

GENERAL PERMISSION REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST and INTERPRETIVE GUIDE

The following checklist and guide, including web-links, is intended to aid proponents in determining whether their existing or proposed waterfront dock satisfies requirements of the General Permission (GP). It is important that the requirements are properly interpreted to ensure that your dock is in compliance.

Some of the required information listed below can be found by utilizing an online mapping program or combination of programs (see links below) to identify other authorizations or relevant designations on the land base. These tools, along with general instructions are available through the following links: [Integrated Land & Resource Registry \(ILRR\)](#) and [iMapBC](#). In addition to these web-links, a set of instructions specific to private moorage general permissions has been prepared utilizing iMapBC (see the [Private Moorage iMapBC Online Mapping Instructions](#)). If you have any difficulty utilizing these tools or interpreting the information, contact [FrontCounter BC](#).

Definitions for **red highlighted terms** are provided in the General Permission document.

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	ELIGIBILITY - DOCKS		
2.1a	The owner of the dock is the owner or Crown lessee of the Upland Property.		
	GENERAL LOCATION		
2.1c	The dock is not located over an Area of Special Interest , including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Known archaeology sites • Areas of eel grass • Ecological reserves, parks, or protected areas 	Known archaeology sites: Information is determined by using the Integrated Land & Resource Registry (ILRR) tool. You will need to acquire a business BCeID as described in the link to generate a “public report” for the proposed area of the dock. If the report indicates the presence of an archaeology site in the vicinity, the general permission will not be valid,	

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		<p>instead you will have to apply for a tenure through FCBC.</p> <p>Eel grass mapping: https://islandstrust.bc.ca/programs/eco-system-inventories/#eelgrass-inventory-maps</p> <p>Ecological reserves, park and protected area designations: Link to General Permission iMap instructions</p>	
2.1d	<p>The Crown land over which the dock has been or will be installed is not a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • designated application-only area, or • an area that has been designated as a reserve or withdrawal under sections 15, 16 or 17 of the Land Act as prohibiting authorization of a dock 	<p>Application-only area will be identified as Notations of Interest (NOI). Maps of these areas <u>may be</u> available on the Private Moorage website.</p> <p>If maps are not available on the policy website for your area refer to one of the online mapping programs to identify if there is an NOI in place.</p> <p>If an NOI is present and it is unclear whether it is for private moorage application-only areas contact FCBC.</p> <p>Reserve or withdrawal designations may restrict dock development. These areas will be identified as Land Act sections 15, 16 or 17's on digital maps.</p>	

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		Link to General Permission iMap instructions	
2.1e	There are no other authorizations for use of the Crown land which would prevent an overlapping permission on that land	Other authorizations: Link to General Permission iMap instructions	
2.1f	There is only one Dock fronting the Upland Property, and no boat ramps or stand-alone boat lifts.		
MARINE HABITAT ASSESSMENT – <i>Marine waters only</i>			
6.4	Before construction of a new marine dock the owner must obtain a Marine Habitat Assessment Report for the site, completed by a qualified registered professional biologist. This report must be provided to the Authorizing Agency upon request.	Marine Habitat Assessment Report process: talk to a qualified professional biologist for information; see members listing at: https://www.cab-bc.org/ . Dock builders will often be familiar with these assessments. ³	
DOCK PLACEMENT and LOCATION			
4.1	A dock must be oriented at right angles to the general trend of the shoreline and must not interfere with the riparian rights of an adjacent property.		
4.2	The offshore end of the dock, including boat lifts and anchor lines, must be at least 30 metres from navigation channels.	For more information on navigable waters refer to Transport Canada’s “Navigation Protection Program – Overview”	
4.3	The dock (including boat lift) must be at least five meters from the side property lines (six meters from the side property line if adjacent to a dedicated public beach access or park), and at least ten meters from any existing dock or structure on the foreshore.	Refer to diagrams at bottom of this document	
DOCK CONSTRUCTION			
3.1	A dock platform or float, and walkway, must be either floating or suspended above the water.		
3.2	A dock may not have crib foundations or solid core structures made of cement or steel sheeting.		

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3.3	No new fill may be used in the construction or maintenance of a dock.		
3.4	No dredging may occur on Crown land.		
3.5	Riparian vegetation on Crown land shall not be unduly disturbed.		
3.6	A dock must be connected to the shore and the connection must provide pedestrian access to the dock.		
3.7	The only improvements authorized to be part of a Dock are those improvements necessary for mooring a boat (including non-overhead boat lifts, pilings and anchor lines,), and a walkway . No beach houses, storage sheds, boathouses, roofs, sun decks, hot tubs or other similar improvements are permitted.		
3.8	<p>A dock in a freshwater environment must <u>not</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. extend beyond a distance of 42m from the point where the walkway begins, measured perpendicular from the general trend of the shoreline; b. have more than a 3m wide moorage platform or float; or c. have more than a 1.5m wide walkway connecting the platform or float to the shore; and d. for mobile docks located in waterbodies that have seasonally fluctuating water levels, the outermost extent of the dock must not be more than a distance of 60m from the present natural boundary. <p><i>Exception: If this is for an existing freshwater dock which satisfies an historical standard as per section 6.5 of the General Permission</i></p>	Refer to diagrams at bottom of this document	
3.9	<p>A dock in a marine environment must be no more than:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 60m distance from the present natural boundary, measured perpendicular from the general trend of the shoreline b. 14m for the length of the float c. 3.7m for the width of the float d. 1.8m wide for the walkway connecting the float to the shore 	Refer to diagrams at bottom of this document	

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3.10	Construction in or around water must only take place <u>during</u> the appropriate timing window specified by Fisheries and Oceans Canada	Refer to Fisheries and Oceans website, which also includes links to regional freshwater timing windows: http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/timing-periodes/index-eng.html																
3.11	Construction “in and about a stream” (including a lake or river) must only take place in accordance with a <i>Water Sustainability Act</i> , section 11 Notification or Approval.	Refer to the website at: Activity Search - Natural Resource Online Services (gov.bc.ca)																
3.12	Do not use construction materials containing toxic substances.																	
6.3	The dock must not unduly obstruct public access along the foreshore or beach.	A member of the public must be able to readily cross over or go around any dock structures along the foreshore. Stairs may be necessary in some cases to accommodate crossing a walkway. Walkway railings should not be restricting to pedestrian access.																
6.5	<p>Subject to the following schedule, within the Thompson Okanagan and Kootenay Boundary regions only, a Dock that was built or altered during the periods indicated may have different standards apply, in place of the current setback, width and length provisions of this permission. If requested, the owner must provide proof of when the Dock was built and/or altered.</p> <p>SCHEDULE OF HISTORICAL STANDARDS</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="296 1167 1031 1390"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="296 1167 579 1279" rowspan="2">Structural Element</th> <th colspan="3" data-bbox="579 1167 1031 1205">Construction Year</th> </tr> <tr> <th data-bbox="579 1205 732 1279">Pre-2007</th> <th data-bbox="732 1205 886 1279">2007-2009</th> <th data-bbox="886 1205 1031 1279">2010 Onwards</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="296 1279 579 1354">Property Line Setback</td> <td data-bbox="579 1279 732 1354">≥3m/6m*</td> <td data-bbox="732 1279 886 1354">≥5m/6m*</td> <td data-bbox="886 1279 1031 1354">≥5m/6m*</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="296 1354 579 1390">Walkway Width</td> <td data-bbox="579 1354 732 1390">≤3.7m</td> <td data-bbox="732 1354 886 1390">≤3.7m</td> <td data-bbox="886 1354 1031 1390">≤1.5m</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Structural Element	Construction Year			Pre-2007	2007-2009	2010 Onwards	Property Line Setback	≥3m/6m*	≥5m/6m*	≥5m/6m*	Walkway Width	≤3.7m	≤3.7m	≤1.5m		
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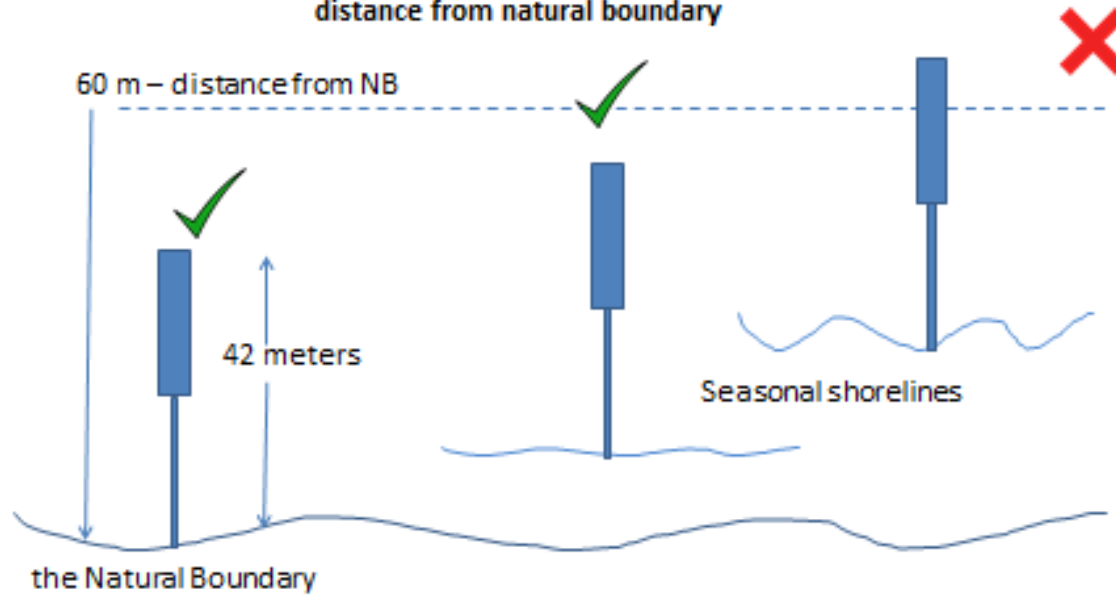
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	Moorage Platform / Float Width	≤3.7m	≤3.7m	≤3m		
	Maximum distance from shore	≤42m	≤42m	≤42m		
<i>* 6m setback required if adjacent to a dedicated public beach access or park</i>						
SITE AND STRUCTURE MAINTENANCE						
5.1	The owner of the Dock keeps the dock structures and the Crown land beneath the structures in a safe, clean and tidy condition.					
5.2	The owner of the Dock will not commit any wilful or voluntary waste, spoil or destruction of the Crown land beneath or in the vicinity of the Dock or do anything on that Crown land that may be or become a nuisance or annoyance to an owner or occupier of land in the vicinity of the Crown land.					
USE RESTRICTION						
2.1b	A Dock shall be used for private residential moorage purposes only and the owner of the dock must not use the dock for commercial purposes or make the dock available to others for a fee.					
OTHER REQUIREMENTS						
6.1	A Dock will be subject to any other restrictions, requirements or specifications which the Minister may impose from time to time.					
6.2	An owner of a Dock must comply with all laws that apply to the installation and use of a Dock as contemplated by this permission.					
9.3	Without limiting the Dock owner's obligations or liabilities the dock owner must, at their expense, effect and keep in force a Homeowner's Insurance Policy or other insurance policy which expressly covers the use of the dock, including Comprehensive Personal Liability in an amount of not less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence.					
<i>For DEFINITIONS and OTHER PROVISIONS refer to the General Permission document.</i>						

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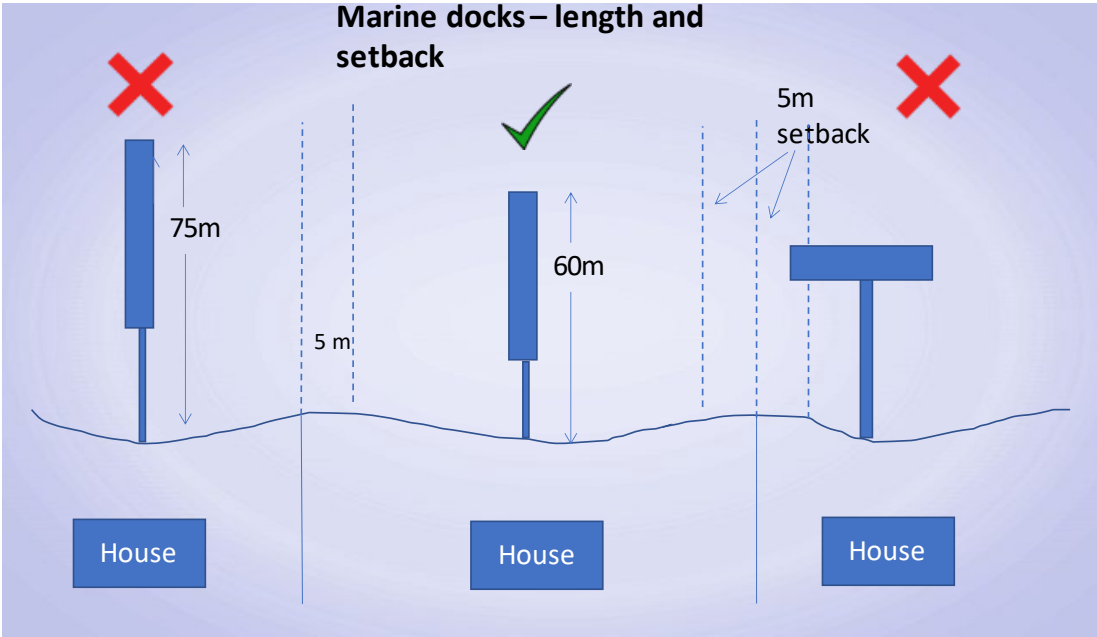
GENERAL PERMISSION: DOCK DIMENSION AND DISTANCE DIAGRAMS



Lake docks – length, seasonal shorelines and distance from natural boundary



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