



**Boat Dock/Lift Application  
Brightsand Lake Regional Park Authority**

**Policy #**

2025-002

**Number Assigned**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Brightsand Lake Regional Park Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested Location of Boat Dock/Lift

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Distance of Existing Docks/Lifts to the right and left of requested location

Left: \_\_\_\_\_

Right: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Installation: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Removal: \_\_\_\_\_

Material Used to Construct Dock/Lift: \_\_\_\_\_

Winter Storage of Dock/Lift Proposed: \_\_\_\_\_

I (We) \_\_\_\_\_, agree to hold Brightsand Lake Regional Park harmless for any issues which might arise as a result of this application being approved and a dock/lift being located either on the water at the above location or stored for the winter at the above location.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSENT:**

**BRIGHTSAND LAKE REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY**

**Authority Use Only**

Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution #: \_\_\_\_\_

PER: \_\_\_\_\_

(Chairperson)

PER: \_\_\_\_\_

(Vice Chair or Secretary)



### **GENERAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS**

Is there some way of building a dock/lift and still protect and enhance fish habitat? Is it okay to clear the shoreline shrubs to install a boat dock/lift?

Boat docks/lifts if improperly installed can damage large areas of near-shore fish habitat by disturbing the lakebed and restricting water movement along the shore. Floating docks/lifts or docks/lifts supported by posts have little impact on fish habitat. Docks with crib foundations destroy fish habitat and are not desirable. They can create problems with water circulation, causing areas of stagnant water to develop.

Clearing the shoreline and “weeds” growing in the lake might improve access but at the expense of fish habitat.

Trees and shrubs overhanging the water provide shade and help keep surface water temperatures cool for fish. Natural vegetation is the best shoreline erosion control – removal of bank cover results in sediment and silt releases into the water, covering fish spawning and feeding areas.

If nature couldn't create a beach where you want one, chances are you won't fare any better – and you may damage or destroy fish habitat while you're trying. Sand deposits for the beach seldom stay in place, ice scour, high water, and wave action spread the sand in a fine blanket over the bottom habitat that fish need for spawning and feeding.

Remember, any alteration to the bed or bank of any waterbody [such as adding or removing sand, gravel, other material, or removal of aquatic vegetation] requires an Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit from the Ministry of Environment (MOE) before you start work.

### **GUIDELINES TO INSTALL BOAT DOCKS/LIFTS**

- Installation must be done manually. No equipment is allowed to work in water or on the bank.
- Only floating docks/lifts or docks/lifts supported by posts may be installed. A permit from MOE is not necessary for these types of docks/lifts.
- Docks may be constructed out of the following materials: metal, plastic, untreated wood. Creosote and pentachlorophenol treated timbers are not acceptable.
- Dredging to improve access is not allowed.
- Any proposal to remove aquatic vegetation, or other type of bank work, must be reviewed and approved.
- A distance of approximately forty (40) feet is required between boat docks/lifts.
- “Before” photos of the shoreline are on file and will be available for comparison.
- The dock/lift owner assumes all responsibility and liability for the dock whether in the water or stored for the winter.