

CRMC DECISION WORKSHEET

2025-05-035

Department of Environmental Management

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
2025-05-035	Narragansett	256 Great Island Road		B	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Plat	I-G			
		Owner Name and Address				
Date Accepted		Department of Environmental Management		Work at or Below MHW		X
Date Completed		235 Promenade Street Providence, RI 02908		Lease Required		<input type="checkbox"/>

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Demolish and replace the existing commercial Pier A in the Port of Galilee with a modified footprint and maintain the existing bulkhead. The proposed pier is 77.5'x26.5' with a 6ftx17ft access platform. The proposed pier is 295 square feet larger in area and requires fewer piles.

KEY PROGRAMMATIC ISSUES

Coastal Feature: Manmade shoreline, steel bulkhead

Water Type: Type 6 , Point Judith Pond (Port of Galilee)


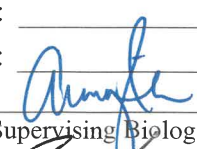
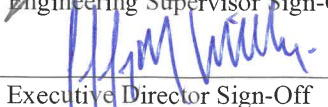
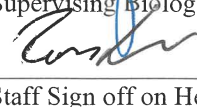
Red Book: 1.1.6(F), 1.2.1(G) 1.3.1(B) 1.3.1(C) 1.3.1(G)

Variances and/or Special Exception Details: none

Additional Comments and/or Council Requirements: none

Specific Staff Stipulations (beyond Standard stipulations): standard stipulations

STAFF RECOMMENDATION(S)

Engineer	RAS	Recommendation:	Approval
Biologist		Recommendation:	
Other Staff		Recommendation:	
	7/9/25		7/9/25
Engineering Supervisor Sign-Off	date	Supervising Biologist Sign-off	date
	10 July 25		7/9/25
Executive Director Sign-Off	date	Staff Sign off on Hearing Packet (Eng/Bio)	date



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
STAFF REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

DATE: 7/9/2025
TO: Jeffrey M. Willis, Executive Director
FROM: Ross Singer

Applicant's Name:	Department of Environmental Management
CRMC File Number:	2025-05-035
Project:	Demolish and replace commercial Pier A
Location:	256 Great Island Road; Narragansett: Plat(s): I-G; Lot(s): 202-S,202-SXM,203-S,204-AS,204-ASXM,204-CS,204-CSXM,96
Water Type/Name:	Type 6, Point Judith Pond
Coastal Feature:	Manmade bulkhead
Plans Reviewed:	"Pier 'A' Removal and Replacement" dated April 2025 prepared by Pare

INTRODUCTION:

The application requests Assent to demolish and replace the existing commercial Pier A in the Port of Galilee with a modified footprint and maintain the existing bulkhead. The proposed pier is 77.5'x26.5' with a 6ftx17ft access platform. The proposed pier is 295 square feet larger in area, requires fewer piles, and will extend approximately 1.5 feet farther seaward than the existing pier. The pier is proposed to extend farther seaward due to the proposed overshooting of the bulkhead. The water dependent commercial building servicing Champlin's Seafood that is situated upon Pier A is proposed to be replaced in kind and be reviewed under a separate application.

The existing pier was constructed in 1997. There have been several CRMC Assents for this facility with the most recent activity for this pier being maintenance to the bulkhead and pier in 2011. The existing pier has deteriorated significantly and is in need of replacement. The existing pier is 78.5'x24' with a 15sqft access platform. The existing pier supports a commercial water dependent building occupied by Champlins for the unloading of seafood, and completely covers the pier structure. The increase of size of the pier is required to support a fendering system to absorb energy from berthing. The new pier will be 4 ft closer to the navigational channel but will remain 28 feet away of the ASACE 45ft setback from the navigational channel. Based on staff review there are no objections to this slight increase in size.

Public notice was issued June 4, 2025 and no objections were submitted. ACOE approval is pending.

COMMENTS ON APPLICATION/APPLICABLE POLICIES, STANDARDS & ETC:

RICR Section Number	Section Title	
1.1.10	Climate Change and Sea Level Rise	The applicant proposes to raise the height of the deck of the pier by approximately 0.6 feet to an elevation of 5.1 feet.
1.2.1(G)	Type 6 Industrial Waterfronts and Commercial Navigational Channels	The highest priority uses of Type 6 waters and adjoining land areas within Council jurisdiction are Berthing, loading and unloading, and servicing of commercial vessels; construction and maintenance of port facilities, navigation channels, and berths; and Construction and maintenance of facilities required for the support of commercial shipping and fishing activities. Additionally, The Council will encourage and support port development and modernization and increased economic activity in the marine industries by participating wherever possible in the joint long range planning and development activities with other state and local agencies, including the R.I. Port Authority, the Department of Environmental Management, and coastal cities and towns. It is the opinion of Staff that this proposal meets the Councils policy.
1.3.1(A)	Category B Requirements	The applicant has provided responses to the Category B requirements as part of the application material. It is the opinion of Staff that these responses are complete and the requirements of this section of the RICRMP have been meet.
1.3.1(B)	Filling, removing, or grading of shoreline features	Oversheeting of the bulkhead involves backfilling of concrete between the proposed and existing bulkhead walls. The proposed sheet pile and concrete cap extends 3 feet seaward of the existing bulkhead It is Staff's opinion that this approach is the most feasible option to maintain the integrity of the bulkhead. Erosion and sedimentation control has been sufficiently addressed
1.3.1(C)	Residential, Commercial, Industrial, and Recreational Structures	The proposed structures have been designed by a Professional Engineer and as such is certified to meet all applicable / required standards. In addition, a Structural Perimeter Limit has been addressed on the submitted plans. It is the opinion of staff that the proposal meets the policies and standards of this section of the RICRMP.

Conclusion and Recommendations:

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 6 waters, Industrial Waterfronts and Commercial Navigational Channels. Based on the above, CRMC has no objections to the project.

Signed  Staff Engineer