

**Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Division of Coastal Management (DCM)**

Name of Fee: CAMA General Permit (GP) application fees (various, see attachment).

Purpose of Fee: To partially offset the administrative and personnel costs incurred by the Division for processing the applications and related compliance activities, with consideration given to the complexity of the proposed development activity.

Authority: G.S. 113A-119.1 authorizes the Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) to collect GP fees up to a maximum of four hundred dollars (\$400) per permit application.

Current Fee: See attachment.

Revenue Generated (FY 2004-05): \$425,150.

Proposed Fee: See attachment.

Additional Revenue Generated (Based upon Average Annual, 2000-2004 CY): \$336,550.

Projected Total Annual Revenue: \$761,700.

Rationale for Fee Increase: The state budget for fiscal years 2006-2008 reduced the Division's operating budget by approximately \$16,000. Over the past five years DCM has lost over \$600,000 in permanent funding from state appropriations. Federal appropriations have also been reduced this year—the first time that this has ever happened to the NC coastal program. Administrative and operating costs incurred by DCM continue to increase annually. Revenue from permit fees has not kept pace with budget reductions and cost increases. CAMA permit fees have not been changed since August 2000. The proposed GP fee increases will allow DCM to offset a portion the shortfall from reduced state and federal appropriations and higher mandatory expenditures.

The GP structure was created to facilitate the rapid permitting of low impact, commonly proposed projects. While the maximum fee that the agency can charge to process GPs has been legislatively capped at \$400 since 1989, the costs associated with issuing GPs have increased over time. Staff perform site visits with these projects so when travel, record keeping and compliance are factored in, staff estimates that most GPs cost over \$200 each to issue.

Who Pays: Any party that must apply for a CAMA general permit will be affected by these changes. These parties will include property owners, developers, and public entities such as state and federal agencies.

Number Affected by Fee: The Division has issued an average of 2,680 GPs annually over the period 2000-2004.

Inception Date of Fee: 1984

Date of Last Fee Change: August 2000.

ATTACHMENT: CAMA General Permit Fees Proposed for Increase

Table 1. Proposed Fee Increases and Anticipated Fiscal Impacts

Rule #	Permit Type	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Avg. per Year*	Impact (\$)
7H.1103	GP at or above NHW/NWL	100	200	378	37,800
	GP below NHW/NWL	100	400	378	113,400
7H.1203	GP Docks, Piers, Boatlifts, Boathouses	100	200	1191	119,100
7H.1303	GP Boat Ramps	100	200	19	1,900
7H.1403	GP Wooden or Riprap Groins	100	200	12	1,200
7H.1503	GP Excavation (maint.) up to 100 cy	100	200	35	3,500
	GP Excavation (maint.) 101-1000 cy	100	400	80	24,000
7H.1603	GP Aerial & Subaqueous Lines	100	400	26	7,800
7H.1703	GP Sandbags	250	400	24	3,600
7H.1803	GP Beach Bulldozing	100	400	8	2,400
7H.1903	GP Temporary Structures	100	200	11	1,100
7H.2003	GP Reconfiguration	100	200	82	8,200
7H.2103	GP Marsh Enhancement Breakwater	100	200	3	300
7H.2203	GP Freestanding Moorings	100	200	7	700
7H.2303	GP Bridges & Culverts	100	400	26	7,800
7H.2403	GP Riprap for Wetland Protection	50	200	19	2,850
7H.2503	GP Emergency (waived by rule)	100	200	378	**0
7H.2603	GP EEP Mitigation	100	400	3	900
7H.2703	GP Riprap Sills	100	200	0	0
TOTAL				2,680	336,550

*Average per year based on number of permits issued from 2000-2004.

Table 2. Number of General Permits Issued per Year by GP Type

Rule Number	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Total	Average
7H.1103	792	697	600	676	1,017	3,782	756
7H.1203	1,051	1,087	1,078	1,298	1,439	5,953	1191
7H.1303	22	18	23	15	18	96	19
7H.1403	15	8	13	6	17	59	12
7H.1503	101	201	110	64	106	582	115
7H.1603	34	24	36	15	23	132	26
7H.1703	22	25	25	27	23	122	24
7H.1803	3	12	5	4	16	40	8
7H.1903	8	14	12	6	14	54	11
7H.2003	43	98	121	76	74	412	82
7H.2103	8	0	4	1	3	16	3
7H.2203	7	4	5	11	7	34	7
7H.2303	12	45	27	24	20	128	26
7H.2403	12	20	16	20	26	94	19
7H.2503	440	0	0	1051	399	1,890	378
7H.2603	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3	3	3
7H.2703	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	0