§ 43-0125. Regulatory and user fees.

1. The legislature finds that comprehensive environmental regulatory management and conservation within the Lake George park are essential to protect an important part of the environmental resources of the state and the public health and welfare. It further declares that regulated entities and users of the unique resources of Lake George park should bear a significant portion of the costs of regulation, management and conservation activities which assure the protection and continued beneficial use of the resources of the park.

2. The following annual fees to be paid to the commission are hereby established:

(a) Dock, wharf and mooring fees. The owner of a dock, wharf or mooring within the park used for non-commercial residential purposes shall pay an annual fee of fifty dollars. The owner of a dock or wharf within the park used for commercial purposes shall pay an annual fee of five dollars per linear foot for each such dock. The owner of a mooring used for commercial purposes shall pay an annual fee of one hundred dollars for each mooring. New docks constructed for commercial use after the effective date of this section shall pay a first time fee of ten dollars per linear foot and five dollars per linear foot annually thereafter.

(b) Boat fees. In addition to the registration required by the state, any mechanically propelled boat or vessel with ten horsepower or more used on Lake George shall have an annual permit issued by the commission. The fee therefor for boats twenty feet or less in length overall shall be forty dollars; for boats twenty-one to twenty-five feet in length overall, fifty dollars; and for boats over twenty-five feet in length overall, fifty dollars plus seven dollars and fifty cents for each foot by which the length overall exceeds twenty-five feet; for boats over twenty-five feet in length overall outfitted for overnight use, fifty dollars plus thirty dollars for each foot by which the overall length exceeds twenty-five feet. The commission may establish a one week use permit for twenty dollars. The commission may establish a one day use permit for twelve dollars for any mechanically propelled boat or vessel with ten horsepower or more.

3. The commission may charge a fee to an applicant for a permit in order to recover the costs incurred in reviewing and acting upon an application for such permit.

4. Except as otherwise provided by law, all fees collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the Lake George park trust fund pursuant to section ninety-seven-h of the state finance law.