

TO: **Dan Prichard**, Submerged Lands Program
Dept. of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands (BPL)

FROM: Department of Marine Resources (DMR)

Subject: REQUEST FOR PROJECT REVIEW

PROJECT: Applicant: Kevin Taylor
Location: Rockland Harbor
Type of Project: Float System (Marina)

The above proposed project has been carefully reviewed and considered by DMR personnel. The following are DMR's Comments:

DMR understands that the applicant is proposing to construct a 25 ft. x 31 ft. addition to an existing pier over the subtidal and install a line of floats to extend approximately 272 ft. northeast toward the Rockland Municipal Fish Pier from an existing float system. Perpendicular to this ~ 3,600 sq. ft. of floats would extend toward the southwest to provide ~ 18 boat berths. The nearest float would be 170 ft. distant from the Fish Pier. The float system would also be over the subtidal.

DMR provided comments to the BPL on November 20, 2002 and again on February 10, 2003 on the applicant's different float system layout within the same area that would have been 150 ft. away from the Fish Pier. The nearest float to the Fish Pier with this current proposal would be 170 ft. away.

A meeting on site was held January 9, 2003 between the applicant, representatives of the city, users of the Rockland Municipal Fish Pier, and various other interested parties including representatives of the Submerged Lands Program, and DMR. The applicant at that meeting agreed to revise his plans to accommodate concerns that commercial fishermen had regarding navigational access to the Fish Pier. These revised plans would have angled the float system away from the Fish Pier so that it would be parallel and 150 ft. distant from the pier. DMR understood that the Dept. of Conservation would have also placed a condition of allowing only boats of no more than 10 ft. beam to dock along the easterly line of floats closest and parallel to the Fish Pier. These revisions appeared to have satisfied the concerns of commercial fishermen that utilized the Fish Pier. Lost mooring area would have also needed to be replaced.

It appears this current proposal would result in less potential interference with existing uses and access to and from the Fish Pier than the 2003 modified proposal. Based on the previous discussion and agreements in 2003; DMR is of the opinion that this current proposal would not result in any significant adverse impacts to navigation, recreation, riparian access, or traditional fishing activity.

GEORGE D. LAPOINTE
COMMISSIONER OF DMR
Date: December 15, 2010