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## Jekyll Island Renovates Boat Ramp Renovations expected to appease boaters and anglers upon completion

**Jekyll Island, Ga (July 8, 2008)**—July 6 began renovations for the Jekyll Island public boat ramp. Future improvements are intended to benefit boaters and anglers, officials of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources say.

Renovations include adding 2 acres of previous surface parking for boa ramp and angler users who fish in the nearby Ski Rixen Pond, states project coordinator Shawn Jordan of the department's Coastal Resources Division.

Replacing the existing 20-foot-wide boat will be a 50-foot-wide concrete ramp and another 100 feet of floating dock to be added to the boating service dock. The parking area and Ski Rixen Pond will continue to be available during renovations and guests will be able to crab and fish from the boating service dock as long as they do not interfere with boaters.

The boat ramp is due to reopen in September.

## About Jekyll Island.

Jekyll Island is a barrier island on Georgia's coast – midway between Jacksonville, Fla., and Savannah, Ga. Accessible by car just minutes from I-95, Jekyll Island offers a variety of amenities, including 10 miles of beach, four golf courses, a 250-acre Historic Landmark District, water park, tennis center, an array of lodging options including hotels, cottages and campgrounds. Owned by the State of Georgia, and managed by the Jekyll Island State Park Authority, Jekyll Island has had development limited to just 35 percent of its available land area. This unique aspect of Jekyll Island serves to preserve the critical barrier island ecosystem, as well as provides guests with a unique escape from the crowds and complications of other beach resort destinations. Please visit <u>www.jekyllisland.com</u> for more information or call 1-877-4JEKYLL.

## **About the Jekyll Island Foundation**

The Jekyll Island Foundation is a tax exempt, public, non-profit that offers participatory opportunities in planned giving, private donation, legislative education, corporate support, and philanthropic foundation support. The Foundation serves to raise, receive, manage and disburse funds for the stewardship of the historic and natural resources of Jekyll Island. This stewardship includes preservation and improvement of historic sites, conservation of the undeveloped portion of the island and development and improvement of amenities for visitors to the island. For additional information on the Jekyll Island Foundation please visit <u>www.JekyllIslandFoundation.org</u> or call (912) 635-4402. The Foundation office is located in Villa Ospo at 381 Riverview Drive, Jekyll Island, Ga., 31527.

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