

CRMC DECISION WORKSHEET

Hearing Date:	
Approved as Recommended	
Approved w/additional Stipulations	
Approved but Modified	
Denied	Vote

APPLICATION INFORMATION						
File Number	Town	Project Location		Category	Special Exception	Variance
2023-03-092	New Shoreham	150 Water Street		B	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Plat	6			
		Owner Name and Address				
Date Accepted	4/7/2023	Interstate Navigation Company		Work at or Below MHW		X
Date Completed	6/21/2023	P.O. Box 5680 Wakefield, RI 02880		Lease Required		<input type="checkbox"/>

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Install a new 8 pile timber dolphin, 33-feet seaward of the existing fixed pier located between the two ferry berths and 3 feet landward of the boundary of the federal project (the 15-foot channel, basin and anchorage that lies within the confines of Old Harbor).

KEY PROGRAMMATIC ISSUES

Coastal Feature: Manmade Shoreline, Steel Bulkhead
Water Type: Type 5, Recreational and Commercial Harbors, Old Harbor (Block Island)
Red Book: 1.2.1.F, 1.3.1.D


Variations and/or Special Exception Details: None

Additional Comments and/or Council Requirements:


Specific Staff Stipulations (beyond Standard stipulations):

STAFF RECOMMENDATION(S)

Engineer RML Recommendation: No Objections
 Biologist _____ Recommendation: _____
 Other Staff _____ Recommendation: _____


 Engineering Supervisor Sign-Off 6/21/23 date

 Executive Director Sign-Off 6/22/23 date


 Supervising Biologist Sign-off 6/21/23 date
 Staff Sign off on Hearing Packet (Eng/Bio) _____ date

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
ENGINEERING REVIEW**

TO: Jeffrey M. Willis, Executive Director
DEPT: Coastal Resources Management Council
FROM: Richard M. Lucia, P.E., Environmental Engineer IV
DEPT: CRMC Engineering Section

Date: 6/21/2023

SUBJ: **CRMC File No.:**2023-03-092

Owner: Interstate Navigation Company Interstate Navigation Company

Site Address: 150 Water Street Plat: 6 Lot: 150

Site Town: New Shoreham

Project: Install a new 8 pile timber dolphin, 33-feet seaward of the existing fixed pier located between the two ferry berths and 3 feet landward of the boundary of the federal project (the 15-foot channel, basin and anchorage that lies within the confines of Old Harbor).

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Coastal Feature: Manmade Shoreline, Steel Bulkhead

INTRODUCTION:

There have been numerous CRMC Assents (20+) dating as far back as 1969 for this facility. Relative to this application a maintenance assent was issued (2022-12-074) for rebuilding the existing 8ftx76ft timber pier between ferry berths in kind. This project under review was separated out since it is new in nature and requires a Category B review.

The consultant has stated that the *“new dolphin will improve efficiency, safety, and longevity of the ferry operations. At times there can be two (2) 200-foot-long ferries from their fleet berthed at both gantries on either side of the timber pier...”* The project is proposed to support the existing commercial harbor ferry. The new dolphin; seven (7) 14-inch diameter greenheart batter piles and one (1) 16-inch diameter greenheart king pile in the center, will be located 33 feet seaward of the fixed pier and located 33 feet landward of the existing timber dolphin which extends into the federal project.

The proposed dolphin, while not within the federal project area, will be located three (3) feet off this boundary. The federal project refers to the 15-foot channel, basin and anchorage that lies within the confines of Old Harbor. An Army Corps Pre-Construction Notification (PCN) permit authorization is required for this work. A standard stipulation requiring that the applicant receive such approval prior to initiating work will be added to the CRMC Assent if approved.

COMMENTS ON APPLICATION/APPLICABLE POLICIES, STANDARDS:

CRMP Red Book Section 1.2.1.F-Type 5 Waters, Recreational and Commercial Harbors

It is staff's opinion that this project meets the policies and goals for Type 5 waters, Recreational and Commercial Harbors. As stated in this Section:

b. The highest priority uses of Type 5 waters and adjoining land areas within Council jurisdiction are:

(1) Berthing, mooring, and servicing of recreational craft, commercial fishing vessels, and ferries;

Also as described above, the new dolphin will be no further into the federal project area than the existing dolphin. There are no engineering objections to the location, especially since it should provide safer navigation for the ferries utilizing the facility.

Recommendations and Conclusion:

Based on the above, it is the opinion of CRMC reviewing staff that this project meets the requirements of the RICMP, since it is consistent with the designated priority use of the water body, Type 5 waters, Recreational and Commercial Harbors. Based on the above, CRMC has no objections to the project.

Signed _____ Staff Engineer