

Name of Project:

5.3 COASTAL USES

5.3.6 Navigation

Navigation Policy 1 – Piers Are Preferred to Dredging in Providing Access to Deep Waters. Navigational access projects shall when possible be designed to use piers to reach deep waters rather than dredging. MDE (B2) COMAR 26.24.03.02.

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with policy Preferring Piers to Dredging in Providing Access to Deep Waters.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:

Navigation Policy 2 – Central Access Channels with Short Spurs Are Preferred to Multiple Separate Channels. Navigational access channels to serve individual or small groups of riparian landowners shall be designed to prevent unnecessary channels. A central access channel with short spur channels shall be considered over separate access channels for each landowner. MDE (B2) COMAR 26.24.03.02.

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with policy that Prefers Central Access Channels with Short Spurs to Multiple Separate Channels.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:

Navigation Policy 3 – Channels Shall Minimize Impacts to Tidal Wetlands & Underwater Topography. Navigational access channels shall be designed to minimize alteration of tidal wetlands and underwater topography. MDE (B2) COMAR 26.24.03.02.

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with policy requiring that Channels Minimize Impacts to Tidal Wetlands & Underwater Topography.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:

Navigation Policy 4 - New & Expanded Marinas, with a Preference Given to Expansion of Existing Facilities, Shall Be Located in Strongly Flushed Waters More Than 4.5 Feet Deep at Mean Low Tide & Not Adversely Impact Habitat. New or expanded facilities for the mooring, docking, or storing of more than ten vessels on tidal navigable waters shall be located on waters with strong flushing characteristics and may not be located in areas where the natural depth is 4.5 feet or less at mean low water, and any of the following will be adversely affected: aquatic vegetation, productive macroinvertebrate communities, shellfish beds, fish spawning or nursery areas, rare, threatened, or endangered species, species in need of conservation, or historic waterfowl staging areas. Expansion of existing facilities is favored over new development. MDE (A1) COMAR 26.24.04.03.

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with policy requiring that New & Expanded Marinas, with a Preference Given to Expansion of Existing Facilities, Be Located in Strongly Flushed Waters More Than 4.5 Feet Deep at Mean Low Tide & Avoid Adverse Impacts to Habitat.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:

Navigation Policy 5 – Restrictions on Placement of Mooring Buoys. The location of buoys for the mooring of boats shall not be located in designated private or public shellfish areas, cable-crossing areas, navigational channels, in other places in where general navigation would be impeded or obstructed, or public ship anchorage. The location of mooring buoys should not obstruct the riparian access of adjacent property owners or hinder the orderly access to or use of the waterways by the general public. DNR (A1) COMAR 08.04.13.02.

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with policy Restricting Placement of Mooring Buoys.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy:

Navigation Policy 6 – Noise Limit for Vessels on State Waters. Vessels operated on state waters should not exceed a noise level of 90dB(a). DNR (A1) COMAR 08.18.03.03.

Select appropriate response:

- Project will be consistent with policy Setting Noise Limit for Vessels on State Waters.
- Not Applicable.

Describe situation and/or actions to make project or activity consistent with the above policy: