

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

RE: _____ {PROJECT NAME}

To Whom It May Concern:

This correspondence is to notify you as a riparian property owner that _____ is applying for
{insert property owner name or company}

a CAMA Major permit to _____
{insert project description}

on property located at _____,
{insert property address / county}

which is adjacent to your property. A copy of the application and project drawing(s) is enclosed for your review. If you have no objections to the proposed activity, please mark the appropriate statement below and return to:

_____ as soon as possible.
{insert name of responsible party}

If no comments are received within 30 days of receipt of this notice, it will be considered that you have no comments regarding this project. If you have objections or comments, please mark the appropriate statement below and send your correspondence to the NC Division of Coastal Management at 943 Washington Square Mall, Washington NC 27889. If you have questions about the project, please do not hesitate to contact me at _____ {insert phone number} or the Division of Coastal Management at 252-946-6481.

Sincerely,

INSERT NAME

_____ I have no objection to the project as described. _____ I have objection(s) to the project as described.

WAIVER SECTION

I understand that a pier, dock, mooring pilings, boat ramp, breakwater, boathouse, lift, or groin must be set back a minimum distance of 15' from my area of riparian access unless waived by me. (If you wish to waive the setback, you **must initial** the appropriate blank below.)

_____ I do wish to waive the 15' setback requirement. _____ I **do not** wish to waive the 15' setback requirement.

Print Name

Signature of Adjacent Property Owner

Date

Mailing Address and/or Email Address

Phone Number

TIPS FOR ADJACENT RIPARIAN OWNER NOTIFICATION & WAIVER FORMS

CAMA Regulations require notice of proposed development to the Adjacent Riparian Property Owners (15A NCAC 7J.0204(b)(5)). Proof of actual notice (a sign-off by the owner on this form) or certified mail return receipts (showing *delivery* of notice) are needed.

The purpose of this notice is to make adjacent riparian property owners aware of the proposed development so that they have an opportunity to provide comments (or potentially object to) the proposed development, and to give DCM an opportunity to consider these comments/objections before a permit decision is made. "Permission" of adjacent property owners is not necessarily required for DCM to issue a permit; however, permission must be obtained for certain types of proposed developments if they fall within a 15' setback area along the riparian access area of the adjacent property, as determined solely by DCM. It is in the applicant's best interest to provide comprehensive and accurate notice so that any concerns or objections can be resolved early in the permit review process. In addition, if the adjacent riparian property owner appeals the permit decision, insufficient notice could be a basis for granting such an appeal.

Who is an Adjacent Riparian Property Owner?

What is Adjacent? (Note: DCM reads this broadly to ensure comment by potentially impacted neighbors)

- A property that shares a boundary line with the site of proposed development; AND
- A property that fronts a natural or manmade waterbody that is connected to coastal waters and can support some form of navigation, even a kayak or canoe, including a common canal system or a manmade basin.
- Easement holders? Yes, if the easement could be impacted by the proposed development.
- Streets/Roads? Only if the street/road could be impacted by the proposed development. This might include street-ends which might be used for parking and beach access.
- Holders of recognized submerged lands claims/shellfish franchises.

What is Riparian?

Do the boundaries of the adjacent property legally intersect with the water at mean high tide? If there is a question about whether an adjacent property is considered "riparian," please reach out to DCM Staff - especially on the oceanfront beach where there may be undeveloped parcels on the beach or in the water.

Who/What is a Property Owner?

For private individuals (or families), send notice to the address listed on the tax card. If the property is owned by an Inc. or LLC, please send notice to the person listed as the registered agent on the NC Secretary of State's Corporations Look Up site: <https://www.sosnc.gov/search/index/corp>. For Condominiums or neighborhoods with an owners' association (HOA/POA), send notice to the association (which is usually a corporation, for which you send notice to its registered agent).

What is Notice, and how do I ensure it is received?

- You can meet with your adjacent property owner, provide a description or drawing of the proposed development, and ask them to sign this form and return it to DCM; OR
- You can hand-deliver this form and a description or drawing, and ask your neighbor to return it to DCM (consider providing them with a stamped envelope); OR
- You can mail this form by USPS Certified Mail, return receipt requested (the Green Card). If you choose this option, you must provide either the signed & returned green card OR track the certified mail package number on USPS.GOV's online tracking system, and provide the tracking print-out as proof of delivery to DCM

If you have any questions about this process, please reach out to DCM Staff and DCM Legal Counsel and we will work to answer your questions.