

Docks and Piers

Docks, piers, and ramps are needed to improve access from land to water. Most tide, submerged and shorelands in Alaska are owned by the state and managed by the Division of Mining, Land and Water for a variety of uses, such as large cruise ship docks, small floating piers, and boat haul outs. Authorizations are needed for commercial docks and other structures in, or floating on the water. However, private residential landowners living along coastlines, rivers, and lakes are allowed to construct docks and boat haul outs for their non-commercial purposes. The Division strives to balance a number of factors including the cumulative effects of several docks, public access, water quality, and navigational impediments.