

Boathouse Repair Certification Instructions

Determine eligibility for this individual permit:

- Choose an activity decision module on web, <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/waterways>

To apply:

- Apply online using our online ePermitting System at <http://dnr.wi.gov/permits/water>
- Include all required attachments. Each document must be less than 15 megabytes and our online system offers a help guide to reduce file sizes
- Permit processing review times begin when all of the required application materials are received by the DNR. The Department may require additional information to evaluate the project.
- If you have questions regarding your application, contact the local Water Management Specialist for your county refer to <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Waterways/contacts.html#county>.

Please note, prior to starting any work at the project site, you are responsible for:

- Obtain all necessary local (e.g. city, town, village or county) permits
- Obtain U.S. Army Corps of Engineer permits or approvals
- Obtain any other applicable state permits

To find the local Water Management Specialist for your county refer to <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Waterways/contacts.html#county>.

Required attachments - Forms or documents you upload in our online ePermitting System

1. **Application form** - A complete, signed application form "Water Resources Application for Project Permits (WRAPP)" (Form 3500-053)
2. **Application fee** - Payment needs to be submitted through the ePermitting System as part of the application process. The appropriate fee will be viewable at the end of the ePermitting application submittal process.
3. **Ownership documentation** - (i.e. copy of deed, land contract, current property tax statement/receipt)
4. **Photographs** that clearly show the on-the-ground conditions of the existing project areas. Remember that too much snow cover or vegetation may obscure important details. If possible, have another person stand near the project area for size reference. Color images are preferred.
5. **Site maps** that clearly illustrate the location and perimeter of the project site, and its relationship to nearby water resources (e.g. lakes, rivers, streams or wetlands), major landmarks and roads. Provide copies of relevant maps (e.g. wetland, aerial, topographical, soil, floodplain, or zoning maps), with the project location clearly identified. The Department offers a web mapping tool to assist in creating these maps at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/>, keyword "surface water data viewer".
6. **Plans and specifications** that show what you intend to do. Plan drawings should be clear and to scale. Be sure to draw all plans as accurately and detailed as possible. The Department reserves the right to require additional information to evaluate the project.
 - Indicate top, front, and side dimensions on the plans
 - Indicate where repairs will be made to the structure

7. **Narrative description** of your proposal on a separate page. Please include:
 - What the project is, purpose of project, and need for the project
 - How you intend to carry out the project, including methods, materials, and equipment
 - Your proposed construction schedule and sequence of work
 - What temporary and permanent erosion control measures will be used
 - The location of any disposal area for dredged or excavated materials
 - For disturbances or fill, provide a description of type, composition, and quality of materials
 - How you plan to avoid, minimize and mitigate impacts to waterways
 - Area (e.g. linear feet) impacted

8. **Riparian owners list** - Names and addresses of the adjacent property owners.

9. **Statement of needed maintenance or repair items** for any proposed maintenance or repair that will be done within three years of the certification. **Include a description** of the materials to be used for construction.

10. **Statement indicating the placement date** of boathouse and **proof of placement**.

11. **To request an exception to needing a certification**, applications should provide documentation to demonstrate **one** of the following:
 - The boathouse was built before December 1979 and the repair or maintenance does not affect boathouse size or location or configuration, **AND** does not result in conversion to living quarters.
 - The boathouse has historic or cultural value as determined by the state historical society, local, or county historical society.
 - The single story boathouse is over an authorized waterway enlargement
 - The boathouse was damaged by violent wind, vandalism, or fire (damage must have occurred after January 1984.
 - The boathouse is used exclusively for commercial purposes in a harbor or a river that is a tributary to the Great Lakes.

12. **Endangered and threatened resources** - The applicant is not required, but is encouraged to request an endangered resources (ER) review letter before applying for the permit. Information on how to obtain a review can be found by visiting the website at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ERReview/Review.html>. The applicant can also visit the NHI Public Portal, <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ERReview/PublicPortal.html>, to determine if a full ER Review is required. Read the 'What is an ER Preliminary Assessment and what do the results mean?' section to determine follow-up steps.

13. **Historical and cultural resources** - If you are aware there is a historical or cultural resource present, you are **required** to contact the Wisconsin State Historical Society to verify and receive documentation that the activity will not result in an adverse impact to these resources.

Eligibility Criteria:	
Projects that do not meet all criteria are not eligible for certification. If your project does not qualify please redesign your project to meet the criteria	
Only a riparian (owner of shoreline) is able to make repairs or maintain a boathouse or fixed houseboat extending beyond the ordinary high-water mark of any navigable waterway.	
The boathouse maintenance and repair will maintain the original shape and dimensions of the structure.	

<p>Repair and maintenance is limited to the 3-dimensional envelope of the existing boathouse or fixed houseboat. You are not allowed to expand, enlarge, change location, or make changes to configuration of a boathouse or fixed houseboat.</p>	
<p>Repair and maintenance may not include any change in roof pitch or addition of decks, walkways, railings or other architectural features.</p>	
<p>Maintenance and repair include replacing structural elements, including roofs, doors, walls, windows, beams, porches, piers, and floors.</p>	
<p>Decks, walkways, railings, or piers that are permanently attached to the boathouse or fixed houseboat are considered part of the boathouse or fixed houseboat and should be included in the repairs.</p>	
<p>Documentation showing the boathouse meets the exception criteria in Requirement #8 on page 1 of this checklist, must be included in order to qualify for the exception to repair or maintain the boathouse or fixed houseboat.</p>	
<p>All equipment used for the project including but not limited to tracked vehicles, barges, boats, hoses, sheet pile and pumps shall be de-contaminated for invasive and exotic viruses and species prior to use and after use.</p> <p>The following steps must be taken every time you move your equipment to avoid transporting invasive and exotic viruses and species. To the extent practicable, equipment and gear used on infested waters shall not be used on other non-infested waters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspect and remove aquatic plants, animals, and mud from your equipment. • Drain all water from your equipment that comes in contact with infested waters, including but not limited to tracked vehicles, barges, boats, hoses, sheet pile and pumps. • Dispose of aquatic plants, animals in the trash. Never release or transfer aquatic plants, animals or water from one waterbody to another. • Wash your equipment with hot (>104° F) or high pressure water, steam clean or allow your equipment to dry thoroughly for 5 days. 	
<p>Follow the most recent Department approved washing and disinfection protocols and Department approved best management practices to avoid the spread of invasive species as outlined in NR 40, Wis. Adm. Code. These protocols and practices can be found on the Department website at https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/, keyword “invasive species BMPs”.</p>	