



# DOCK PERMITTING IN FLORIDA



## PERMIT APPLICATION FEE SCHEDULE

[Rule 62-4.051(4), F.A.C.]

Online Self-Certification of Exemption is Free (not available in aquatic preserve).

Exemption Verification = \$100.

General Permit = \$250.

Individual Environmental Resource Permit = \$420.

- 10-29 slips, \$1,500.
- 30-49 slips, \$5,000-9,000.
- 50 slips or more, \$14,000.

(\$100 fee reduction for individual ERP permits if submitted using [DEP's E-Permitting System](#)).

## HOW TO APPLY

[DEP Business Portal](#):

- Online Self-Certification
- [E-Application System](#)

[DEP Forms](#)

Submit to:

[SW\\_ERP@floridadep.gov](mailto:SW_ERP@floridadep.gov)

**SOUTHWEST DISTRICT**  
Schedule your pre-application meeting

## EXEMPT DOCKS - IN OUTSTANDING FLORIDA WATERS

[403.813(1)(b), F.S. and 18-20, F.A.C.]

- Up to 500 square feet of over-water surface and wetland areas.
- One private dock (non-commercial).
- May be subject to aquatic preserve design criteria.

## EXEMPT DOCKS - IN CANALS AND OUTSIDE OUTSTANDING FLORIDA WATERS

[403.813(1)(b) and (i), F.S.]

- Up to 1,000 square feet of over-water surface and wetland areas.
- One private dock (non-commercial).

## GENERAL PERMITS - DOCKS

[62-330.427, F.A.C., 62-330.427(1)(a)(1), F.A.C. and 18-20, F.A.C.]

- Up to 2,000 square feet of over-water surface and wetland areas.
- One private dock (non-commercial).
- Designed for mooring of no more than two vessels.
- Access walkway elevated and handrailed over resources.
- Terminal platform cannot be located over resources.
- May be subject to aquatic preserve design criteria.

## INDIVIDUAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE PERMIT (ERP) - DOCKS

[62-330, F.A.C., and the Applicants Handbook]

- No specific limits to over-water surface and wetland areas.
- Multiple docks, private or commercial.
- No specific limits to number of slips.
- Permit will specify design criteria (based on location and resources present) and include state lands authorization (if required).

Over-water and wetland area calculation includes roofs, boat-cover canopies, elevated platforms, decking, etc.

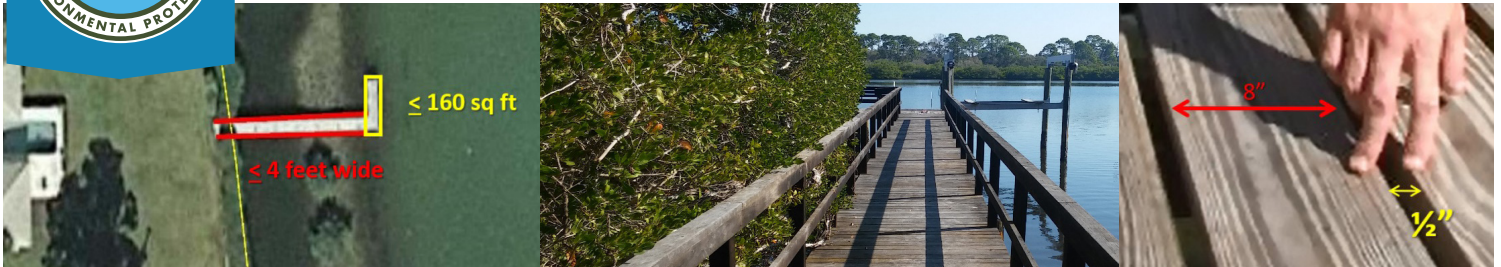
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Permits, Compliance, Outstanding Florida Waters, Aquatic Preserves, etc.



# AQUATIC PRESERVE DESIGN CRITERIA FOR SINGLE-FAMILY DOCKS



## LETTER OF CONSENT

[18-21, F.A.C.]

- Written authorization to use state-owned submerged land is required.
- Must have satisfactory evidence of sufficient upland interest i.e., upland property deed, etc.
- All activities must be setback a minimum of 25 feet inside riparian lines. Exceptions:
  - Marginal docks must be set back minimum of 10 feet.
  - Shorelines < 65 feet.
  - Structures shared by two adjacent single-family parcels.
  - Setback waiver is obtained from the affected adjacent upland riparian owner.

**Access Walkway:** The part of a dock that connects a riparian owner's property to a terminal platform.

**Terminal Platform:** The part of a dock or pier, including finger piers, that's connected to the access walkway, located at the terminus of the facility, and designed to secure and load/unload a vessel or conduct other water dependent activities.

## Resource Protection Areas (RPA)

[18-20.003, F.A.C.]

RPA 1: Areas that have resources of the highest quality and condition for that area.

RPA 2: Areas that are in transition (with either declining RPA1 or pioneering RPA 3).

RPA 3: Areas characterized by the absence of any significant natural resources.

Learn more about [DEP's Aquatic Preserve Program](#)

## PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY DOCK

[18-20.003(44), F.A.C.]

- One private dock at a single-family residence/dwelling unit.
- Designed to moor no more than two boats.
- Used for recreational or leisure purposes.

## GENERAL STANDARDS AND CRITERIA - ALL DOCKS

[18-20.004(5)(a), F.A.C.]

- Cannot extend out more than 500 feet waterward of MHW or 20% the width of the waterbody, whichever is less.
- Design modifications are required to minimize impacts to resources (i.e., avoiding vegetation, minimizing shading, etc.).
- In an RPA 1 or 2:
  - Planking shall be no more than 8 inches wide and spaced no less than 1/2 inch apart.
  - Access walkway shall be elevated 5 feet above MHW.

## SINGLE-FAMILY DOCK STANDARDS AND CRITERIA

[18-20.004(5)(b), F.A.C. and 258.42(3)(e), F.S.]

- Access walkway limited to maximum width of 4 feet.
- Terminal platform size is limited to 160 square feet. If terminal platform terminates in an RPA 1 or 2, the platform shall be elevated minimum of 5 feet above MHW (up to 25% can be lower to facilitate access to vessel).
- Dock shall extend out no more than to a depth of -4 feet MLW. If water depth is -4 feet MLW at bulkhead, dock length from bulkhead is limited to 25 feet.
- Decking must ensure maximum light penetration.
- Docks in RPA 1 or 2 must have adequate water depths (minimum 1-foot clearance: vessel-top of resources at MLW).
- Slips may not, in whole or in part, be enclosed by walls.
- Roofs are allowed but cannot overhang more than 1 foot beyond the footprint of the lift and the boat stored on lift.
- Roofs are not included in terminal platform square footage.

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