permit application from the National Marine Manufacturer's Association. The applicant wants to install temporary docking facilities for the annual Miami International Boat Show.

**What work is the applicant seeking to have done?**

The applicant seeks authorization for the installation of 268,400 square feet of temporary floating docks and access walkways for the National Marine Manufacturer's Boat Show.

**Where can I find additional information about the work the applicant is proposing?**

<http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/PublicNotices/tabid/6072/Article/585336/saj-2014-01034sp-ag.aspx>

**What will determine if the permit is issued or denied?**

This decision will be based on the information received from the public notice, <http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/PublicNotices/tabid/6072/Article/585336/saj-2014-01034sp-ag.aspx> and the evaluation of the probable impact to the associated wetlands.

**What is the project's current status?**

We are continuing application review in consultation with Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and NOAA's Protective Resources and Habitat Conservation Divisions. NOAA's Habitat Conservation Division works to protect coastal and marine habitat while Protected Resources Division has the responsibility for protecting endangered/threatened marine life. FWS also protects endangered /threatened marine life, including the West Indian manatee and the American crocodile. FDEP's Water Quality Certification (WQC)/Coastal Zone Consistency (CZM) is still pending.

In addition, the applicant has provided a vessel transportation plan to address water taxi routes and sea trials to avoid impacts to sensitive resources in the area, including Bill Sadowski Wildlife Refuge. Marine Patrol will also be patrolling these areas during the event.

**How long does this particular permit process take?**

The applicant requested a Standard Permit. This permit type is required when a proposed project does not meet the criteria to qualify for a General or Nationwide Permit, or Letter of Permission. A Standard Permit usually has a 21-day comment period under public noticing, though it can be as short as 15 days or up to 30 days. Because each proposed project is different, processing times for these types of permits can run 60 to 120 days from the receipt of a complete application in non-controversial projects. Controversial or larger projects may take longer.

**How do I obtain a copy of the permit application?**

The permit application is only releasable under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) due to the redaction process of Personal Identifiable Information (PII).

**Why was the National Marine Manufacturer's Association asked to submit an application that reflected the largest possible event they might host?**

When an organization or individual requests a permit, the Corps typically recommends that we are provided with the most accurate project scope as possible. If the project impacts must be scaled up or the size of the project's scope increases from what was in the application or what was noticed to the public, the Corps may need to re-issue a new public notice for the revised scope. However, if the project impacts or scope are reduced, the Corps will usually not have to re-notice. The size of a proposed project is always the decision of the applicant as the Corps is neither for or against any project that is submitted.

**Does the Corps intend to hold a hearing on the boat show application?**

The public notice period closed Friday, May 6. The Corps is neither a proponent or opponent of the project. We review any proposals presented to us through our process to ensure compliance with Federal laws and regulations. At this time, there has not been a decision to determine whether a hearing will be held.

**What is the determining factor of whether a hearing is held?**

One of the determining factors as to whether a hearing is held is whether additional information could be obtained at a public hearing, that would not otherwise be obtained through the public notice comment period. To date we have heard from several dozen members of the public. Other factors include the cost of holding a public hearing, due to the strict protocol the Army requires for public hearings.

**If the applicant is asked to provide additional documentation, how can I receive a copy of the information?**

If an applicant is requested to provide additional information, you may request that information via our FOIA process.