

## NOTICE

The Army Corps' three locks on the Cape Fear River - Lock and Dam 1, East Arcadia, Lock and Dam 2, Elizabethtown, and William O Huske Lock and Dam, near Fayetteville – has reduced its level of service for recreational vessel traffic.

The change is the result of a national civil works transformation initiative to standardize levels of service for navigational locks nationwide based on their commercial tonnage and recreational usage.

Corps funding for operations and maintenance was cut in half system-wide, including a reduction for the Cape Fear above Wilmington System. As a result of this reduction in the level of service, funding saved will be shifted from operational costs to maintenance and preventative maintenance of the lock and dam infrastructure.

Although exclusive recreational lockages will no longer be accommodated, recreational traffic, may be passed through during lockages conducted for other purposes (commercial lockages or lockages for other mission-essential reasons, fish passage, maintenance).

Recreational lockages for special events with significant economic benefit and relatively short durations will be considered on a case-by-case basis, and may be submitted as Special Use Permits to the Operations Project Manager.

Our levels of service plan will continue to allow flexibility to accommodate well-established environmental operations of the locks such as fish passage, water management, and lock maintenance.

Fish lockages will be reduced to one per week during Phase I (Jan-early March; late May-December). Phase II lockages (early-March to late-May) will continue as coordinated with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

Weekly maintenance lockage days may vary from week to week based on resources and need. Fish and maintenance lockage schedules will be coordinated with interested recreational users to allow opportunities for concurrent recreational lockages.

For more information, contact the Operations Manager office at 919-542-4501. To coordinate a recreational lockage with lockages for other purposes, please contact Cape Fear Lock & Dam Staff at:

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