

**SECTION .2000 - GENERAL PERMIT FOR AUTHORIZING MINOR MODIFICATIONS AND REPAIR
TO EXISTING PIER/MOORING FACILITIES IN ESTUARINE AND PUBLIC TRUST WATERS AND
OCEAN HAZARD AREAS**

15A NCAC 07H .2001 PURPOSE

A permit under this Section shall allow for reconfiguration, minor modifications, repair and improvements to existing pier and mooring facilities in estuarine waters and public trust areas according to the authority provided in Subchapter 07J .1100 of this Chapter and according to the rules in this Section. This permit shall not apply to oceanfront shorelines or to waters and shorelines adjacent to the Ocean Hazard AEC with the exception of those shorelines that feature characteristics of the Estuarine Shoreline AEC. Such features include the presence of wetland vegetation, lower wave energy, and lower erosion rates than the adjacent Ocean Erodible Area.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113A-107; 113A-118.1;
 Eff. October 1, 1993;
 Amended Eff. April 1, 2003.*

15A NCAC 07H .2002 APPROVAL PROCEDURES

(a) An applicant for a General Permit under this Subchapter shall contact the Division of Coastal Management and request approval for development. The applicant shall provide information on site location, dimensions of the project area, and his/her name and address.

(b) The applicant shall provide:

- (1) a dated plat(s) showing existing development and the proposed development; and
- (2) confirmation that:
 - (A) a written statement has been obtained and signed by the adjacent riparian property owners indicating that they have no objections to the proposed work; or
 - (B) the adjacent property owners have been notified by certified mail of the proposed work. The notice shall instruct adjacent property owners to provide any comments on the proposed development in writing for consideration by permitting officials to the Division of Coastal Management within ten days of receipt of the notice, and, indicate that no response will be interpreted as no objection.

(c) DCM staff shall review all comments. If DCM determines that the comments are relevant to the potential impacts of the proposed project and the permitting issues raised by the comments are worthy of more detailed review, DCM shall notify the applicant that he/she must submit an application for a major development permit.

(d) Approval of individual projects shall be acknowledged in writing by the Division of Coastal Management and the applicant shall be provided a copy of this Section. Construction authorized by this permit shall be completed within 120 days of permit issuance or the general authorization expires and a new permit shall be required to begin or continue construction.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113A-107; 113A-118.1;
 Eff. January 1, 1994;
 Amended Eff. August 1, 2007.*

15A NCAC 07H .2003 PERMIT FEE

The applicant shall pay a permit fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) by check or money order payable to the Department.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113A-107; 113A-118.1; 113A-119.1;
 Eff. October 1, 1993;
 Amended Eff. September 1, 2006; August 1, 2000.*

15A NCAC 07H .2004 GENERAL CONDITIONS

- (a) Structures authorized by this permit shall conform to the standards herein.
- (b) Individuals shall allow authorized representatives of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to make periodic inspections at any time deemed necessary in order to be sure that the activity being performed under the authority of this general permit is in accordance with the terms and conditions prescribed herein.
- (c) There shall be no unreasonable interference with navigation or use of the waters by the public by the existence of piers or mooring pilings.
- (d) This permit will not be applicable to proposed construction where the Department has determined, based on an initial review of the application, that notice and review pursuant to G.S. 113A-119 is necessary because there are unresolved questions concerning the proposed activity's impact on adjoining properties or on water quality; air quality; coastal wetlands; cultural or historic sites; wildlife; fisheries resources; or public trust rights.
- (e) This permit does not eliminate the need to obtain any other required state, local, or federal authorization.
- (f) Development carried out under this permit must be consistent with all local requirements, AEC rules, and local land use plans current at the time of authorization.
- (g) This general permit will not be applicable where the Department determines that the proposed modification will result in closure of waters to shellfishing under rules adopted by the Commission for Public Health.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113A-107; 113A-118.1;
Eff. January 1, 1994;
Amended Eff. August 1, 1998.*

15A NCAC 07H .2005 SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

- (a) All proposed work must be carried out within the existing footprint of the development with no increase in the number of slips nor any change in the existing use. "Existing footprint" is defined as the area delineated by the outer most line of tie pilings, ends of piers, and upland basin or area within an enclosing breakwater, whichever is greater.
- (b) Modifications to piers and mooring facilities shall not interfere with the access to any riparian property, and shall have a minimum setback of 15 feet between any part of the pier(s) or piling(s) and the adjacent property lines extended into the water at the points that they intersect the shoreline. The minimum setbacks provided in the rule may be waived by the written agreement of the adjacent riparian owner(s), or when two adjoining riparian owners are co-applicants. Should the adjacent property be sold before construction of the pier(s) or piling(s) commences, the applicant shall obtain a written agreement with the new owner waiving the minimum setback and submit it to the Division of Coastal Management prior to initiating any development. The line of division of areas of riparian access shall be established by drawing a line along the channel or deep water in front of the property, then drawing a line perpendicular to a line of the channel so that it intersects with the shore at the point the upland property line meets the water's edge. When shoreline configuration is such that a perpendicular alignment cannot be achieved, the pier shall be aligned to meet the intent of this rule to the maximum extent practicable.

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Eff. October 1, 1993.*