

Stonington Harbor Management Commission Wharfing Out Policy
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1. Purpose of Wharfing Out Policy: To develop a Wharfing Out policy that provides regulations regarding the initial installation of, modifications to, repairs of, and/or expansion of any and all pre-existing, currently existing, or future wharfs, docks and other such private or commercial structures, whether permanent, seasonal, floating and/or fixed, that protrude into the waters under the jurisdiction of the SHMC.
2. Responsibilities of SHMC (from Stonington Harbor Management Plan): Wharfing Out policy must comply with goals of SHMP:

1.2 Goals

The goals of the Harbor Management Commission are as follows:

Goal 1. - To establish and maintain policies, guidelines and strategies to be used by the Borough of Stonington, the Town of Stonington, and State and Federal Agencies for guiding decisions affecting development and uses of the navigable waters within the jurisdiction of the Stonington Harbor Management Commission.

Goal 2. - To promote public awareness of the water-related facilities and activities available within the navigable waters within the jurisdiction of the Stonington Harbor Management Commission

Goal 3. - To regulate use of the Harbor and the navigable waters within the jurisdiction of the Stonington Harbor Management Commission in a manner that assures safe, orderly and efficient use of the water and the waterfront.

Goal 4. - To protect the natural and man-made resources of Stonington Harbor.

3. SHMC Considerations Regarding any “Wharfing Out” Request:

3.1 Navigation Considerations:

a. Does not displace or affect direct safe navigation between existing shore based facilities, or moorings, to and from the entrance to the harbor channel, the entrance to Stonington Harbor, or other safe navigational lanes with the jurisdiction of the SHMC.

b. Does not take up more harbor mooring acreage “space” than the SHMC deems necessary to accomplish the goals as stated in the Stonington Harbor Management Plan.

c. Does not affect the safe and continued use of existing moorings and structures within the Harbor, or the jurisdiction of the SHMC.

3.2 Public Access Considerations:

a. Enables better free and safe direct public access to the Harbor, or the waterways within the jurisdiction of the SHMC.

b. Enables increased free benefits to Connecticut residents, either directly or indirectly.

3.3. Future Use of the Harbor Considerations:

a. Does not adversely affect or hinder the future configuration of the harbor, or the waterways within the jurisdiction of the SHMC, which may require an improved mooring grid within the Harbor or the waterways within the jurisdiction of the SHMC.

3.4. Other Considerations:

a. Meets the approval of neighbors that may be affected by such Wharfing Out.

b. Must meet all Federal, State and local statues at every level, DEP and Army Corps of Engineers requirements and regulations, including responsible engineering guidelines for wharfing out.