FEES & CHARGES
SUBAQUEOUS LANDS, WETLANDS AND MARINA PROJECTS

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL
Division of Water

GENERAL INFORMATION

- This is the revised schedule Effective July 1, 1991, as established by the Delaware General Assembly as H.B. 360, adopted June 30, 1991
- The application fee is non-refundable and is to be paid at the time the original application is submitted.
- All other charges that are incidental to the project are additional.
- When one project involves the property of more than one property owner, a separate application fee is required from each property owner and a separate permit/lease will be issued to each property owner for that part of the project involving his property.
- Application fees shall not apply to all political subdivisions of the State, to include other departments/Divisions of the State government.

APPLICATION FEES - One-time fees submitted at the time of application.

Subaqueous Lands Permit/Leases: Application fees for all subaqueous projects are $225, except as noted below:

- Salvage Exploration $300
- Transmission/pipelines (Permits, non-tidal waters) $450
- Transmission/pipelines (Leases, tidal waters) $225
- Supplemental Approvals (minor modifications to existing permits) $150
- Repair/Replacement of subaqueous structures within the original footprint $150
- Dredging Permits: (New or Maintenance)
  - <500 yds$3 $150
  - ≥500 yds$3 $300

Wetlands Permits:

- All project in State-regulated wetlands $450

Marina Permits:

- New Marinas
  - Major (> 25 slips) $5000
  - Minor (5 - 25 slips) $2000

- Marina Alterations
  - Major (> 25 slips) $1000
  - Minor (5 - 25 slips) $500
ADDITIONAL FEES - These fees paid in addition application fees

Dredging on Public Subaqueous Lands - Charged at time of permit issuance

- New Dredging $1.50/yd³
- Maintenance Dredging
  - < 500 yd³ $500
  - ≥ 500 yd³ $1000

Marina Operations and Maintenance Plans - Charged at time of O & M plan submittal and at each renewal

- Standard Plan (50 slips or less with no fueling or boat maintenance yard) $200
- Special Plan $300
- Headboat/Boat Ramp $200

LEASE FEES (FOR PROJECTS INVOLVING PUBLIC SUBAQUEOUS LANDS)

Utility Lines

- Transmission lines/pipelines
  - less than 6-inch diameter $1.50/linear ft/yr ($500 min.)
  - 6-inch diameter or greater $2.00/linear ft/yr ($500 min.)

Filled Lands

- Filled lands:
  - Vegetated $.02/sqft/yr
  - Beach $.10/sqft/yr
  - Other $1.00/sqft/yr

Salvage/exploration leases $5000 Annual

WORKSHEET FOR CALCULATION OF A LEASE

Lease fees will be required for filled lands and pipelines which extend on or below over public subaqueous lands. These fees will be calculated on a square-foot basis, in accordance with the Department fee schedule, adopted by the Delaware Assemble on July 1, 1991.

Except where otherwise stated on a recorded survey plot or registered deed,* ownership of State lands and the calculation of lease fees are made from the Mean Low Water line. It is important, therefore, to indicate all property corners and lines, relative to the proposed project plan, as well as the Mean Low Water line. For deeds which extend ownership to the Mean Low Water line, plans must also include this line relative to all proposed construction. All plans must be drawn to scale.

The Department will calculate the lease fee prior to sending the lease to the applicant for signature and final review. For projects for which the twenty-year lease fee total will be less than $1,000.00, the fee must be paid in full and accompany the signed and notarized lease fee prior to final authorization by the Department. For projects for which the twenty-year lease fee is greater than $1,000.00, the fee will be calculated into twenty payments and billed on a yearly schedule. The initial lease fee will be pro-rated to an October 1 yearly due date and must be paid in full and accompany the signed and notarized lease prior to the final authorization by the Department. The lease will then be billed on an annual basis, with an October 1 deadline.