1. Proof of Prior Ownership & HIN

Even though the boat is in pieces, it is still a registered motorized vehicle in the state of Georgia. To protect your county from accepting a stolen or illegally destroyed vessel, require:

- **The Hull Identification Number (HIN):** Ask the citizen if they kept the section of the transom (the flat back of the boat) containing the 12-digit HIN.
- **The Boat Registration or eTitle:** They should present a printout or copy of their Georgia DNR Registration. The name on the registration must match the driver's license of the person dropping it off.
- **Why this matters to Public Works:** If a disgruntled neighbor or lienholder claims a boat was stolen and destroyed, having a record of the owner's ID and registration protects the county from liability.

Signed Environmental Hazards Affidavit

Under Georgia EPD Solid Waste Management Rules, your facility cannot accept bulk liquids or hazardous automotive/marine components. Have the citizen sign a standard or modified **Environmental Cleanliness Affidavit** confirming the pieces are completely stripped. Verify that they have separately removed and properly disposed of:

- **All fluids:** Fuel, motor oil, and antifreeze.
- **Hazardous parts:** The fuel tank itself, marine batteries, steering cables, and any mercury switches.
- **The engine:** Outboard or inboard motors cannot be mixed with the fiberglass pieces (though your facility may accept the motor separately if you have a metal recycling/scrap pile).

Proof of County Residency