

Tims Ford Reservoir Land Management Plan - Grandfathered Docks Frequently Asked Questions

What are Grandfathered Docks?

Grandfathered Docks are existing facilities that have been previously permitted on lands other than Zone 7 (Shoreline Access or Residential Access). On Tims Ford, the majority of these facilities were permitted by the Tennessee Elk River Development Agency before it was sunset in 1996 and TVA took over permitting responsibilities. Any existing facilities without proper permitting documentation are considered violations of Section 26a regulations and may be subject to removal.

What is unique about Grandfathered Docks on Tims Ford?

On other reservoirs, grandfathered dock permit holders are allowed to apply for modifications to their facilities, subject to Section 26a regulations. However, on Tims Ford, the grandfathered dock permit holders, are not allowed to apply for modifications to the size or general location of their facilities. Additionally, some facilities front public lands managed by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) or the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC). TVA is currently working with those agencies to ensure that the grandfathered docks fronting those managed lands can continue to be permitted.

What is going to happen to Grandfathered Docks in the new Tims Ford Reservoir Land Management Plan?

TVA is proposing to update the language in the Tims Ford Reservoir Land Management Plan revision that would allow grandfathered docks to apply for modifications, subject to Section 26a regulations, consistent with other reservoirs. Updates will be made to www.tva.com/landplanreview as available.