

# **GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR SHORELINE PERMITTING**

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To apply for a Lakeshore Use Permit for these reservoirs; please call 205-472-0481

Permit Fee: **\$250.00**

This is a set of general guidelines for any and all construction activities within the boundaries of the above stated reservoirs. These guidelines do not attempt to address every specific situation that may exist on a reservoir, but are provided as general guidelines to assist you in your decision to build.

All activity within the boundary of the Neely Henry and Logan Martin hydroelectric reservoirs must be pre-approved and permitted by Alabama Power Company. Alabama Power Company owns the pool property of these reservoirs and in some areas has additional property rights along the shoreline.

## **FULL POOL (SUMMER) LEVEL FOR:**

**NEELY HENRY DAM 508' ABOVE MEAN SEA LEVEL (MSL)**  
**LOGAN MARTIN DAM 465' ABOVE MEAN SEA LEVEL (MSL)**

Please contact the office prior to the beginning of any construction within the project boundaries of these reservoirs. A representative of Alabama Power Company will be available to meet with you at the site to discuss and review your proposed work. When you contact Alabama Power Company to set up an appointment for a site visit, please provide general directions to your property and a phone number where you may be contacted.

**NO PERMITS WILL BE ISSUED AND NO CONSTRUCTION WILL BE ALLOWED WITHOUT A FULLY EXECUTED PERMIT APPLICATION AND ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS.** (Signed permit, deed, signed sketch, signed guidelines etc.)

Sketches must show all existing facilities with their dimensions and location as well as the proposed location (with dimensions) of all new facilities. All sketches must be submitted on 8.5 X 11 standard paper. They must show the location of all proposed construction and the proximity to the shoreline and property lines. For seawall construction, sketches must show distance from full pool shoreline. Sketches for piers, boathouses, ramps, boat slips etc., are to show size, length, width and if with a roof, height and dimension of roof. Specify types of materials to be used. Your sketch must be signed.

Porches, decks, patios and other appurtenant structures cannot be attached to a recreational camper or motor home. Porches, decks, patios or any other appurtenant structures cannot be enclosed or walled except that screening may be used for the exterior walls of said structures.

**Lots with less than 100 linear feet of shoreline may be restricted or may not be eligible for structures within the power pool area of the reservoir.**

Any and all lakefront property construction (piers, ramps, boathouses, boat slips, etc.) should be set a minimum of 15 feet from your property line. This separation should be maintained for a reasonable distance within the lake area.

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This distance will be determined by Alabama Power Company on a case by case basis. Pavilions, gazebos or any other appurtenant structures cannot be enclosed or walled except that screening may be used for the exterior walls of said structures. No satellite dishes or similar structures may be placed below the normal high water level of any reservoir. No garbage or foreign materials (remnants of building materials, old appliances, tires, etc.) are to be placed below the high water level of any reservoir. In a narrow slough, no structure can extend over 1/4 way across the slough. No habitable structures may be constructed on ground lying within the pool and/or water storage easements of these reservoirs.

**PIERS:** Should not exceed 50 feet in length. The useable platform structure should not exceed 420 sq. feet. Piers 4 feet and less in width are considered walkways and will be included in length but will not necessarily be included in the square footage guideline.

**BOATHOUSES/ WETSLIPS/BOATSLIPS:** Should not exceed 800 sq. feet. Must be open and cannot be walled or enclosed, however a portion of one exterior side may be walled for the placement/construction of an approved storage area. Sketch should show if covered (roofed), and dimensions. Non reflective materials must be used. No habitable fixtures are allowed in boathouses. Wet slips are uncovered boat mooring attached to a pier or a walkway. Boat slips are constructed by excavating into the shoreline and covering the excavated area with a boathouse structure. They are specific requirements you must discuss with the Alabama Power Company concerning this type of construction prior to commencing any work. The boat mooring area (open water) can not exceed 12 feet in width and 28 feet in length.

\*\*With regard to the construction of and remodeling of floating structures, flotation shall be encased or closed cell (extruded) expanded polystyrene of good quality and manufactured for marine use which will not become water-logged or sink when punctured. All bead foam material being replaced shall be removed from the reservoir and properly disposed of.

**BOAT RAMP:** Boat ramps should not exceed twenty (20) feet in width and may only extend into the lake a reasonable distance from the shoreline. Length and width will be determined by Alabama Power Company depending on location.

**SEAWALLS:** Seawalls are to be constructed as close to existing shoreline as possible. The source and kind of backfill must be approved by Alabama Power Company. Backfill must not exceed 1 cubic yard per running foot, Backfill only to the contour of the natural slope of the property. No debris or foreign materials to be used as backfill. No new creosote products may be used. Rip Rap (4 to 8 inch diameter rocks) must be placed at the base of the seawall.

**DREDGING:** Dredging material from the lakebed must be approved by Alabama Power Company prior to the removal of any material. Applications for this activity will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

Alabama Power Company cooperates with the developers on this reservoir and encourages compliance with covenants and/or other regulatory/design schemes put in place by developers in order to encourage best practices for shoreline management within the developments. It is your responsibility to obtain the necessary architectural board approvals, if such approval is a requirement prior to construction.

**ALABAMA POWER COMPANY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE EXCEPTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS TO THESE GUIDELINES AT ANY TIME AND AT ITS SOLE DISCRETION.**

These general guidelines are implemented by Alabama Power Company to allow it to provide for orderly and reasonable shoreline management of these reservoirs, recognizing that peculiarities in shorelines and property lines exist on these reservoirs and may require flexibility on the part of Alabama Power and/or landowners.

**Permittee Statement: I have received, read, understand, and agree to abide by these General Guidelines for Shoreline Permitting.**

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATED:** \_\_\_\_\_

Permittee