

October 27, 2026

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Board of Natural Resources

FROM: Walter Rabon, Commissioner *WR*

SUBJECT: Approval to amend the IGA to allow a sublease to Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the staging of construction materials on the Premises for the removal of an old dock and installation of a new bulkhead in McIntosh County.

Comments

The Department is seeking approval from the Board to amend the IGA to allow a sublease to Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the staging of construction materials on the Premises for the removal of an old dock and installation of a new bulkhead in McIntosh County.

For your review, we are enclosing:
(1) Resolution

We have presented all available information pertaining to this project to the Chairman, Land Committee, and to the member of the Board within whose district this project is located.

Discussion and Conclusion

On January 29, 2018, the Department and County entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) concerning the provision of public access to waterways and improvements to State property located in McIntosh County. Currently GDOT is replacing Darien River bridge on U.S. 17. The County seeks to enter into a short-term sublease with a GDOT contractor for the Project, Scott Bridge Company. The County shall require the Company, at no cost to the Department, to remove the old dock and install a new bulkhead in the portion of the premises adjacent to Cathead Creek. To allow the sublease for staging construction materials, an amendment is needed.

Improving the Premises as per the proposed amendment is a benefit to the State as the new bulkhead will protect from erosion and is a necessary condition before further improvements by the County can proceed in accordance with the original IGA.

Recommendation

We recommend adoption of the attached Resolution.

WR: bw

Enclosures (1)

RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDING APPROVAL TO AMEND AN AGREEMENT OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED PROPERTY, MORE PARTICULARLY IDENTIFIED ON THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A", FOR THE PURPOSE RECREATION AND RELATED PURPOSES.

RECREATION AND RELATED PURPOSES DEFINED

Property To Be Licensed:

Project

Cathead Creek Boat Ramp

Grantor

McIntosh County (2.373 acres)

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources is responsible for the conservation and wise utilization of the State's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Department and County did enter into that certain Intergovernmental Agreement, effective as of January 29, 2018 (hereinafter referred to as "Agreement"), concerning the provision of public access to waterways and improvements to State property located in the City of Darien (referred to in the Agreement as "Premises"); and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation is undertaking a replacement of the U.S. 17 Darien River bridge (hereinafter referred to as "Project"), and the Project will provide a substantial public benefit; and

WHEREAS, the County seeks to enter into a short term sublease with a Georgia Department of Transportation contractor for the Project, Scott Bridge Company, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "Company"), to allow the staging of construction materials on the Premises by the Company for use in the Project; and

WHEREAS, County will require the Company, as a condition of the sublease, to remove the old dock on the Premises and install a new bulkhead on the Premises; and

WHEREAS, improving the Premises by removing the old dock and installing a new bulkhead is a substantial benefit to the State, as the new bulkhead will protect the Premises from erosion and is a necessary condition before further improvements by the County can proceed in accordance with the Agreement

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Natural Resources thus recommends the amendment of the Intergovernmental Agreement, at no cost, to allow McIntosh County to sublease for the staging of construction materials; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Georgia Board of Natural Resources concurs in the findings of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources staff and recommends that the Commissioner of Natural Resources enter into an amendment of the Intergovernmental Agreement with McIntosh County to allow the County to sublease for the staging of construction materials.

Adopted this 27th day of October 2026.

Respectfully submitted by:

Patrick Denney, Chairman
Georgia Board of Natural Resources

ATTEST:

Dan Garcia, Secretary
Georgia Board of Natural Resources

EXHIBIT

Cathead Creek Properties

McIntosh County

