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Dept. of Conservation, Bureau of Parks & Lands

FROM:

Department of Marine Resources (DMR)

SUBJECT:

REQUEST FOR PROJECT REVIEW

PROJECT:

Applicant:

Town of Camden

Location:

Camden Harbor (Public Landing)

Type of Project: Float Re-configuration & Pile Dolphins

The above proposed project has been carefully reviewed and considered by DMR personnel.

DMR understands that the applicant is proposing to replace three 6 ft. x 30 ft. floats with two 6 ft. x 40 ft. floats and a 6 ft. x 60 ft. line of floats. The first floats would extend 10 ft. further southeasterly. The 60 ft. line of floats would extend 30 ft. further southeasterly. Floats would be secured by four new 3 pile dolphins.

The proposed project site is at the public landing on the southwesterly side of the harbor. The adjacent lot (upland) to the proposed project is gravel parking area built on bulkhead fill. The inter-tidal is bulkhead. The area is currently closed to the harvesting of shellfish. Diadromous fish migrate through the harbor to the Megunticook River at the head of the harbor. There is an elver fishery at the mouth of the river.

This project as proposed should not cause any significant adverse impacts to traditional fishing, recreation, navigation, or riparian access. While the larger floats and the number of piles to be driven (12) should not have significant adverse impacts to marine resources, DMR recommends that pile driving be done during the period of between July 1 and March 15 to minimize any potential adverse impacts to migrating diadromous fish.

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DMR Environmental Coordinator

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