

Listserv Update for Structures in Public Waters Rule Revision – March 2010

There is not much new to tell you, but it has been a long time since my last update and I wanted to let you know that the process of rule-revision continues. We have been using a thorough and transparent process in revising the rules for structures in public waters. Currently the draft rule revisions are in the ‘Governor’s office review’ phase of the process.

When we receive comments from this latest part of the process, we will establish our rule-making authority and pick up the process again. Please be assured that we will do what we can to move this process forward for the best possible results in balancing the use and protection of Minnesota’s public waters. The existing rules have been in-place for a long time and need updating. It is our intention to do it well.

When the public hearing part of our process arrives, we’ll be sure to publicize it well. We hope to hold them in three or four locations around the state to give people as much chance as possible to attend. You may be interested to know that with the required rule-making schedule, including requirements for hearing notification, comment periods, review by the administrative law judge, and publication in the State Register, the revised rules will not be in effect before this boating season. The existing rules and general permit for dock platforms (No. 2008-0401) will be in place as summer begins. Recall that you can review the general permit for dock platforms at:

http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/watermgmt_section/pwpermits/general_permit_2008-0401_platform.pdf

General information about the rule-revision process for structures in public waters is found at:

http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/watermgmt_section/pwpermits/structures_rules.html

Please note that we have a new email address for questions and comments related to the revision of the rules for structures in public waters: structures.dnr@state.mn.us.

Of course, please feel free to call me if you have questions, need clarification or would like to comment. My contact information is below.

Thank you for your interest in this process and in the protection of our public waters.

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