

Pilings Exemption Checklist



Certain activities in navigable waters are exempt from needing a permit under [Chapter 30](#). Use this checklist to determine if your project qualifies for an exemption.

Your proposed project is eligible if it meets **all** the following conditions:

- **ASNRI/PRF/PNW:** A piling may not be located in an area of special natural resource interest (ASNRI) or within a public right features (PRF) - [Property Lookup for Designated Waterways and Wetlands | Waterway protection | Wisconsin DNR](#)
- **Federal and State Threatened and Endangered Species:** This exemption does not address threatened and endangered species. Applicants are required to comply with Wisconsin's Endangered Species Law (s. 29.604, Wis. Stats.) and the Federal Endangered Species Act. To determine if the project is in compliance, visit the [NHI Public Portal](#), and enter the project area to generate an Endangered Resources (ER) Preliminary Assessment. Read the ER Preliminary Assessment carefully to determine follow-up steps, if needed.

EROSION CONTROL/SEDIMENT

- Erosion control measures shall meet or exceed the [WDNR Technical Standards](#) developed under Subch. V of ch. NR 151, Wis. Adm. Code. Any area where soil is exposed during construction shall be stabilized or revegetated immediately upon reaching final grade using sod, seed and anchored mulch, seed and erosion control mat, or rip rap to prevent erosion and limit sediment discharge to the waterway. Check with your local municipality (village or city) or the county zoning department for before commencing land disturbing or vegetation removal activities.
- Unless part of a stormwater management plant; all temporary erosion and sediment control practices shall be removed upon final site stabilizations.
 - *Areas disturbed during construction or installation shall be restore.*
- All equipment used for the project shall be designed and properly sized to minimize the amount of sediment that can escape into the water.
- A deposit of sand, gravel or stone may be associated with the placement of a piling provided the deposit is limited to the area underneath the piling and is less than 2 cubic yards.
 - *Dredging may be associated with the placement of the structure provided the dredging does not exceed 2 cubic yards.*

WATERWAY/PLACEMENT

- To minimize adverse impacts on fish movement, fish spawning, and egg incubation periods, placement, or removal of a temporary waterway crossing below the ordinary high watermark (OHWM) may not occur during the following time periods unless timing restrictions have been waived by the Department:
 - a) September 15th through May 15th for all trout streams; to determine if a waterway is a trout stream, you may use the [WDNR website trout maps](#).
 - b) September 15th through June 15th on all Great Lakes tributaries upstream to the first dam or barrier.
 - c) November 1st through June 15th for Lake Michigan waters surrounding Door County including Green Bay and all harbors and bays.
 - d) September 15th through July 1st for Lake Superior waters surrounding Douglas County including St. Louis River and all harbors and bays.
 - e) March 1st through June 15th for all other waters.
- Pilings may not be placed in a manner that adversely impedes surface or subsurface flow into or out of any wetland.
- Pilings may not result in the permanent or temporary deposition of fill in any floodway or wetland.

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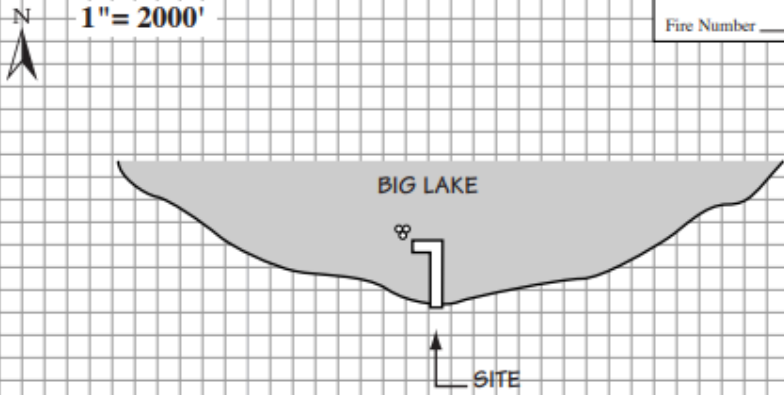


- Pilings shall be placed only for the purposes of deflecting ice to protect an existing or proposed structure or providing a pivot point for turning watercraft. Additional information about ice protection is available at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Waterways/construction/avoidIceDamage.html>.
- Pilings may not be placed or used for mooring a boat, except in Lake Michigan, Lake Superior or on the Mississippi River.
- Pilings may consist of a group of not more than 5 individual piles placed adjacent to each other and firmly bound together.



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- Pilings shall be placed entirely within the riparian's zone of interest and shall have a minimum side setback of 10 feet from the riparian zone.

DRAWINGS OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY SHOULD BE PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAMPLE DRAWING	Location Sketch (Indicate scale.) Show route to project site: include nearest main road and crossroad.		PILINGS SAMPLE DRAWING
<p>Proposed Materials</p> <p>3 12" Diameter, 8'-long poles driven into lake bed, tied together with 8' steel cable</p>	<p>N 1" = 2000'</p> 	<p>Fire Number N3861</p>	
<p>Project Plans. (Include top view and typical cross sections. Clearly identify features and dimensions or indicate scale.) Use additional sheets if necessary.</p>			
<p>N 1" = 150'</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Top View</p> 