

Private Use Permit Information

The Toledo Bend Joint Project, Sabine River Authority of Texas, and Sabine River Authority of Louisiana owns and regulates respective portions of Toledo Bend Reservoir as well as a "Buffer Zone" known as "Leaseback", around the Reservoir, which was (in LA), leased back to the original owners for a period of 99 years. This interest must be assigned to the current adjacent landowner to exercise the exclusive rights stated therein.

Although habitable structures and or sewage facilities are prohibited on or below Leaseback; structures such as storage buildings (with windows for inspection), piers, boathouses, decks, outdoor pavilions, seawalls, boat launches, and private water withdrawal systems are permitted only with the express consent and supervision of the Shoreline Department.

In an effort to distribute the use of the Reservoir with regard to the public interest, an individuals contractual L/B Rights, and neighborhood concerns, it is the policy of the Authority to limit an individuals designates area below the 172 MSL contour to:

1. A maximum of 1/3 of a cove (note-smaller coves boat lanes may require in excess Of 1/3 for boat traffic)
2. A minimum of 100 L/F form a buoyed boat lane
3. Not to exceed 300 L/F (if area is available)
4. Not to exceed 160 MSL lake bottom elevation on structure which extend more than 50 L/F from the 172 MSL contour

In the instance of a natural depth year around access (160 MSL) channel, the primary goal of 1/3 of a cove may or may not be adjusted on a case-by-case basis. Priority will be given to the public issue vs. feasibility of dredging and the need for individual access.

Should an issue arise in regard to an existing structure being beyond the 1/3 rule, a review of the permit file data will be performed to determine the future of said structure. Structures and activities, which extend laterally into an adjacent area, may only remain with a written release from said areas leaseback assignee. The 1/3 rule and boat lane safety issues cannot be optioned off.

It is the Shoreline Managers policy to design and present permit applicants, upon request, with a drawing describing subject area below 172 MSL. Applicants must draw in structures with dimensions, depth at a specific date (or convert to lake bottom MSL), sign drawing and return with applicable permit fees (\$35 for structures and dredges etc.), application and deed or lease which includes an assignment of Leaseback Rights.

Each set of activities requires a permit which remains pending up to 18 months or until completion, notification, final inspection and approval by the Shoreline Department. Pending projects may be modified by submitting a signed revised drawing for review and approval. Permit approval is permanent to the current owner as long as they are of sound structure or ownership changes.

A permit plat will be issued for each site and/or water withdrawal. **These plates must be displayed.** Damaged or lost plates will be replaced at no charge.

A water withdrawal permit is required to mechanically withdraw untreated water from Toledo Bend Reservoir. Private use water withdrawal permits are payable one year in advance. The fee is \$50 with no applicable tax, per household and approximately one acre irrigated area, and will be billed annually on the first of the month of the one-year expiration.

Permits remain in effect and annual renewal payments are due until such time as you chose to advise the Authority in writing or by acknowledging in the space provided on your renewal statement which states that you do not wish to renew said permit and you **HAVE REMOVED** your pump and surface lines.

An inspection will be made, normally within two weeks, to confirm that pump and surface lines are removed and your responsibility ceases. Should facilities be locked or otherwise inaccessible, please communicate with the Shoreline Department. Until said written request and inspection is completed, a contract is still in effect!

Should you sell your property, it is your responsibility to notify the Authority of the new owners name and address, to advise him of his obligation to transfer all applicable permits, or to remove the system yourself and advise the Authority you wish to cancel your permit and you have removed your pump and surface lines, and request an inspection.

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