



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

NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES  
REGULATORY DIVISION  
SFN 61408 (2/2023)

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Project Number **1625**

DEPARTMENT OF  
WATER RESOURCES  
USE ONLY

This application must be submitted to the North Dakota Department of Water Resources by mail to 1200 Memorial Highway, Bismarck, ND 58504-5262, by fax to (701) 328-3696, or by email to [sovereignlands@nd.gov](mailto:sovereignlands@nd.gov). To be complete, this application must include the additional information listed in the instructions on page 3.

If you need any assistance, please contact the Regulatory Division at (701) 328-4956.

\*\*\*\* Additional Sheets May Be Attached If Necessary. \*\*\*\*

Project Will Be Located In Which Water Resource District?

### LOCATION DESCRIPTION TO THE NEAREST 40-ACRE TRACT

¼	¼	Section	Township	Range
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Is This Application For Modification Of An Existing Project? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If So, What Year Was Project Constructed?
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By Whom?

Proposed Project Involves

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Stabilization	<input type="checkbox"/> Pipeline Crossing	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Water Intake
<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"/> Permanent Water Intake Structure
<input type="checkbox"/> Fish And Wildlife	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetation Control	<input type="checkbox"/> Dredge, Volume _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Geotechnical Work	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Outfall	<input type="checkbox"/> Fill, Volume _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Levee/Dike Or Dam	<input type="checkbox"/> Waste Lagoon	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other, Explain _____		

If Proposed Project Involves A Standard Dock (see Supplemental Measurements Sheet For Standard Docks)

Standard Dock Dimension Shape

A	B	C	D
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About Water Body

Water Body On Which Project Will Be Located

Purpose

Project Description

Contractor (if known)

Anticipated Construction Start Date	Completion Date
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### APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, am applying for authorization as required under North Dakota Century Code (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 and North Dakota Administrative Code ch. 89-10-01, and that I must adhere to any conditions required by the Department of Water Resources. I acknowledge that my project is accurately described and depicted in this application as I intend to construct it. My signature below acknowledges that I have read and agree to these statements.

#### PROJECT OWNER

Name of Project Owner			
Address	City	State	ZIP Code
Home Telephone Number	Cell Number		
Email Address			
Signature of Project Owner or Applicant			Date

#### IF DIFFERENT FROM PROJECT OWNER

Name of Applicant			
Address	City	State	ZIP Code
Home Telephone Number	Cell Number		
Email Address			

Signature of Project Owner or Applicant	Date
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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING AN AUTHORIZATION TO CONSTRUCT A PROJECT WITHIN SOVEREIGN LANDS OF NORTH DAKOTA UNDER NORTH DAKOTA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE § 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 lake and streams.<sup>1</sup> (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 projects location on an aerial photo.
  - i. Size of map must be 8 ½ by 11 inches,
  - ii. Map shall have a north arrow and approximate scale, and
  - iii. Map shall 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 surface of the water does exceed twenty-five feet on a river and fifty feet on a lake, please include measurements requested on "Supplemental Measurements Sheet for Standard Docks".
4. If applying for the installation of a standard dock in which the total length of the dock over the surface of the water does not exceed twenty-five 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 State Engineer. 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 which 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 specific to the proposed crossing for project design purposes.<sup>2</sup>
6. If applying for the installation of riprap or other bank stabilizations, please include a cross sectional drawing of the proposed work which 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, or over a navigable water of North Dakota.
2. A permit would be required if any portion of the project would occur below the ordinary high water mark.
3. 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.
4. There is no fee administered for a Sovereign Land Permit.
5. Please allow at least 90 days for Sovereign Land Permit processing.
6. Please notify the Department of Water Resources of project completion at [sovereignlands@nd.gov](mailto:sovereignlands@nd.gov).
7. Unless specified, there is no expiration date on an obtained Sovereign Land Permit.

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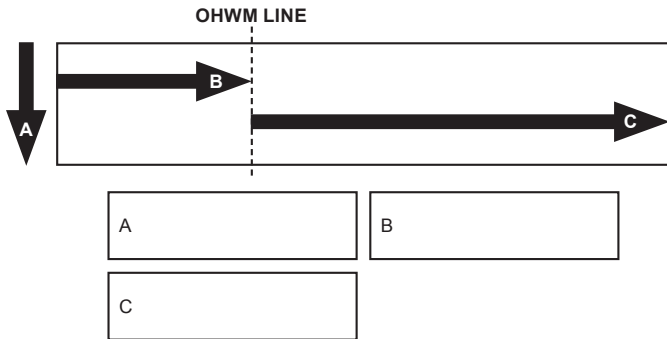
<sup>1</sup> North Dakota's Navigable Waters as of 2018: Missouri River, James River, Sheyenne River, Pembina River, Mouse River, Red River of the North, Bois De Sioux, Knife River, Heart River, Cannonball River, Yellowstone River, Devils Lake, Lake Metigoshe, Painted Woods Lake, Sweetwater Lake, Upper Des Lacs Lake, and Long Lake(Bottineau County). List subject to change.

<sup>2</sup> The minimum depth-of-burial for pipelines transporting crude oil, natural gas liquids, or any other hazardous liquid as determined by the Department of Water Resources must be total calculated scour plus four feet from the bed of the river to top-of-pipe for pipelines crossing the state's navigable rivers. (N.D.C.C. ch.61-63).

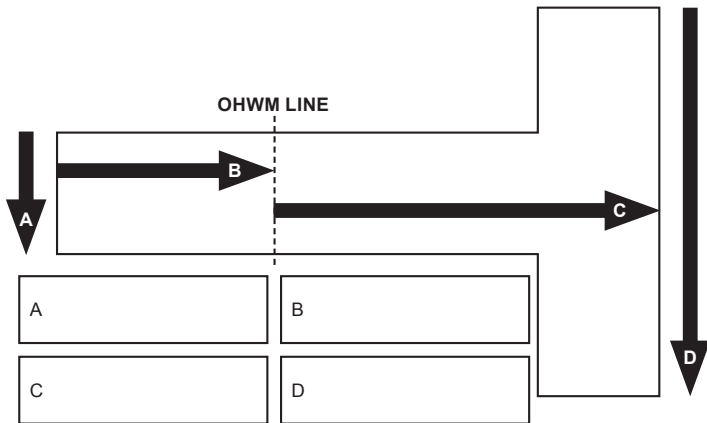
## SUPPLEMENTAL MEASUREMENT SHEET FOR STANDARD DOCKS

OHWM = Ordinary High Water Mark

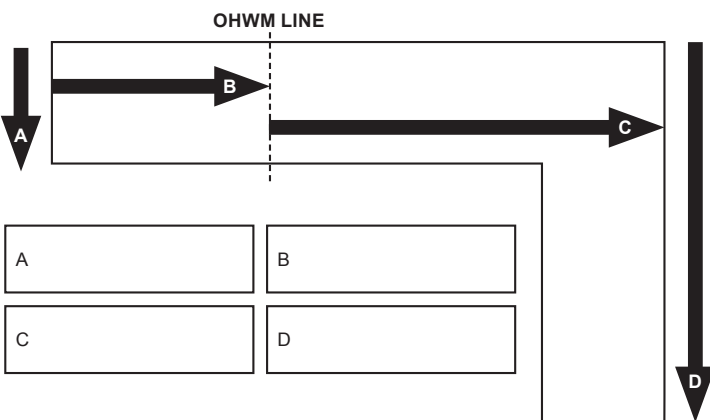
### 1. STRAIGHT DOCK DIMENSIONS (feet)



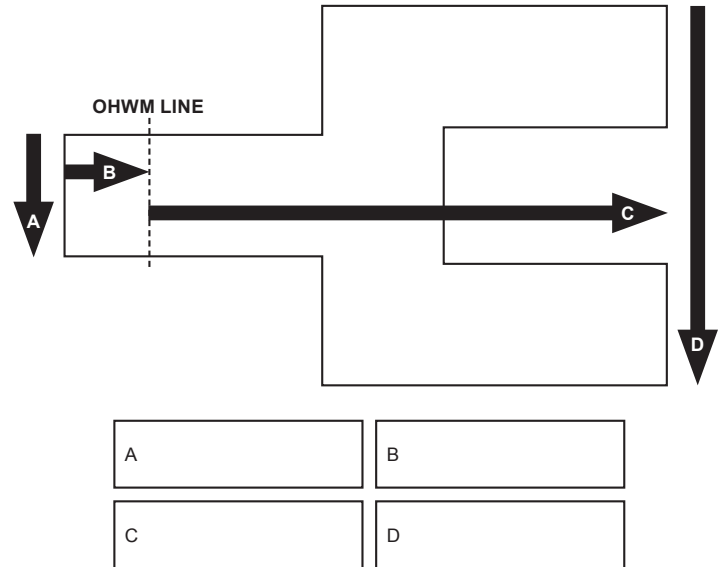
### 2. T-SHAPE DOCK DIMENSIONS (feet)



### 3. L-SHAPE DOCK DIMENSIONS (feet)



### 4. Y-SHAPE DOCK DIMENSIONS (feet)



### 5. OTHER DOCK SIZE AND DIMENSIONS (feet)

DRAW IMAGE HERE ALONG WITH OHWM LINE

A	B
C	D

## STANDARD DOCK CONDITIONS

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

1. Total length of the dock over the surface of the water **does** exceed twenty-five feet on a river and fifty feet on a lake. Please include measurements requested on "Supplemental Measurement Sheet for Standard Docks";
2. The dock is owned and operated by the riparian owner or the riparian owner's lessee for the riparian owners or lessee's personal use;
3. The dock is used only for embarkation, debarkation, moorage of boats, water intakes, or recreation;
4. There is no unreasonable interference with navigation or access to an adjacent riparian land owner's property,
5. The dock is connected to a point above the ordinary high watermark by a boardwalk that does not exceed twenty-five (7.6 meters) in length, and is removed from below the ordinary high watermark each fall, and
6. Upon abandonment, the grantee restores the bank as closely as practicable to its original condition.