

Dock Public Information Meeting  
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Detroit Lakes, MN

Meeting Notes

Why is there a distinction between docks and boatlifts, etc.?

What defines a rule, state law, federal law?

Do not like large free standing canopies. Need to take beyond docks.

Docks with large canopies (roofs) need some attention.

Docks are a small piece of the puzzle that makes a healthy lake.

Regulating docks by lot size makes sense.

For dock materials – many are replacing bad stuff with more environment friendly material.

Having bigger docks are becoming an eye soar – take into consideration shoreland issues also, setbacks, etc.

Some canopies are needed for people who have skin cancer or are sensitive to the sun.

Look at long-term trends – over the last 11 seasons there has been a 36% increase in boats.

When I purchased lakeshore I didn't receive any information about what a person can and cannot do. Realtors should give out this information. It should be mandatory for new owners.

Rock cribs – afraid people will make more permanent (Leech Lake).

Is every lake in MN regulated the same?

Public resource – people own shoreland not the lake. Current rules are just fine.

Look at the issue from all perspectives.

Do any counties use a percentage of impervious surface?

Incorporate size of lake and size of lot.

Come up with something that is good for DNR, the dock industry and the lake.

Does not understand the rationale for the general permit. Doesn't see how that keeps things under control.

What will happen to those that have bigger docks than what the general permit allows?

If someone doesn't have an 8 ft. wide dock, why couldn't they take the extra footage and add it to the platform?

Consider community docks – bigger dock for multiple owners. Dock regulations are going to cause a lot of controversy. Community docks will help diffuse the problem.

Temporary floating structures – make them illegal.

Coordinate the general permit with county sheriff's office.