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FROM:

Department of Marine Resources (DMR)

SUBJECT:

REQUEST FOR PROJECT REVIEW.

PROJECT:

DEP Application #:

L-25251-4P-A-N

Applicant:

Charles Gadzik

Location:

Vinalhaven (Sand Cove, Carver's Harbor)

Type of Project:

Pier, Ramp & Float

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

DMR understands that the applicant is proposing to construct a 4 ft. x 60 ft. pier to extend from above the Highest Annual Tide (HAT) to just above Mean Low Water (MLW). This would be supported eight 6x6 posts. The pier would have an SSE - NNW orientation with an average deck height of  $\sim 12$  ft. above the intertidal substrate. A  $3\frac{1}{2}$  ft. x 35 ft. ramp would connect to a 12 ft. x 14 ft. float to provide  $\sim 3$  ft. of water at MLW according to the permit application. The float would be stored off-site during the winter.

The proposed project site is within a small cove west of the main body of Sand Cove. Further to the west at the head of this cove is a lobster pound. Upland of the proposed project site is developed with a house and shop. The supratidal is ledge bank  $\sim 12$  ft. high. The intertidal,  $\sim 60$  ft. wide, is a mix of ledge, rock and cobble and coarse/fine substrate. The subtidal is mud. Eelgrass is described as being "absent". The immediate supratidal and upper intertidal area to the SW is granite rubble. There are no other piers nearby.

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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Date: March 16, 2011