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WPA Form 3 – Notice of Intent Filing Fees

Instructions to Section E: Fees

A wetland application filing fee must accompany the Notice of Intent. The fee is based on the category of the proposed activity (described in 310 CMR 10.03(7)) and the resource area to be impacted by the activity. To calculate the filing fee of the NOI Wetland Fee Transmittal Form from the instructions below.

In summary, the total filing fee for a Notice of Intent that involves more than one activity is determined by adding the fees for each proposed activity. When work is proposed in the Riverfront Area, as well as another resource area or their Buffer Zones, add 50% to the fee for each activity in the Riverfront Area. For activities exclusively within the Riverfront Area, and not within other resource areas or their Buffer Zones, the fee is determined by adding the amounts for each proposed activity. The city/town share of the fee is the first \$25, plus half of the remaining total fee. The state share is half the total fee in excess of \$25.

Complete pages 1 and 2 of the NOI Wetland Fee Transmittal Form (attached to the NOI) and send them, along with a check for the state share of the filing fee, payable to *the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*, to MassDEP, Box 4062, Boston, MA 02211. Review of the Notice of Intent cannot begin until the fee is received.

Include check number and payor name information on the Notice of Intent to expedite fee payment confirmation.

No filing fee shall be assessed for projects of any city, town, county, or district of the Commonwealth, federally recognized Indian tribe housing authority, municipal housing authority, or the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.

In addition, a notice of the application must be placed in a local newspaper, and published at least five days prior to the hearing, at the applicant's expense. Contact the Conservation Commission for the municipality where the project is located regarding the procedure for public newspaper notice.

Instructions for Completing the NOI Wetland Fee Transmittal Form

The wetland filing fee should be calculated using the following steps based on a hypothetical project involving two driveway crossings through a Riverfront Area and Bordering Vegetated Wetland and six single family houses in Riverfront Area only.

Step 1/Type of Activity: Review plans and narrative to identify each activity in wetland resource areas and their applicable Buffer Zones. Example: driveway crossing and construction of a single family house.

Step 2/Number of Activities: Determine the number of each activity associated with the project. Example: driveway crossings and 6 single family homes.

Step 3/Individual Activity Fee: List the fee amount for each category of activity (see Category Activities and Fee, below) Example: Driveway crossing is a Category 2(f.) activity and is \$500 each. Construction of a single family house is a Category 2(a.) activity and is \$500 each.

Step 4/Subtotal Activity Fee: Determine the subtotal fee for each type of activity by multiplying the fee for the activity (Step 3) by the number of activities (Step 2). If the activity is within the Riverfront Area as well as another resource area or its Buffer Zone, add 50% to total fee (e.g., multiply the fee by 1.5). If the activity is located in a Riverfront Area only, apply the fee amount for the category without the additional 50%. Example: 2 (driveway crossings in BVW) x \$500 x 1.5 (for riverfront area) = \$1,500; 6 (single family homes) x \$500 = \$3,000.



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Step 5/Total Project Fee: Add all the subtotals identified in Step 4 to determine the total fee. Example: \$1,500 + \$3,000 = \$4,500.

Step 6/Fee Payments: The state share of the fee is 50% of any filing fee in excess of \$25 (i.e., the state share can be determined by dividing the total fee in half and subtracting \$12.50); the remaining portion of the fee shall be made to the city or town (i.e., the City/Town share can be determined by dividing the total fee in half and adding \$12.50). Example: City/Town share: \$2,262.50; state share: \$2,237.50.

Category Activities and Fees

Category 1 (Fee for each activity is **\$110**):

- a.) work on single family lot; addition, pool, etc.;
- b.) site work without a house;
- c.) control vegetation;
- d.) resource improvement;
- e.) work on septic system separate from house;
- f.) monitoring well activities minus roadway;
- g.) new agricultural or aquaculture projects.

Category 2 (Fee for each activity is **\$500**):

- a.) construction of single family house;
- b.) parking lot;
- c.) beach nourishment;
- d.) electric generating facility activities;
- e.) inland limited projects minus road crossings and agriculture;
- f.) each crossing for driveway to single family house;
- g.) each project source (storm drain) discharge;
- h.) control vegetation in development;
- i.) water level variations;
- j.) any other activity not in Category 1, 3, 4, 5 or 6;
- k.) water supply exploration.

Category 3 (Fee for each activity is **\$1,050**):

- a.) site preparation (for development) beyond Notice of Intent scope;
- b.) each building (for development) including site;
- c.) road construction not crossing or driveway;
- d.) hazardous cleanup;
- e.) water supply development.

Category 4 (Fee for each activity is **\$1,450**):

- a.) each crossing for development or commercial road;
- b.) dam, sluiceway, tidegate (safety) work;
- c.) landfills operation/closures;
- d.) sand and gravel operations;
- e.) railroad line construction;
- f.) bridge;
- g.) hazardous waste alterations to resource areas;
- h.) dredging;
- i.) package treatment plant and discharge;
- j.) airport tree clearing;



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k.) oil and/or hazardous material release response actions.

Category 5 (Fee is **\$4 per linear foot**; total fee not less than \$100 or more than \$2,000):

a.) work on docks, piers, revetments, dikes, etc. (coastal or inland).

Category 6 (Fee is **\$2 per linear foot for each resource area**): **For each resource area delineation, the fee shall not exceed \$200 for activities associated with a single family house or \$2,000 for all other activities).**

Instructions to Section F: Signatures and Submittal Requirements

Signatures and Submittal Requirements. Follow the filing instructions in Section F of the Notice of Intent. For additional filing requirements, see Section D of these instructions, above. The original Notice of Intent and a copy must be sent, by certified mail or hand delivery, to the Conservation Commission. At the same time the original Notice of Intent is submitted to the commission, one copy of the Notice of Intent must be sent to the appropriate MassDEP Regional Office (see <http://www.mass.gov/dep/about/region/findyour.htm>) by certified mail or hand delivery. Failure by the applicant to send the copies in a timely manner may result in dismissal of the Notice of Intent application.

Mail transmittal forms and MassDEP payments, payable to:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Environmental Protection
Box 4062
Boston, MA 02211