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## **NEWS RELEASE: Permit Policy Changes for Special Events and Fishing Tournaments at West Point Project**

The Corps of Engineers at the West Point Project announced today that changes to the special events program will take effect January 1, 2008. The major change to the policy includes the implementation of a non-refundable minimum base fee of \$50.00 for a special event permit. One permit may cover up to a maximum of 10 events at West Point Project within the calendar year. This change is being implemented in accordance with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' national policy on the permitting of special events.

Special event permits are required for activities such as fishing tournaments, athletic events, regattas, weddings and special activities that impact use of the facilities at West Point Project. The permitting process allows the Corps to manage events held at the project, thereby minimizing impacts to normal project use and other permitted activities.

Each year the West Point Project office issues over 40 special events permits. Fishing tournaments held at either Southern Harbor or Highland Marina Resorts are authorized by a blanket permit issued to each marina owner. Tournaments or other special events not held at these marinas require the issuance of a special event permit.

Request to hold a special event at West Point Project may be obtained by filling out the Special Events Permit Application on-line at <http://westpt.sam.usace.army.mil/news%20releases/OrgActForm.htm> or in person at the West Point Project Manager's Office. For more information, please contact the Project Manager's office at 706/645-2937.