

## **Natural Resources and Renewables – Coastal Lands Policy**

### **Appendix A: Construction Requirements for Shoreline Structures**

#### **Wharves and Floating Docks:**

- The wharf inclusive of any floating dock(s) must not exceed 3.66 metres (12 feet) in width and 30.48 metres (100 feet) in length (beyond the OHWM).
- The wharf may be supported by cribs, piles or poles. Infilling is not permitted, with the exception of clean, nontoxic material from a non-waterbody source, used to fill cribwork.
- A space of at least 1.22 metres (4 feet) must be maintained between any supporting poles. Crib structures are not to be sheathed in below the ordinary high-water level.
- Crib dimensions may not exceed 3.66 metres (12 feet) in any direction.
- An open span of at least 3.05 metres (10 feet) must be maintained between each crib.
- The first crib must be located either entirely on the landward side of the OHWM or at least 3.05 metres (10 feet) from, and on the seaward side of, the OHWM. The first crib is not permitted to straddle the OHWM.

#### **Boat Ramps:**

- The boat ramp must not exceed 4.57 metres (15 feet) in width. Total coverage of the bed of the body of water below the OHWM by all portions of the boat ramp must not exceed 27.87 square metres (300 square feet).
- Existing rocks within the proposed ramp area may be moved aside, by hand or machine, provided they are not removed from the waterbody.

#### **Repair to Existing Wharves:**

- A permit is required to repair an existing wharf and/or floating dock, unless the work is limited to that portion of the wharf which is above the level of ordinary high-water; and the work will not increase the size of the wharf inclusive of any floating dock(s).
- Wharf repairs must be carried out in accordance with Department of Natural Resources and Renewables general guidelines. Contact your local Department of Natural Resources and Renewables office for further information.

#### **Moorings:**

- Moorings must be constructed of materials which do not leach toxins and are free of oil, grease and other contaminants.
- Owners of waterfront property are permitted to place one mooring in front of and within 60 metres (197 feet) of their property, without a permit.

- Owners of waterfront property may be permitted to place mooring(s) more than 60 metres (197 feet) from the shoreline of their property, upon application, at the discretion of the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables.
- Third-party applicants may also be permitted to place mooring(s) more than 60 metres (197 feet) from the OHWM upon application to and at the discretion of the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables.
- Applicants must ensure that moorings, once placed, will have a mooring line of such a length that the boat will not drift into the area, within 60 metres (197 feet) of the ordinary high-water mark, of the adjacent upland owner.