

# Lake Billy Chinook & Lake Simtustus

## Shoreline Structure Permit FAQ

Do you have a private dock or other shoreline structure on Lake Billy Chinook or Lake Simtustus? If so, you're required to hold an active Shoreline Structure Permit, administered by Portland General Electric.

In 2023, these permits changed. All permit holders - new or existing - must sign and return their new permit to PGE along with proof of compliance with insurance requirements.

### **What do current permit holders need to do?**

Permit holders will be sent a new permit via email, and must return it to PGE within 60 days, along with proof of insurance. Please note that the insurance requirement has changed from a \$200,000 general liability to \$500,000.

New permits can be signed electronically and returned to PGE at [pgeparks@pgn.com](mailto:pgeparks@pgn.com), or mailed to the following address:

*Shoreline Management  
Portland General Electric Company  
33831 E. Faraday Road  
Estacada, OR 97023*

### **Who does this change apply to?**

Permits are required for all private structures on Lake Billy Chinook or Lake Simtustus, such as docks, swim docks, mooring buoys and wave abatement structures. New permits will replace all existing permits.

### **Why is this change happening?**

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which regulates power generation structures like PGE's dams on the Deschutes River, recently approved revisions to PGE's Shoreline Management Plan, the document that describes how we manage shoreline developments near the Pelton Round Butte Hydropower Project. These revisions were needed to clarify requirements and processes for permit holders, ensure adequate public access to the reservoirs and protect these resources from potential undesirable developments. These revisions will help improve coordination with local government, ensure all shoreline structures are in safe condition and in compliance with laws that facilitate the operation of dams on the Deschutes River.

### **Are there other permits I need?**

Consistent with previously issued shoreline structure permits, landowners must comply with all local, state and federal regulations. To assist permittees, PGE will share your existing permit information or application materials with Jefferson County for review. In most cases, all permit



materials submitted to PGE will suffice for Jefferson County. If the county has questions or requires additional materials from you, you will be contacted directly by their office.

### **What happens if I don't sign my permit?**

All private shoreline structures require a permit. Unpermitted structures are out of compliance with the Shoreline Management Plan and are subject to removal from the reservoirs. PGE monitors all shoreline structures and is required to take enforcement action to address any safety or non-compliance issues.

### **Why does PGE administer these permits?**

PGE and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs own and operate three dams on the Deschutes River. As part of our federal license to operate these dams, we are required to implement a Shoreline Management Plan to ensure that shoreline structures are in safe condition, and do not interfere with dam operations or restrict public access to the reservoirs.

