ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES
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SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62702-1271

STATEWIDE PERMIT NO. 14

AUTHORIZING SPECIAL USES OF PUBLIC WATERS

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Statewide Permit is to authorize special uses of public bodies of water which, by being in compliance with the terms and conditions of this permit, are determined to have negligible adverse impacts on the public's interests, rights, safety, or welfare in those waters. Subsequent to the effective date of this permit, it will not be necessary to submit applications for permit to, or obtain individual permits from, the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources, for special uses of public waters meeting the terms and conditions of this permit.

APPLICABILITY

This permit applies to publicly sanctioned designations of public water areas (and the associated placement of signs, ropes, buoys and similar apparatus) for uses such as boat regattas, ski shows, and other similar events on all of the State's public bodies of water. This permit does not apply, however, to any activity which would conflict with a federal, state or local project or improvement, or with any other rule of the Department.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

In order to be authorized by this permit, the special use must meet the following special conditions.

1. The activity must be sanctioned and authorized by the local governmental body having jurisdiction over the area within which the use is proposed to occur.

2. If the activity requires any other state or federal (e.g., U. S. Army Corps of Engineers or U. S. Coast Guard) authorization, such authorization(s) must be obtained prior to the commencement of the activity. **NOTE: Depending on the nature of the special use, additional authorization may be required from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. For example, certain boat regattas must be approved by the Office of Law Enforcement.**

3. No use or activity shall be considered authorized by this permit in excess of seven (7) consecutive days.

4. No use or activity shall be considered authorized by this permit in excess of two (2) times in any one-year period.

5. If at any time the Department of Natural Resources determines that the activity obstructs or impairs navigation, or unnecessarily infringes on the rights or interests of the public or any individual party, the permittee agrees to modify the activity as directed by the Department of Natural Resources.

6. No signs, ropes, etc. used in conjunction with the special use shall be placed or left in any public water area in a way which would create or result in a hazard to boating traffic. All such apparatus shall be removed from the water immediately upon conclusion of the event.

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE STATEWIDE PERMIT

1. This permit is granted in accordance with the Rivers, Lakes and Streams Act, 615 ILCS 5 (1994State Bar Edition).

2. This permit does not convey title to any permittee or recognize title of any permittee to any submerged or other lands, and furthermore, does not convey, lease or provide any right or rights of occupancy or use of the public or private property on which the project or any part thereof will be located, or otherwise grant to any permittee any right or interest in or to the property whether the property is owned or possessed by the State of Illinois or by any private or public party or parties.

3. This permit does not release any permittee from liability for damage to persons or property resulting from the work covered by the permit and does not authorize any injury to private property or invasion of private rights.

4. This permit does not relieve any permittee of the responsibility to obtain other federal, state or local authorizations required for the permitted activity; and if the permittee is required by law to obtain authorization from any federal authority to do the work, the authorization is not effective until the federal approval is obtained.

5. This Statewide Permit shall remain in effect until such time as it is modified, suspended, or revoked by the Department of Natural Resources.

This Statewide Permit was issued on October 2, 1998.

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