

## H. Policy on New Docks

### Permits for Docks

For a new Temporary or Removable Dock:

Applicant must file a **Request for Determination** with the Conservation Commission even if there is no bank disturbance or a **Notice of Intent** if the bank area is disturbed.

A permit is not required to remove Temporary Docks in and out of the water.

For a Permanent Dock or Permanent Bank Alteration:

Applicant must file with the Conservation Commission and must file a Chapter 91 Waterways License Application with the State. Permanent structures are subject to MGL Ch. 131 Section 40. Bank disturbance may not exceed the lesser of 5% of frontage or 25 feet.

- Docks must be located 25 feet from property lines or for properties less than 50 feet wide in a central location.
- Docks may be no further than 30 feet into the water measured from the high water mark.
- Docks may be no larger than 300 square feet.
- All applications must be accompanied by a complete plan to scale.
- All docks must have permanent reflectors on each corner.
- A Chapter 91 Waterways license is required for all anchored in-water, off shore floating, swimming docks or pontoon structures.
- There may not be more than one dock per parcel.

This policy shall not serve to diminish the requirements of MGL or 310 CMR 9.00 but may be applied more stringently as reserved herein. The Commission may grant certain variance(s) with cause or hardship to this Regulation. This policy shall not apply to existing or and/or licensed docks before October 1, 2007. For any substantial repair with major alteration, a **Request for Determination** or **Notice of Intent** shall be filed with the Commission.

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