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Minnesota Seasonal Recreational Property Owners

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Greetings Seasonal Owners:

A few years ago, the DNR began to review the standards for docks, or "structures in public waters." We received many e-mails about the issue, both from those who want tighter regulation of docks and platforms, and those who were afraid of the government taking of property rights.

The DNR also received a flood of comments, and slowed the process way down. They are proceeding very deliberately. At present, the draft rule revisions are in the "Governor's Office Review" phase. Once this phase of the process is completed, the DNR will move to the "public hearing" phase of the process, and will hold listening sessions in three or four locations around the state.

We will make sure to let you know the times and locations as soon as they are available. There will be no changes in the rules during the 2010 boating season. 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 the fall of 2010. The existing rules and general permit for dock platforms (No. 2008-0401) will be in place as summer begins. You can [review the general permit](#) for dock platforms.

[Click here](#) for general information about the rule-revision process for structures in public waters.

Please note that there is a new e-mail address for questions and comments related to the revision of the rules for structures in public waters. It is structures.dnr@state.mn.us. Of course, if you have questions, need clarification or would like to comment, please contact Tom Hovey at the DNR at:

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