

NEWS RELEASE

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Winter is a good time to submit dock permit applications

(COEUR D'ALENE) – Winter is a good time for waterfront owners considering plans for new docks or modifications to their existing docks to submit an encroachment permit application to the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL).

The IDL regulates encroachments, such as docks, riprap, and water lines on 61 navigable lakes in Idaho including Priest Lake, Pend Oreille Lake, Coeur d'Alene Lake, and Payette Lake under the Idaho Lake Protection Act (<u>Idaho Code Title 58, Chapter 13</u>) and Rules for the Regulation of Beds, Waters, and Airspace over Navigable Lakes in the State of Idaho (<u>IDAPA 20.03.04</u>).

Encroachment permits from IDL are required prior to building a new dock or changing the configuration, location or size of an existing dock.

Submitting an encroachment permit application during the winter enables the owners to get their plans approved and contractors scheduled well before the spring and summer when lakefront owners want to be on the lake.

Additional information about IDL encroachment permit applications is available here: https://www.idl.idaho.gov/lakes-rivers/lake-protection/index.html

Contact information for IDL offices is available here: https://www.idl.idaho.gov/contact.html

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