CRMC DECISION WORKSHEET
2026-08-047
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
2026-08-047	Narragansett	45 State Street - Pier KK Plat: I-G Lot: 266-S,266-SXM,96	B	☐	☐

Owner Name and Address	
Department of Environmental Management c/o Daniel Costa 301 Great Island Road Narragansett, RI 02882	

Date Accepted	August 21, 2026	Work at or Below MHW	☒
Date Completed	October 28, 2026	Lease Required	☐

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Replace Pier KK, minor mod in size and amount of piles with new finger pier

KEY PROGRAMMATIC ISSUES

Coastal Feature: Manmade shoreline on developed barrier.

Water Type: Type 6, Industrial Waterfronts and Commercial Navigation Channels

Red Book: 1.2.1(G)
1.3.1(C), 1.3.1(D)

SAMP: N/A

Variances and/or Special Exception Details:

Additional Comments and/or Council Requirements:

Specific Staff Stipulations (beyond Standard stipulations):

STAFF RECOMMENDATION(S)

Engineer **TMF** Recommendation: **Approval**

Biologist _____ Recommendation: _____

Other Staff _____ Recommendation: _____

10/28/26
Engineering Supervisor Sign-Off date

Supervising Biologist Sign-off date

28 OCT 26
Executive Director Sign-Off date

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

25 OCT 2004

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

DATE: October 28, 2026
TO: Jeffrey M. Willis, Executive Director
FROM: Thomas Fitzpatrick, Environmental Engineer II

Applicant's Name:	Department of Environmental Management
CRMC File Number:	2026-08-047
Project:	Replace and Reconfigure Pier KK within the Port of Galilee
Location:	270 Great Island Road; Narragansett: Plat(s): I-G; Lot(s): 266-S, 266-SXM, 96
Water Type/Name:	Port of Galilee
Coastal Feature:	Steel Sheet pile Bulkhead
Plans Reviewed:	"Pier KK Removal and Replacement Port of Galilee: 26005887: Phase V" sheets 1-12, dated July 29, 2026, by Pare Corporation.

INTRODUCTION:

The application requests assent to replace and reconfigure an existing berthing facility in the Port of Galilee. The reconfiguration relates to increasing the number of dock finger piers from 4 to 5 while maintaining the same total length of the main pier and dock fingers at 191-feet and 40-feet-long respectively. The proposed facility shall increase the structural footprint by 160.5 square feet and would raise the top deck elevation 2 feet to adequately accommodate future storm events. The project went out to public notice on September 23, 2026. No objections were received. No variances are required for the proposed project.

CRMC HISTORY:

2001-03-034	Rehab Bulkhead Piers KK & SS	DEM	B-Approved
2009-07-083	Parking Area, Regrade	DEM	M-Approved
2023-03-049	Replace Steel Sheet Pile Bulkhead	DEM	M-Approved
2024-03-074	Replace Steel Sheet Pile Bulkhead	DEM	A - Withdrawn
2025-01-056	Bulkhead Oversheeting	DEM	F-Approved
2026-03-065	Replace Pier 'KK' In-Kind	DEM	M-Approved

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COMMENTS ON APPLICATION/APPLICABLE POLICIES, STANDARDS & ETC:

1.2.1(G)	**Type 6 Industrial Waterfronts and Commercial Navigation Channels**	
(G)(1)(f)	Port of Galilee	Type 6 waters are extensively altered to accommodate commercial water dependent and enhancement activities.
(G)(2)(b)(1)	Water Priority Use	The proposed construction of a commercial berthing facility is listed specifically as one of CRMC's highest priority uses in these waters. The applicant's proposal in consistent with Type 6 water priority use.
(G)(2)(c)	Port Development and Modernization	Regulation states CRMC shall encourage port development and modernization by participating whenever possible in the joint long-range planning and development activities with other state agencies including, specifically, the Department of Environmental Management (DEM). The applicant's proposal is consistent with CRMC's encouragement of port development and increases joint development planning between CRMC and DEM.
1.3.1(C)	**Commercial Structures**	
(C)(1)(a)	Risk Mitigation	The facility is proposed to be raised to +5.1' Mean High Water to accommodate future storm events and reduce risks related to future storm damage. Proposed work reduces risk and increases resiliency compared to the former dock.
(C)(1)(c)	Structural Perimeter Limit (SPL)	All commercial structures in tidal waters shall have an established (or shall establish a) structural perimeter limit when an application is subject to review. This will be addressed in a stipulation.
(C)(4)(a)(3)	Design by Professional Engineer	Plans for the proposed pier are designed and stamped by Jon Paul Nanni II of Pare Corporation. Mr. Turcotte is a RI registered Professional Engineer.

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CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

The applicant's proposal to reconstruct "KK" dock shall retain economic benefits to the public and shall constitute a significant improvement upon the previously existing structure.

The new structure shall raise the deck elevation to accommodate future storm events, increase the number of berthing slips (by 2) to accommodate future port operations, and shall not widen or lengthen the dock structure beyond its existing layout. To facilitate these improvements, 15 additional piles shall be needed beyond the existing piling count (an 11.9 square-foot mudline increase), and a 160.5 square-foot (8.6%) increase to the dock's footprint shall require approval.

Staff is of the opinion that DEM's proposal is a net improvement to the Port of Galilee and is consistent with CRMC's primary objectives related to activities in these waters. Should the council approve this request, a structural perimeter limit (SPL) shall be established which shall limit the edge of the SPL to 10 feet beyond the footprint of the existing structure. Staff recommends approval of this application.

Signed_____**Staff Engineer**