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Bureau of Land & Water Quality

FROM: Department of Marine Resources (DMR)

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PROJECT REVIEW,

PROJECT: DEP Application #: L-25285-4P-A-N
Applicant: Imber Investments
Location: Vinalhaven (Old 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 95 ft. pier to extend from above the Highest Annual Tide (HAT) to approximately Mean Low Water (MLW). This would be supported eight 6x6 posts. The pier would have an E - W orientation with an average deck height of ~ 10+ ft. above the intertidal substrate. A 3½ ft. x 30 ft. seasonal aluminum ramp would connect to a 12 ft. x 14 ft. float to provide ~ 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 on the southeasterly shore of Old Harbor. The supratidal is ledge. The intertidal, ~ 45 ft. wide, is a mix of ledge/boulder with abundant rockweed. The subtidal is mud. Eelgrass is described as being "absent". There are piers to the north along this shore used for lobster trap storage. DMR recently reviewed a proposal for a similar 95 ft. pier just south of this proposed project site.¹

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 Comments to the DEP on a permit application by Charles Smith, April 14, 2011