Self-Certification for Exempt Single-Family Docks
Availability and Limitations

December 2017
An Exemption for a Single-Family Boat Dock

Self-Certification for:
- New Dock (0-2 boat lifts)
- Repair/Replace Dock
- Modify existing dock:
  - Change Configuration
  - Add more overwater area
  - Add 1-2 boat lifts

Statute/Rule:
- 403.813(1), F.S.
- 62-330.051(5)(b) & (5)(d), F.A.C.
Self-Certification – You Decide!

An Exemption for a Single-Family Boat Dock

Self-Certification:
• **You** determine whether your single family dock can be constructed **without** having to obtain a DEP Environmental Resource Permit (ERP Permit)

• May also obtain Federal Authorization (SPGP V)

• Immediate Results!
Self-Certification – DEP Business Portal

http://www.fldepportal.com/go/

Open door for:
• Property Owners
• Marine Contractors
• Environmental Consultants

Place to go to:
• Self-Certify your dock project is exempt
• Find information
What Information can you find?

- Documents
- Events
- Maps
- Reports
DEP Business Portal

http://www.fldeppportal.com/go/

View Documents:
- Electronic Document Management System “Oculus”
  - Permits
  - Compliance reports
  - Enforcement documents
- Reprint a Receipt for an On-Line Payment
DEP Business Portal

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View Events:
• Public Notices
• Outreach & Education Calendar
  • Upcoming Workshops can be found here!
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View Maps:
- Not “Dock Related”

Dock Related Information can be found in MapDirect:
https://ca.dep.state.fl.us/mapdirect/?focus=erp
MapDirect Public Mapping Application

State Lands & ERP Program data:
- Permits
- C&E Sites
- Aquatic Preserves
- OFWs
- Surface Water Classifications
- State Lands Records
- DEP or WMD District Boundaries
- etc….

https://ca.dep.state.fl.us/mapdirect/?focus=erp

Not in DEP Business Portal
DEP Business Portal

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View Reports:
- Cross Media
DEP Business Portal

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View Reports:
- Cross Media
- Pending Permit Applications
DEP Business Portal

https://floridadep.gov/sec/sec/content/permits-applications-under-review

# Permit Applications Under Review

- Statewide
- By DEP Office
- By County
- Search for a specific application by:
  - Name or Number
  - DEP Office and Received Date
Self-Certification – DEP Business Portal

http://www.fldeppportal.com/go/

Welcome to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection’s Business Portal. If you don’t find what you’re looking for please come back as we’re continually adding to the site.

I would like to:

- **Apply**
  - To build, repair, operate, discharge, ... see more.

- **Pay**
  - For fees, invoices, park reservations, ... see more.

- **Sign Up**
  - For subscriptions, newsletters, notifications, ... see more.

- **Submit**
  - Applications for grants and rebates, AGP Admin. Correction, leave feedback, ... see more.

- **Continue**
  - A partially completed business transaction or reprint a receipt for a previous transaction.

Self-Certification for Exempt Single-Family Docks:
Here is where to Apply
Self-Certification for Exempt Single-Family Docks:

- Build
- Repair

http://www.fldepportal.com/DepPortal/go/apply/
Self-Certification for Exempt Single-Family Docks:

- New Dock (0-2 boat lifts)
- Repair/Replace Dock
- Modify:
  - Change Configuration
  - Add more overwater area
  - Add 1-2 boat lifts
If you want DEP staff to:
- Verify an exemption
- Issue a GP
- Issue an Individual Permit

**Not Self-Certification!**
Self-Certification for Exempt Single-Family Docks:

- Build
- Repair

http://www.fldepportal.com/DepPortal/go/apply/
REPAIR
Self-Certification for Exempt Single-Family Docks:

- New Dock (0-2 boat lifts)
- Repair/Replace Dock
- Modify:
  - Change Configuration
  - Add more overwater area
  - Add 1-2 boat lifts
Limitations to Self-Certification

⚠️ Single-Family projects only!

Not currently available for:
- Commercial (Review by DEP staff)
- Multi-family (Review by DEP staff)
Self-Certification - Exempt SF Docks

Limitations to Self-Certification

Self-Certification cannot result in a structure with more than 2 slips!

Docks > 2 slips = Review by DEP staff
Limitations to Self-Certification

⚠️ Some Structures cannot be authorized by Self-Certification Process:

• Floating Vessel Platforms
• Floating Boat Lifts
Limitations to Self-Certification

⚠️ Some Structures cannot be authorized by Self-Certification Process:

- Piers

“Pier” means a fixed or floating structure used primarily for fishing or swimming and not designed or used for mooring or accessing vessels.
Limitations to Self-Certification

Locations where unavailable:

- Biscayne Bay Aquatic Preserve
- DEP Division of Recreation and Parks Lands
- Manatee "No Entry Zone"
- Manatee "Motorboat Prohibited Zone"
- Unbridged, undeveloped coastal islands
- Waterward of Coastal Construction Control Line (CCCL)
- Sandy beaches fronting the Gulf of Mexico or Atlantic
Limitations to Self-Certification

⚠️ Overwater Area

- **1,000** square feet or less
- **500** square feet or less if in an Aquatic Preserve or Outstanding Florida Waters
- Includes area over wetlands
Limitations to Self-Certification

⚠️ Overwater Area

• Roofs and Canopy Covers are included in Overwater Area Calculation!
Limitations to Self-Certification

Roofs and Canopy Covers in Aquatic Preserves:

- Slip must contain a boat lift or davit
  
  Note: Boat lifts cannot float

- Roof cannot overhang more than 1 foot beyond the footprint of the lift and/or vessel

- No Walls!

- Not included in square-footage calculation of a terminal platform

Section 258.42, F.S.

Maintenance of preserves. — The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund shall maintain such aquatic preserves subject to the following provisions:

(3)(e) Structures may not be erected within the preserve, except:

1. Private residential docks may be approved for reasonable ingress or egress of riparian owners. Slips at private residential single-family docks which contain boat lifts or davits that do not float in the water when loaded may not, in whole or in part, be enclosed by walls, but may be roofed if the roof does not overhang more than 1 foot beyond the footprint of the lift and the boat stored at the lift. Such roofs are not included in the square-footage calculation of a terminal platform.
Limitations to Self-Certification

Location is Important!

- The location marker must reflect the exact location of proposed project!
- Failure to provide an accurate location will result in invalidation!
Help us Avoid Multiple Site IDs!

Use mapping tools to find your project location. If displayed, 'green checks' on the map represent locations (sites) already in our database. To view information for an existing site, click on the 'green check'.

- If your point already displays, click on the green check to select it, and click Continue. You will have the option to confirm or move the location on the next screen.
- If no location currently displays, click on the map to select the exact location of the point for your project and then click 'Continue'. A new location will be created for your project. You will have the option to confirm or move the location on the next screen.
Self-Certification – Eligibility Results

Is location eligible for Self-Certification?
• If **NO**: disqualifying criteria is displayed
• If **YES**:
  • Exemption Overwater Area per Location
    • 500 sq.ft. in Aquatic Preserve/OFW (or 1,000 Outside)
  • SPGP authorization (Federal Approval)

• Contact local government (for building permit)
• Contact WMDs for R-O-W permits (if in Works of the District)
Self-Certification – Terms & Conditions

You must read and accept Terms and Conditions

- Dock Criteria
- Boat Lift Criteria
- General Aquatic Preserve Conditions
- Aquatic Preserve Dock Criteria
- State-Owned Submerged Lands General Conditions
- Manatee Conditions
- Self-Certification Requirements
Self-Certification – SPGP Approval

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) requires Project Design Criteria (PDC)

- Must Accept or get separate Federal Authorization!
- Construction Guidelines in Florida for Minor Piling Supported Structures in or over Submerged Aquatic Vegetation, Marsh or Mangrove Habitat
- Sea Turtle and Smalltooth Sawfish Construction Conditions
SPGP Approval – Terms & Conditions

You must read and accept Terms and Conditions

- General Conditions
- Further Information
- Manatee Conditions
- Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Conditions
- Marsh and Mangrove Conditions
- Sea Turtle and Smalltooth Sawfish Construction Conditions
Locations excluded from SPGP V approval:

- Monroe County (except adding a boatlift on existing pilings)
Locations excluded from SPGP V approval:

- Federal Navigational Channels
Locations excluded from SPGP V approval:

- Acroporid Coral Critical Habitat

Elkhorn and Staghorn Coral Critical Habitat - Florida Area

- Elkhorn Coral (Acropora palmata)
- Staghorn Coral (Acropora cervicornis)
Locations excluded from SPGP V approval:

Piping Plover Critical Habitat
Locations excluded from SPGP V approval:

American Crocodile Critical Habitat
Locations excluded from SPGP V approval:

- Smalltooth Sawfish
- Exclusion Zones
Self-Certification - Exempt SF Docks

Locations excluded from SPGP V approval:

- Within 2,500 feet of Wood Stork nest

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Locations excluded from SPGP V approval:

Federal Special Waters:
- Biscayne Bay National Park
- Faka Union Canal
- Okeechobee Waterway
QUESTIONS?

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