

Questions and Answers

Q1: How much is the new administrative fee?

A1: Beginning 1 January 2006, the total administrative fee to be collected for Consolidated Shoreline Use Permits is as follows:

- New Permit (or new owner of existing facility).....	\$400
- Re-issue Permit (to same owner of existing facility).....	\$175
- Permit Modification (additions/changes to existing facility)....	\$ 90
- Vegetative Modification (non-disruptive)	\$ 10
- Erosion Control	\$ 0

Q2: Why is the administrative fee more for a new permit?

A2: Initial or new Consolidated Permit applications require increased administrative effort. New permits or permits issued to new owners require on-site meetings to explain the Shoreline Management Program, the application process and gather information to process the application. The \$400 fee for a new permit is only charged once, at the time of initial issuance. Subsequent re-issuance of the permit to the same individual/group will be charged the \$175 "reissue" amount.

Q3: What does this administrative fee cover and how was the amount determined?

A3: The administrative fee covers the cost of labor, equipment, materials and supplies used to issue, reissue, or modify a Consolidated Permit. The fee is based on the regional average cost to issue a Consolidated Permit.

Q4: Why is my permit fee increasing?

A4: Congress recently granted authority to recover expenses from private individuals or groups who benefit from the issuance of the permit.

Q5: What is a Consolidated Permit? What does the license or consent portion of a Permit cover?

A5: A Consolidated Permit combines the following into one document:

- 1) A Shoreline Use Permit - authorizing boat docks, non-disruptive vegetation modification, and erosion control structures; and
- 2) A Real Estate License - authorizing private minor land-based facilities/activities, such as support structures, improved walkways, steps, and utility rights-of-way on fee land or a

Consent to Easement - authorizing minor land-based facilities/activities located on private land that is encumbered by a government easement.

Q6: What law or regulation authorizes the Corps to charge an administrative fee?

A6: Public law (31 United States Code 9701 and 10 United States Code 2695) authorizes the Government to recover its costs for providing services relating to certain real property transactions. The administrative fees collected are then used to support the administration of the Shoreline Management Program.

Q7: Does the Corps charge an administrative fee for other Real Estate transactions?

A7: Yes. It is standard practice to charge an administrative fee for all real estate transactions, including licenses and consents.

Q8: Why should I be charged a fee for the use of public property?

A8: Public land is for everyone's use. There is no "public benefit" when the Corps issues a Consolidated Permit. It only benefits the person to whom the permit is issued. The permit authorizes the placement of a private facility on "public property". The administrative fee reflects the costs incurred by the Government to issue the permit.

Q9: When will the new administrative fee be implemented?

A9: The new fee will go into effect January 1, 2006. If an applicant has initiated the process to obtain a Consolidated Permit prior to that date, it is considered to be "in process" and the old fee schedule will apply. For "New" permits, to be considered "in process" an applicant will have received application materials, instructions and been given a specific timeframe in which to return the completed application. The new fee will apply to existing permits that are reissued after January 1, 2006. Any permit modification request initiated after January 1, 2006 will be processed under the new fee schedule. All other applications received after January 1, 2006 will be processed under the new fee schedule.