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

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
• 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
• 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.

MAP DIRECT
Mapping application for ERP data:
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.

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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