



# APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT A PROJECT WITHIN SOVEREIGN LANDS OF NORTH DAKOTA

NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES  
REGULATORY DIVISION  
SFN 61408 (4/2026)

No.   
(DWR USE ONLY)

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Department of Water Resources  
1200 Memorial Highway | Bismarck, ND 58504

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Additional sheets may be attached if necessary.

Project Will Be Located In Which Water Resource District

## SECTION A - GENERAL INFORMATION

1/4	1/4	Section	Township	Range
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Is This Application For Modification Of An Existing Project       Yes       No

If YES, What Year Was The Project Constructed	By Whom
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Proposed Project Involves (select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Stabilization	<input type="checkbox"/> Pipeline Crossing
<input type="checkbox"/> Water Outfall	<input type="checkbox"/> Boat Ramp
<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> Perennial Water Intake
<input type="checkbox"/> Bridge Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Utility Line Crossing
<input type="checkbox"/> Waste Lagoon	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish And Wildlife
<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetation Control	<input type="checkbox"/> Geotechnical Work
<input type="checkbox"/> Dock (complete page 5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Levee/Dike Or Dam
<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Water Intake Structure	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dredge Volume _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fill Volume _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

**SECTION A - GENERAL INFORMATION (continued)**

Waterbody On Which The Project Will Be Placed (select one)

<input type="radio"/> Bois De Sioux River	<input type="radio"/> Knife River	<input type="radio"/> Red River
<input type="radio"/> Cannonball River	<input type="radio"/> Missouri River	<input type="radio"/> Sheyenne River
<input type="radio"/> Heart River	<input type="radio"/> Mouse River	<input type="radio"/> Yellowstone River
<input type="radio"/> James River	<input type="radio"/> Pembina River	<input type="radio"/> Devils Lake
<input type="radio"/> Painted Woods Lake	<input type="radio"/> Lake Metigoshe	<input type="radio"/> Upper Des Lacs Lake
<input type="radio"/> Long Lake (Bottineau County)	<input type="radio"/> Sweetwater Lake (Ramsey County)	

Purpose

Project Description

Anticipated Construction Start Date	Anticipated Construction Completion Date
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**SECTION B - IF PROPOSED PROJECT INVOLVES A STANDARD DOCK  
(see page 5 for supplemental measurements sheet for standard docks)**

Standard Dock Dimension Shape

A	B	C	D
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**APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, am applying for a permit authorization under N.D.C.C. ch. 61-33 from the Department of Water Resources. I understand that I must comply with N.D.C.C. ch. 61-33, N.D.A.C. ch. 89-10-01, relevant Department of Water Resources policies, and any conditions required by the Department of Water Resources as part of an approved permit for this application. Additionally, I acknowledge that my project is accurately described and depicted in this application and enclosed materials as I intend to construct it. My signature below acknowledges that I have read and agree to these statements.

Project Owner			
Address	City	State	ZIP Code
Telephone Number	Cell Phone Number		
Email Address			
Signature Of Project Owner		Date	

Consultant Or Contractor (if applicable)			
Address	City	State	ZIP Code
Telephone Number	Cell Phone Number		
Email Address			
Signature Of Consultant Or Contractor		Date	

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING AN AUTHORIZATION TO CONSTRUCT A PROJECT WITHIN SOVEREIGN LANDS OF NORTH DAKOTA UNDER N.D.A.C. § 89-10-01-04**

A person seeking to construct a project within Sovereign Lands of North Dakota requires authorization from the Department of Water Resources before construction or operation of the project. "Sovereign Lands" means those areas, including the beds and islands, lying within the ordinary high water mark of navigable lakes and streams. (N.D.C.C. § 61-33-01). The "ordinary high water mark" is that line on navigable waters below which the action of the water prevents the growth of vegetation, or to restrict its growth to predominantly wetland species.

To be complete, the application must include all information listed below:

1. A completed "Application to Construct a Project within Sovereign Lands of North Dakota" form.
2. A detailed map or drawing of the project's location on an aerial photograph.
  - i. Size of map must be 8 ½ by 11 inches,
  - ii. Map must have a north arrow and approximate scale, and
  - iii. Map must indicate the proposed work on the drawing.
3. If applying for the installation of a standard dock in which the total length of the dock over the water surface exceeds twenty-five feet on a river or fifty feet on a lake, please include measurements requested on the "Supplemental Measurement Sheet for Standard Docks".
4. If applying for the installation of a standard dock in which the total length of the dock over the water surface does not exceed 25 feet AND is located on the Missouri River between the Oliver and Morton County line and Lake Oahe wildlife management area, the project only requires registration with the Department. Please complete the "Registration for Placement of a Dock Under 25 Feet Long on Specified Waters" form (SFN 61441).
5. If applying for the installation or modification (including change in transported liquid) of a pipeline that transports crude oil, natural gas liquids, or any other hazardous liquid, as determined by the Department of Water Resources, the Applicant must first conduct a scour analysis under Department policy REG-1.
6. If applying for the installation of riprap or other bank stabilizations, the Applicant must include a cross-sectional drawing of the proposed work that includes the existing and proposed grade and the present location of the water surface.

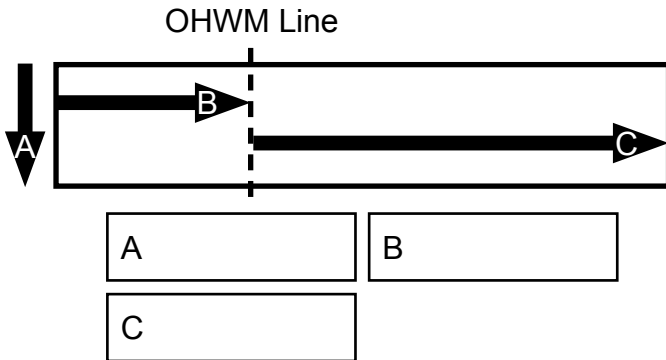
Further Sovereign Land Permit Guidance:

1. A permit would be required if any portion of the project would occur within, under, below, or over a navigable waterbody of North Dakota.
2. The permit applicant is responsible for obtaining any other local, state, or federal permits or permissions that may be necessary prior to construction of a project on Sovereign Land.
3. There is no fee required for a Sovereign Land Permit.
4. Please allow at least 90 days for Sovereign Land Permit processing.
5. Please notify the Department of Water Resources of project completion at [dwrregpermits@nd.gov](mailto:dwrregpermits@nd.gov).
6. Unless specified, there is no expiration date on a Sovereign Land Permit.

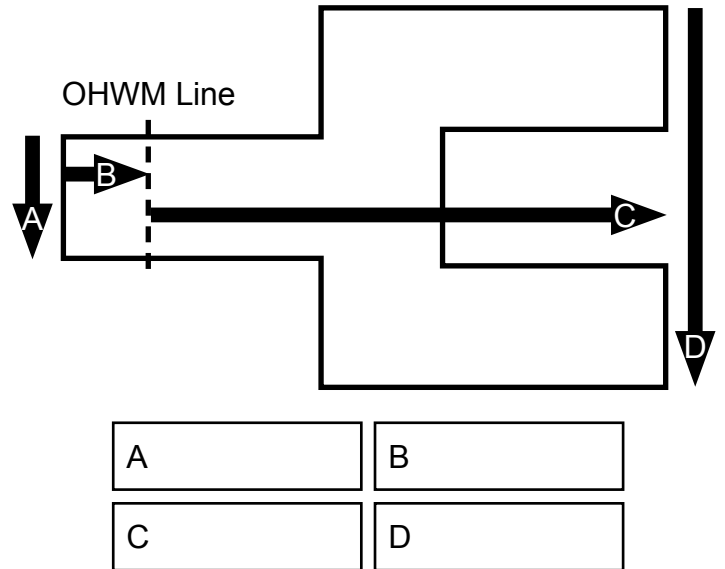
**SUPPLEMENTAL MEASUREMENT SHEET FOR STANDARD DOCKS**

OHWM = Ordinary High Water Mark

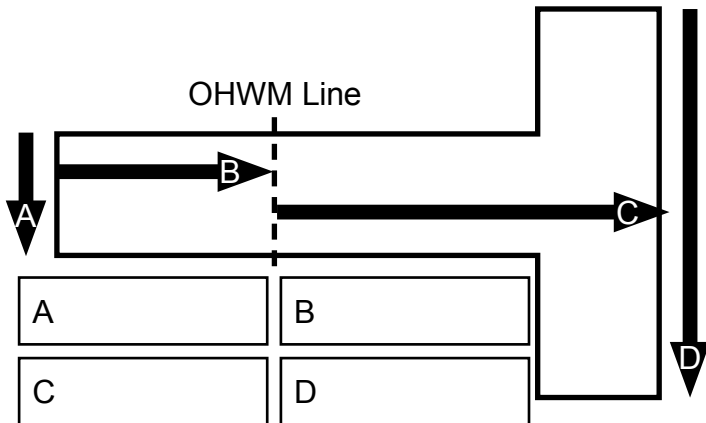
**1. Straight Dock Dimensions (feet)**



**4. Y-Shape Dock Dimensions (feet)**



**2. T-Shape Dock Dimensions (feet)**

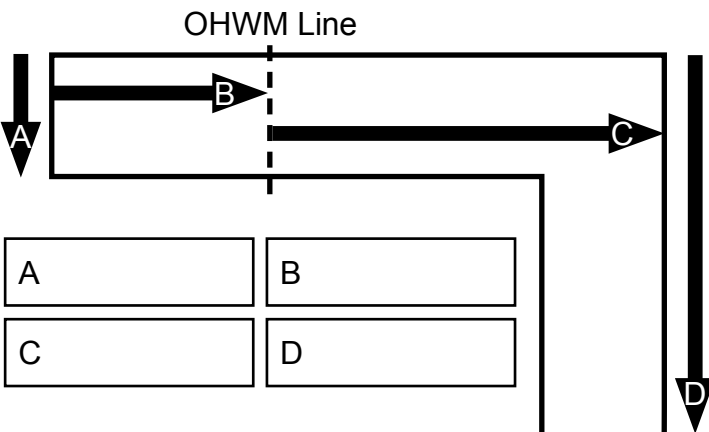


**5. Other Dock Size And Dimensions (feet)**

Draw image here along with OHWM Line

A	B
C	D

**3. L-Shape Dock Dimensions (feet)**



### **STANDARD CONDITIONS**

*The following standard conditions will be included on a sovereign land permit for docks..*

1. The dock is owned and operated by the riparian owner or the riparian owner's lessee for personal use.
2. The dock is used only for embarkation, debarkation, moorage of boats, water intakes, or recreation.
3. There is no unreasonable interference with navigation or access to an adjacent riparian land owner's property.
4. The dock is connected to a point above the ordinary high water mark by a boardwalk that does not exceed 25 feet in length, and is removed from below the ordinary high water mark each fall.
5. Upon abandonment, the riparian owner restores the bank as closely as practicable to its original condition.