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DHEC to hold forum on controversial Lake Keowee marina

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The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control are giving the supporters and opponents of a controversial proposed marina on Lake Keowee a chance to have their say.

The state agency has scheduled a hearing on the developers' permit application for Jan. 26 at 6 p.m. at the Tamassee-Salem High School auditorium.

Developers have applied to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control for permits allowing a 50-slip marina complete with a restaurant, a marina store, a 20-room lodge and a 250-boat dry storage area on about 13.5 acres of Palmetto Pointe, off S.C. 130 near the Keowee Key gated community.

The state health department initially granted the permit but rescinded it in early November after the agency was bombarded with complaints that members of the public had not been given an opportunity to have their say, according to spokesman Adam Myrick.

The most vocal opponents of the proposed marina have been members of the Friends of Lake Keowee Society.

Ben Turetzky, executive director of the group, said in November that FOLKS has some of the same concerns with the Palmetto Pointe project as it had with a similar proposed project at Warpath Landing on the Pickens County side of the lake. Those concerns focused on sanitary waste management, rainwater runoff contamination and the addition of more boats to a lake that is already crowded at times.



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