

TO: **Carol DiBello**, Submerged Lands Coordinator
Dept. of Conservation,
Bureau of Parks & Lands (BPL)

FROM: Department of Marine Resources (DMR)

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PROJECT REVIEW

PROJECT: Applicant: Arthur B. Choate
Location: Islesboro (East Penobscot Bay)
Type of Project: Ramp & Float Modification¹

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

DMR understands that the applicant is proposing to replace an existing 3 ft. x 40 ft. ramp and 15 ft. x 25 ft. float with a 3 ft. x 70 ft. ramp and a 20 ft. x 40 ft. float with the center portion eliminated to form a horseshoe shape for a boat lifting system. This new float would extend approximately 90 ft. beyond Mean Low Water (MLW), or ~ 45 ft. further seaward than the existing float, and would be secured by moorings.

Upland of the proposed project site is developed with a house with some trees along the shore. The supratidal is ledge. The intertidal is a continuation of the supratidal ledge, ~ 70 ft. wide, with moderate rockweed cover. The granite blocks from a previous pier that were exposed at low tide that had rockweed attached were re-used in the new pier's crib support. The original DEP permit application in 2009 stated that eelgrass was "absent".

This project as proposed should not cause any significant adverse impacts to marine resources, traditional fishing, recreation, navigation, or riparian access.

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¹ DMR commented to the BPL on the original application for a new pier, ramp and float on February 9, 2009.