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Project Operations  
FISHING NEAR COMMERCIAL BOAT DOCKS

1. Purpose. This memorandum provides the policies and procedures for authorizing boat dock concessionaires to erect signs prohibiting fishing from or in the vicinity of their docks.
2. Applicability. This memorandum applies to all projects in the Little Rock District.
3. References: Part 327.8, Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations.
4. Policy.

a. General.

(1) While fishing near commercial boat docks is not a widespread problem, fishermen may try to catch the "pet" fish around the dock, or they may foul their lines on electrical and anchor cables. Some concessionaires contend that fishing near the boats moored at their docks could be used as a "front" for stealing personal property from moored boats.

(2) These problems do not warrant the Corps' blanket posting of restrictions on fishing that would require enforcement by our rangers. It does not appear that the State agencies with jurisdiction on the lakes would become involved in enforcement of this restriction as it would have to be enacted into their regulations before they could enforce the restriction.

(3) The concessionaires cannot on their own initiative, post signs to restrict fishing around their docks. A condition in the commercial concession lease states that "No attempt shall be made by the lessee to forbid the full and free use by the public of the water areas of the reservoir."

(4) Section 327.8, Title 36 CFR gives the District Engineer authority to designate areas where fishing is not permitted.

b. Restrictions.

(1) The fishing restriction would be considered only at commercial boat docks located within parks.

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(2) At docks where fishing has been restricted, the concessionaires cannot authorize persons to fish within the restricted area, unless the lease specifically approves construction of a fishing dock and grants the right to charge for its use.

(3) The concessionaires must have our written approval before posting any signs to restrict fishing from or around their docks. The authorization to install the signs does not imply any enforcement authority to the concessionaire.

(4) The size and placement of the signs should assure that they can be easily seen and read from at least 100 feet away. The Corps will not furnish the signs.

5. Procedures. Concessionaires should submit their request and justification for restricting fishing to the Resident Engineer/Manager at the project. Upon his recommendation and with concurrence of the Chief, Construction-Operations Division, the Chief, Real Estate Division, would authorize the concessionaire in writing to erect signs reading "No Fishing Within 100 Feet of Boat Dock." There would be no reference to enforcement by either the Corps or the State.

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