

CRMC DECISION WORKSHEET

2025-04-007

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
2025-04-007	Narragansett	280 Great Island Road		B	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Plat	I-G			
		Owner Name and Address				
Date Accepted	4/9/2025	Department of Environmental Management		Work at or Below MHW		X
Date Completed	6/4/2025	235 Promenade Street Providence, RI 02908		Lease Required		<input type="checkbox"/>

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Demolish and replace the existing commercial Pier I with a modified footprint consisting of a 177ftx13ft working pier and an adjacent 79ftx21.5ft pier that supports a commercial water dependent building.

KEY PROGRAMMATIC ISSUES

Coastal Feature: Manmade Shoreline, Steel Bulkhead
Water Type: Type 6 , Industrial Waterfronts and Commercial Navigational Channels
Point Judith Pond (Port of Galilee)
Red Book: 1.1.6.(F), 1.2.1.(G), 1.3.1 (B)1.3.1.(C)

Variances and/or Special Exception Details: none

Additional Comments and/or Council Requirements: none

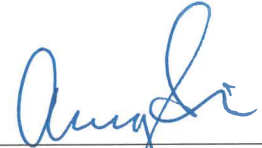
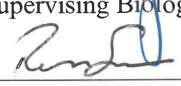
Specific Staff Stipulations (beyond Standard stipulations): standard stipulations

STAFF RECOMMENDATION(S)

Engineer	<u>RAS</u>	Recommendation:	<u>Approval</u>
Biologist	<u></u>	Recommendation:	<u></u>
Other Staff	<u></u>	Recommendation:	<u></u>


Engineering Supervisor Sign-Off
6/10/25
date

Executive Director Sign-Off
11 June 25
date


Supervising Biologist Sign-off
date

Staff Sign off on Hearing Packet (Eng/Bio)
6/10/25
date

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

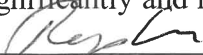
DATE: 6/4/2025
TO: Jeffrey M. Willis, Executive Director
FROM: Ross Singer

Applicant's Name:	Department of Environmental Management
CRMC File Number:	2025-04-007
Project:	Demolish and replace Pier I in Port of Galilee
Location:	280 Great Island Road; Narragansett: Plat(s): I-G; Lot(s): 114,212-S,212-SXM,213-S,96
Water Type/Name:	Type 6/ Port of Galilee
Coastal Feature:	Manmade bulkhead
Plans Reviewed:	"Pier 'I' Removal and Replacement Port of Galilee" Phase IV" dated 3/14/2025 prepared by Pare Corporation.

INTRODUCTION:

The application requests Assent to demolish and replace the existing commercial Pier I in the Port of Galilee with a modified footprint and maintain the existing bulkhead. The proposed pier consists of a 177ftx13ft working pier and an adjacent 79ftx21.5ft pier that supports a commercial water dependent building for the unloading of seafood. The proposed pier is 256 square feet larger in area than the existing pier and will require 21 additional piles. The water dependent commercial building servicing Handrigan's Seafood that is situated upon Pier I will be replaced in kind and is being reviewed under a separate application.

The existing Pier I was constructed in the late 1980's. There have been numerous CRMC Assents for this facility with the most recent activity for this pier being interim repairs in 2013. The existing pier has deteriorated significantly and is in need of replacement. The existing pier extends 180 ft seaward from the

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bulkhead and the main pier is 9 feet wide with a terminal L pier. The shorter adjacent section of the pier is 79 feet long by 19 feet wide and supports a commercial building occupied by Handrigan's Seafood. The proposed pier is wider and will extend 3 ft shorter seaward without a terminal L. The increase of size needed for the pier is due to an increase in width of the longer section of the two-section pier, which is used for unloading seafood products. The new pier with the larger width is proposed to be 89 feet away from the adjacent USCG pier. Based on staff review there are no objections to this slight increase in size.

Public notice was issued April 28, 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 one foot.
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. 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.

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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.

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Staff Engineer

