NAVIGATING SHOALS AND RAPIDS OF PERMITTING
WHAT ‘N WHO
Permits, Certifications, Permission

- PRIVATE – Individual, HOA, Corporate
- LOCAL – Municipal, County
- STATE – Ga DNR
- FEDERAL – Corps of Engineers
PRIVATE

- INDIVIDUALS AND HOA:
- Get legal easements
- Clarify liability
- Property improvements may raise tax assessment for owner
PRIVATE (cont)

- CORPORATE: You probably want an attorney to work through the legal understanding.
LOCAL
Municipal and County Requirements

Stream buffers: Local jurisdictions may have larger buffers than State mandated 25 foot minimum requirements.
Erosion and Sedimentation: May need a formal E&S design plan by a PE. This would include the launch and ancillary amenities such as parking and sanitation.
LOCAL (CONT)

Probably will require compliance with ADA (American Disabilities Act)

May require trash/litter and sanitation
STATE

- Erosion and sedimentation variances (EPD)
- State species of concern (WRD)
- Historical and archeological (DNR)
- Section 401 Water Quality Certification, if necessary (EPD)
STATE (cont)

Revocable License (CRD) for impacts to certain coastal resource waters and wetlands.
FEDERAL

- FEDERAL CLEAN WATER PERMIT: Savannah District, US Army Corps of Engineers, if required, thru either:
  - Nationwide General Permit 36, Boat Ramps, or
  - Regional General Permit RGP-35, Public Boat Ramps and Docks
FEDERAL (cont)

- Extraneous concerns which may need to be addressed if Corps permit is required:
  - Navigation (Savannah River up to Augusta, Brunswick shipping channel, St. Marys channel, Chatthoochee River up to Columbus, Corps of Eng. and TVA lakes);
FEDERAL (CONT)

- Coordinate the following with US FWS and Ga WRD

- AQUATIC LIFE MOVEMENT (including anadromous spp.)

- SPAWNING

- SHELLFISH AND MUSSEL BEDS

- MIGRATORY BIRD HABITAT AND BREEDING

- BIRD MIGRATIONS INCL. BALD AND GOLDEN EAGLES

- ENDANGERED SPECIES
FEDERAL (cont)

- Other issues (cont)
- 303 (d) listed waters
- Wild and scenic designation (Jacks River and Chattooga) and Designated critical resource waters
- Historic properties and archaeology (Ga. DNR- Historic Preservation Div.)
- Post construction maintenance
- Water Quality and Section 401 WQ Certification (DNR-EPD, stormwater management, local E&S).
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