



Revisions to Regulations of Brazos River Authority Lakes and Associated Lands

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Summary of Comments

- Support: 3 comments expressing support for the revised rules and regulations
- Airboats/Noise: 3 comments expressing a desire to regulate or ban airboats, 1 comment to regulate loud music/noise from watercraft
- **Signage: 2 comments requesting changes to regulation of signs (1 request to allow posting of not trespassing signs on docks and 1 request to ban flags displaying profanity)**
- Scuba Diving: 1 comment to increase regulation of scuba diving (require certification, notification to Lake Rangers if diving, and deployment of flags and buoys when diving)
- Lake Levels: 3 comments regarding lake levels (2 opposing lowering lake levels at Lake Limestone and 1 opposing a language change regarding the description of BRA Lakes as reservoirs rather than water conservation projects)
- Operation of Watercraft within 100 ft. of Docks: 5 comments either supporting, opposing, or concerned that changing from 50 ft to 100 ft could cause confusion.
- **Tramways: 2 comments regarding tramways, 1 requesting removal of an unused tramway and 1 requesting clarification of what a tramway is.**
- Boat Ramps: 1 comment opposing continued prohibition on new residential boat ramps
- **OSSF Authority: 1 comment seeking clarification that BRA does not handle OSSF at Lake Granbury**



New Changes to the Proposed Revisions

- **Rail Systems:** Clarified that the grandfathering of boat ramps applies to rail systems as well.
- **OSSF Responsibility:** Clarified that BRA only has OSSF oversight at PK and LL
- **Private fuel systems:** The provision prohibiting private fuel/oil dispensing systems was accidentally removed from the previous draft. It was added back in.
- **Chemicals:** Added provision clarifying that storage or application of pesticides, herbicides, and other harmful chemicals over, on or in BRA Lakes and lands is prohibited without BRA express written permission.
- **Signage:** Modified the prohibition on signage to only prohibit signage on on-water facilities, with the exception of no trespassing/private property signs.
- **Tramways:** Removed the proposed prohibition on tramways. Tramways will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis as part of the on-water facility.



Next Steps

- **Publication**
 - Once adopted, a summary of the revised Regulations must be published for 2 weeks in newspapers of general circulation in the areas where the regulations will be in effect (PK, Granbury, and Limestone)
- **Effective Date**
 - For purposes of enforcement, the new regulations are enforceable 5 days after publication.
- **Interim**
 - The halt on consideration of new commercial on-water facility permits and modifications to existing on-water facility permits adopted at the March 28, 2022, Board of Directors meeting will remain in place until the revised regulations become effective.



Resolution

The following resolution is presented to the Board of Directors of the Brazos River Authority at its May 23, 2022 meeting:

“BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Brazos River Authority hereby approves and adopts the revisions to the Regulations of Brazos River Authority Lakes and Associated Lands as presented at its May 23, 2022 meeting, to become effective in accordance with Texas Water Code, Chapter 51, Sections 51.127 - 130.”



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Adoption of Commercial Activity Permit Application Rate

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Commercial Activity Permits

- **The revised Regulations include a new Commercial Activity Permit, establishes a Commercial Activity Permit and associated annual permit fee.**
- **The permit is for a one-year term, after which it expires, unless renewed.**
- **The annual permit fee is due each year the permit is in effect and established by the Board of Directors from time to time.**
- **Staff recommends an annual commercial activity permit fee of \$_____, which shall cover administrative costs related to reviewing, issuing and managing the permits.**



Resolution

The following resolution is presented to the Board of Directors of the Brazos River Authority at its May 23, 2022 meeting:

“BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Brazos River Authority hereby adopts an annual Commercial Activity Permit rate of \$_____.”



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