

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR GENERAL PERMIT 19942 FOR ARTIFICIAL REEFS
PLACED IN HIGH ISLAND. SPONSOR, TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE
March 19, 1999 (revised April 15, 1999)**

1. No sites will be placed within 3 statute miles of pre-existing artificial reef sites. One exception to this condition may be artificial reefs that are privately owned due to "blow-outs", which may not allow these structures to be accepted into the Artificial Reef Program (i.e. Topper III, owned by Mobil, COE permit #11860 in High Island A-471).
2. No sites shall be placed within one half nautical mile from any designated natural reef sites including Claypile, Stetson, and East and West Flower Garden Banks.
3. No sites shall be placed within 2 nautical miles of the Safety Fairways.
4. No sites shall be placed within 1000-ft of active or out of service pipelines. No reef materials or anchors associated with reef construction activities shall be placed on top of active, out of service, or abandoned lines.
5. All material(s) to be placed on the reef(s) is(are) to be selected to avoid/minimize movement of reef materials caused by sea conditions or currents and is(are) to be clean and free of asphalt, creosote, petroleum, other hydrocarbons, toxic residues, loose, free floating material, or other deleterious substances. Such materials may be inspected by the Corps or their designee prior to placement.
6. The permittee shall maintain a minimum vertical clearance above the reef that is no less than that shown in the drawings attached to, and made a part of the authorization granted. No material shall be placed outside the bounds of the designated reef areas.
7. No artificial reefs shall be authorized by this permit which would, in the opinion of the Corps of Engineers, constitute a hazard to/from shipping interests, general navigation, and/or military restricted zones.
8. No authorization shall be given until all necessary local, state, or Federal agency authorizations are granted.
9. Marking of the reef when applicable, shall be in accordance with the U.S. Coast Guard requirements.
10. No authorization is granted by this permit for the construction of artificial reefs on significant submerged beds of sea grasses, macro-algae, coral reefs, live bottom (areas supporting dense growth of sponges, sea fans, soft corals, and other sessile micro-invertebrates generally associated with rock outcrops), or live oyster reefs.
11. No work shall be performed until notification is given to the owner (lease holder) or operator of any marked utilities or structures in the block or adjacent blocks Where the reef is to be located.

12. If the issuance of authorization under this permit is found or suspected of affecting the continued existence of an endangered species, the activity will not be authorized by this general permit, and an individual permit will be required.

13. No fish attractors shall be authorized by this permit to be placed at artificial reef sites, which are authorized under the General Permit to the TPWD, in accordance to the guidelines stated in the 1990 Texas Artificial Reef Plan.

Requests for Authorization Under the General Permit: In order to be authorized by this General Permit, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is required to submit to the District Engineer, in writing, the following information:

- a. State the number of the general permit under which the work is to be conducted.
- b. Statement that the work will be conducted in compliance with terms and conditions of this General Permit.
- c. Location map showing the proposed reef site.
- d. Location coordinates using the Texas State Plane Coordinate System for horizontal control and the mean low tide for vertical control shall be depicted in the plans.
- e. Name, address, and Telephone number of persons applying for authorization.

Upon receipt of this information, the District Engineer will advise TPWD in writing that the work is authorized under the General Permit, or will request additional information, if needed, or will advise that the proposed activity will require a separate permit.