



Dock Permitting in Florida

Permit Application Fee Schedule:

Use of Online Self-Certification of Exemption = **FREE**

(Not available in Aquatic Preserve)

Exemption Verification = \$100

General Permit = \$250

Individual ERP Permit = \$420

- 10-29 slips \$1,500
- 30-49 slips \$5,000-\$9,000
- > 50 slips \$14,000

(\$100 fee reduction for Individual ERP Permits if submitted using DEP's E-Application System)

Rule 62-4.050(4), F.A.C.

How to Apply:

Business Portal: www.fldepportal.com

- Online Self Certification
- E-Application System

Forms: <https://floridadep.gov/water/>

Submit via Email:

DEP_CD@FloridaDEP.gov



» Exempt Docks - In OFW (Outstanding Florida Waters)

[403.813(1)(b), F.S.]

Up to 500 square feet of over-water surface area

One private dock (non-commercial)

May be subject to Aquatic Preserve design criteria [18-20, F.A.C.]

» Exempt Docks - In Canals and Outside OFW

[403.813(1)(b) and (i), F.S.]

Up to 1,000 square feet of over-water surface area

One private dock (non-commercial)

» General Permits - Docks

[62-330.427, F.A.C.]

Up to 2,000 square feet of over-water surface area

One private dock (non-commercial)

Designed for mooring of no more than 2 vessels* [62-330.427(1)(a)(1), F.A.C.]

Access walkway elevated and handrailed over resources

Terminal platform cannot be located over resources

May be subject to Aquatic Preserve design criteria [18-20, F.A.C.]

» Individual ERP (Environmental Resource Permit) Permits - Docks

[62-330, F.A.C. and the Applicant's Handbook]

No specific limits to over-water surface area

Multiple docks, Private or Commercial

No specific limits to number of slips

Permit will specify design criteria (based on location and resources present) and include state lands authorization

» Note: Over-water area calculation includes roofs, boat cover canopies, elevated platforms, decking, etc.

MapDirect: <https://ca.dep.state.fl.us/mapdirect/?focus=erp>

Mapping Application for ERP data:

Permits, Compliance, OFWs, Aquatic Preserves, etc.



Aquatic Preserve Design Criteria for Single-Family Docks

LETTER OF CONSENT

- » Written Authorization to use state-owned submerged land is required!
 - » Must have satisfactory evidence of sufficient upland interest (ex. upland property deed, etc.)
 - » All activities must be setback a min. of 25 feet inside riparian lines. Exceptions:
 - Marginal docks must be setback min. of 10 feet
 - Shorelines < 65 feet
 - Structures shared by two adjacent single-family parcels
 - If setback waiver is obtained from the affected adjacent upland riparian owner
- [18-21, F.A.C.]

Access Walkway = that part of a dock which connects a riparian owner's property to a terminal platform

Terminal Platform = that part of a dock or pier, including finger piers, that is connected to the access walkway, is located at the terminus of the facility, and is designed to secure and load or unload a vessel or conduct other water dependent activities

RPA 1 = Areas which have resources of the highest quality and condition for that area.

RPA 2 = Areas which are in transition (with either declining RPA1 or pioneering RPA 3)

RPA 3 = Areas characterized by the absence of any significant natural resources

[18-20.003, F.A.C.]

DEP's Aquatic Preserve Program:
<https://floridadep.gov/fco/aquatic-preserve>

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» Private Residential Single-Family Dock

One private dock at a single-family residence / dwelling unit
 Designed to moor no more than two boats
 Used for recreational or leisure purposes [18-20.003(44), F.A.C.]

» General Standards & Criteria - All Docks

Cannot extend out more than 500 feet waterward of MHW or 20% the width of the waterbody, whichever is less
 Design modifications are required to minimize impacts to resources (ex. avoiding vegetation, minimizing shading, etc.)
 In a Resource Protection Area (RPA) 1 or 2:

- Planking shall be no more than 8 inches wide and spaced no less than 1/2 inch apart
- Access walkway shall be elevated 5 feet above MHW

[18-20.004(5)(a), F.A.C.]

» Single-Family Dock Standards & Criteria

Access walkway limited to max. width of 4 feet

Terminal platform size is limited to 160 square feet

- If terminal platform terminates in an RPA 1 or 2, the platform shall be elevated min. 5 feet above MHW (up to 25% can be lower to facilitate access to vessel)

Dock shall extend out no more than to a depth of -4 feet MLW

- If water depth is -4 feet MLW at bulkhead, dock length from bulkhead is limited to 25 feet

Decking must ensure max. light penetration

Docks in RPA 1 or 2 must have adequate water depths (min. one foot clearance: vessel-top of resources at MLW)

[18-20.004(5)(b), F.A.C.]

Slips may not, in whole or in part, be enclosed by walls

Roofs are allowed, but cannot overhang more than one foot beyond the footprint of the lift and the boat stored on lift

- Roofs are not included in terminal platform square-footage

[258.42(3)(e), F.S.]

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