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**ATCHAFALAYA DELTA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (ADWMA)
LOTTERY HOUSEBOAT MOORING PERMIT/AGREEMENT EXAMPLE**

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Primary Phone Number: _____ Secondary Phone Number: _____

LDWF Customer ID #: _____ Email Address: _____

LA Registration #: _____

Total Length of Houseboat and Floating Structures: _____

Permit Number: _____

Mooring Location/Piling Numbers:

Effective Date: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Note: This document must be signed by LDWF and the permittee on the last page to be valid.

- This document grants the above permittee approval to moor the houseboat above on Atchafalaya Delta Wildlife Management Area (ADWMA) during the previously indicated dates. This permit allows the permittee to moor and leave his/her vessel overnight at the specific pilings stated above. Mooring to other pilings or in other locations is strictly prohibited. Year-round mooring is prohibited.
- LDWF retains the authority to make all final determinations on how many pilings are required to safely secure all vessels.
- Permittee agrees to abide by all rules and regulations pertaining to wildlife, fisheries and WMAs/refuges. Failure to comply with such rules and regulations may result in the cancellation of mooring privileges without refund. LDWF has the right to temporarily suspend permits for individuals that have pending violations.
- Louisiana revised statutes and regulations require that all houseboats must be registered and have LA numbers displayed appropriately. Failure to meet this requirement may result in permit cancellation.

- Houseboats moored on ADWMA must have a current permit from Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (LDHH) for the proper method of handling waste water. Additionally, all occupants of the houseboat must utilize the system when on ADWMA. Failure to meet these requirements may result in cancellation of permit and denial of any ADWMA houseboat mooring privileges for the following two years. The St. Mary Parish Office of LDHH can be contacted at 985-385-7018 for more information or to obtain a current year Renewal/Clearance permit.
- Permittees can have access to their sites only during the time period indicated above. The vessel must be removed from ADWMA by March 16. No extensions will be granted. Failure to meet this deadline will result in the permittee and vessel not being allowed to participate in any Atchafalaya Delta WMA houseboat mooring programs for the following two years. The permittee will also be charged a \$25 per day late fee for every day beyond March 16 that the houseboat is not removed from the WMA. The permittee will not be allowed to participate in any future ADWMA houseboat mooring programs until these fees are paid in full.
- The current year permit decal provided with this permit must be attached to the vessel and the permit must be in the vessel before and while mooring on ADWMA. The decal must be near a door or window and must be easily visible from the waterway for LDWF inspection purposes. The permit decal is white and black and will identify the corresponding year and permit number of your permit/agreement. No other permit decals will be valid. Please remove old, previously issued permit decals from the vessel.
- Mooring conditions at ADWMA are less than ideal. The mooring areas are shallow and some pilings are inaccessible. LDWF recommends that you make a trip to ADWMA to inspect the conditions of your mooring area (and access to it) before bringing your houseboat to ADWMA. Houseboats “spuds” (i.e., easily retractable pipes/poles mounted to vessel used to hold boat in a stable position) or “arms” (i.e., pipes that extend horizontally from the vessel to the pilings that are used to keep the vessel a set distance from the pilings) are the preferred techniques to secure vessels if needed. See below photo for arm example.



- Driving posts, pipes, or small pilings to secure vessels to designated locations is not recommended due to past problems with “orphaned” posts that create navigation hazards. Driving permanent pilings, posts, or pipes to secure vessels will not be permitted. Additionally, please refrain from constructing buildings,

restrooms/showers, generator sheds, kennels, or any other large structures on the adjacent shoreline. However, if permittees cannot use the available pilings for mooring, they will be allowed to drive posts on a limited basis (i.e., as few as possible to secure your boat). LDWF will document the use of posts by all permittees and will expect them to be removed by March 16, each year. Failure to meet this deadline may result in denial of any ADWMA houseboat mooring privileges for the following two years.

- Permittees are allowed to access and use the bank adjacent to their mooring sites for campfires, temporarily storing gear, etc. However, no trash or debris may be left on the bank at any time.
- LDWF has documented the current condition of mooring sites to curtail the abandonment of debris, posts, walkways, etc. LDWF expects all sites to be in the same condition when boats are removed from ADWMA as when they were transported to ADWMA. LDWF will inspect all sites for compliance after vessels are moved off ADWMA. Permittees and guests are also required to remove any debris (e.g., unburned firewood, cans, trash, etc.) from your mooring area each time you leave ADWMA.
- Permittees will be allowed to construct temporary walkways that extend onto the adjacent shoreline. However, these structures must be **completely** dismantled and removed no later than the permit expiration date. You may access the shoreline, but this is a privilege that can be revoked. Storage of gear and equipment must be kept to a minimum and littering is prohibited.
- All possessions, structures, docks, walkways, gear, lumber, etc. must also be removed from the site by March 16, each year. Permit extensions will not be granted. Failure to meet this deadline may result in denial of any ADWMA houseboat mooring privileges for the following two years.
- Permittees and guests overnighing on houseboats associated with ADWMA houseboat mooring lotteries are exempt from needing a WMA Camping Permit while on ADWMA.
- This permit may be terminated by LDWF at any time. However, lottery/award fees paid to LDWF are not reimbursable.
- Only one houseboat (i.e., living space) will be permitted for each permittee. Floating porches that do not provide living accommodations will also be permitted, but must be approved by LDWF. All permitted structures must fit “long ways” within designated areas. Porches or exterior features shall not be allowed to extend into the channel but must be attached on the ends of the houseboat adjacent to the canal banks.
- This permit is tied to a specific permittee and houseboat. Permits are not transferrable from one vessel or person to another. Permits are valid for the permittee’s vessel submitted in the application process (i.e., LA registration #). Substituting houseboats will not be allowed.
- Permittees will be allowed to use the site at his/her discretion during the permitted mooring periods. Houseboats do not have to be left on the WMA for the entire season and permits will not be revoked for lack of use.
- Providing lodging for hire is prohibited. Permittees that collect fees for lodging or guiding will lose mooring privileges. Permittees are prohibited from profiting from houseboat mooring on WMAs. Mooring permits are for recreational use of ADWMA.
- Permittees are liable for his/her vessel and will be liable for any actions, activities, accidents, etc. that occur on ADWMA. Mooring is at the permittee’s risk. Enter at your own risk. LDWF will not be liable. LDWF shall not be liable to permittee, permittee’s guests, agents, invitees, or any other person, for any

damage to person or property caused by any act, omission or neglect by permittee, permittee's successors or assigns, or by reason of any defect in ADWMA, whether apparent or latent.

- Permittees shall use great care to avoid damage to ADWMA. At LDWF's discretion, permittees may be required to maintain, repair and restore (at his own expense) any pilings or other LDWF structures on ADWMA which may be damaged by the permittee's use or misuse.
- Permittees will be responsible for salvage if their boat sinks or becomes stranded while on ADWMA. If LDWF is forced to remove any vessel for any reason, permittee will be liable for the expense. LDWF strongly recommends that each vessel have an appropriate insurance policy.
- Failure to comply with federal or state laws may result in the cancellation of mooring privileges without refund and the denial of future ADWMA houseboat mooring privileges. LDWF has the right to temporarily suspend permits for individuals that have pending violations.
- Failure to display permits decals, failure to moor houseboats adjacent to the correct pilings, failure to have a copy of this permit on the houseboat while it is moored on ADWMA and removal or destruction/cutting of LDWF pilings may result in permit cancellation and the denial of future ADWMA houseboat mooring privileges. REMEMBER that permission to moor a houseboat on ADWMA is a privilege that can and will be rescinded if the above conditions are not strictly adhered to. Current privileges may also be revoked, permits cancelled and future privileges denied for ADWMA houseboat mooring if LDWF deems that the permittee, a permittee's guests, agents, invitees, or any other person associated with the permittee is acting inappropriately or disorderly while on ADWMA.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact LDWF for more information.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ADWMA HOUSEBOAT MOORING PROGRAM:

Coastal Lafayette Region
LA Department of Wildlife & Fisheries
200 Dulles Drive
Lafayette, LA 70506
337-735-8667 (office)

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE TERMS, CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PERMIT/AGREEMENT AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM AS PER MY SIGNATURE BELOW.

Permittee's Signature

Date

Area Manager's Signature

Date