



The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner



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August 27, 2025

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
and The Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Approve Jay Whitehair's request to perform the following work on Lake Winnepesaukee in Meredith pursuant to NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Wetlands Bureau permit #2025-00750, and in accordance with RSA 482-A:3. No comments were submitted by the Meredith Conservation Commission regarding the project as proposed.

Install two 4 foot x 25 foot seasonal piers connected to an existing 8 foot x 37 foot crib supported dock via a 4 foot x 40 foot seasonal walkway on an average of 400 feet of frontage along Lake Winnepesaukee on Bear Island in Meredith.

NHDES imposed the following conditions as part of this approval:

1. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.16, all work shall be done in accordance with the revised plans dated May 7, 2025, by Jay Whitehair, as received by the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) on May 20, 2025.
2. This permit shall not be effective until it has been recorded in the Belknap County Registry of Deeds and a copy of the recorded permit has been provided to the department as required pursuant to RSA 482-A:3, and Env-Wt 314.02.
3. Any subdivision of the property frontage will require removal of a sufficient portion of the docking structures to comply with the dock size and density requirements in effect at the time of the subdivision as required to maintain compliance with Env-Wt 314.02 and Env-Wt 513.12.
4. Only those structures shown on the approved plans shall be installed or constructed along this frontage as required per Env-Wt 513.22, (a).
5. All portions of the docking structures shall be located at least 20 feet from the abutting property lines and no watercraft shall be secured to the docking facility such that it crosses over the imaginary extension of the property lines over the surface water as required by RSA 482-A:3, XIII.
6. All seasonal structures, including watercraft lifts, shall be removed for the non-boating season as required per Env-Wt 513.22.
7. The owner understands and accepts that should these docking structures be found to have an unreasonable impact on the ability of abutting owners to use and enjoy their properties or the public's right to navigation, passage, and use of the resource for commerce and recreation, the structures shall be subject to removal pursuant to RSA 482-A:1, RSA 482-A:11, II, and Env-Wt 513.03(a).

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8. Pursuant to RSA 482-A:14, RSA 482-A:14-b, and RSA 482-A:14-c, NHDES is authorized to take appropriate compliance actions should it be determined that, based upon additional information which becomes available, any of the structures depicted as "existing" on the plans submitted by or on behalf of the permittee were not previously permitted or grandfathered.

EXPLANATION

NHDES approved this project on July 14, 2025. NHDES supported its decision with the following findings:

1. This is a major impact project per Administrative Rule Env-Wt 513.24(c), the proposed dock is part of a docking system providing five or more slips on the frontage.
2. The applicant has an average of 400 feet of frontage along Lake Winnepesaukee.
3. A maximum of 6 slips may be permitted on this frontage per Rule Env-Wt 513.12, Frontage Requirements for Private and Non-commercial Docking Structures.
4. The proposed docking facility will provide 5 slips as defined per RSA 482-A:2, VIII, and therefore meets Rule Env-Wt 513.12.
5. The applicant requested a waiver, in accordance with Env-Wt 204, of Administrative Rule Env-Wt 513.23, (a), (2), requiring all modifications of existing nonconforming docking structures to reduce dock surface area over public waters and number of boat slips on the frontage.
6. The applicant has demonstrated that granting the waiver will have no adverse effect on the environment, natural resources of the state, public health, public safety, nor impacts to abutting properties more significant than that which would result from complying with the rule as required to meet Rule Env-Wt 204.05, Criteria, (a), (1).
7. The applicant has demonstrated that strict compliance with Rule Env-Wt 513.23, (a), (2), will provide no benefit to the public and will provide both an operational and economic impact to the applicant as required to meet Rule Env-Wt 204.05, Criteria, (a), (2).
8. The request for a waiver meets the requirements of Rule Env-Wt 204.05, Criteria, and therefore, the waiver Rule Env-Wt 513.23, (a), (2) is granted.
9. The NHDES finds that because the project is not of significant public interest and will not significantly impair the resources of Lake Winnepesaukee a public hearing under RSA 482-A:8 is not required.
10. No concerns were received from abutters nor the local Conservation Commission related to the project.
11. The NHDES finds that the project as proposed and conditioned meets the requirements of RSA 482-A and the Wetlands Program Code of Administrative Rules Chapters Env-Wt 100 - 900. No waivers of RSA 482-A were requested or approved under this permit action.

NHDES Wetlands Bureau permit #2025-00750 application documents are enclosed for review by the Governor and the Executive Council in consideration of this request and in accordance with RSA 482-A:3, II(a), as it is a major project located in New Hampshire public waters.

We respectfully request your approval of this item.


Robert R. Scott
Commissioner



STANDARD DREDGE AND FILL WETLANDS PERMIT APPLICATION

Water Division / Land Resources Management
Check the Status of your Application



RSA/Rule: RSA 482-A/Env-Wt 100-900

APPLICANT'S NAME: Jay Whitehair

TOWN NAME: Meredith, NH

	Administrative Use Only	Administrative Use Only	File No: 2025-00750 Check No: 5174 Amount: 720- Initials:
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A person may request a waiver of the requirements in Rules Env-Wt 100-900 to accommodate situations where strict adherence to the requirements would not be in the best interest of the public or the environment but is still in compliance with RSA 482-A. A person may also request a waiver of the standards for existing dwellings over water pursuant to RSA 482-A:26, III(b). For more information, please consult the Waiver Request Form.

SECTION 1 - REQUIRED PLANNING FOR ALL PROJECTS (Env-Wt 306.05; RSA 482-A:3, I(d)(2))
 Please use the Wetland Permit Planning Tool (WPPT), the Natural Heritage Bureau (NHB) DataCheck Tool, the Aquatic Restoration Mapper, or other sources to assist in identifying key features such as: Priority Resource Areas (PRAs), protected species or habitats, coastal areas, designated rivers, or designated prime wetlands.

Has the required planning been completed?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Does the property contain a PRA? If yes, provide the following information:	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the project qualify for an Impact Classification Adjustment (e.g. NH Fish and Game Department (NHFG) and NHB agreement for a classification downgrade) or a Project-Type Exception (e.g. Maintenance or Statutory Permit-by-Notification (SPN) project)? See Env-Wt 407.02 and Env-Wt 407.04. 	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protected species or habitat? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> If yes, species or habitat name(s): <input checked="" type="radio"/> NHB Project ID #: NHB25-0155 	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
• Bog?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
• Floodplain wetland contiguous to a tier 3 or higher watercourse?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
• Designated prime wetland or duly-established 100-foot buffer?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
• Sand dune, tidal wetland, tidal water, or undeveloped tidal buffer zone?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Is the property within a Designated River corridor? If yes, provide the following information:	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name of Local River Management Advisory Committee (LAC): • A copy of the application was sent to the LAC on Month: Day: Year: 	

For dredging projects, is the subject property contaminated? • If yes, list contaminant:	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
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Is there potential to impact impaired waters, class A waters, or outstanding resource waters?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
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For stream-crossing projects, provide watershed size (see WPPT or Stream Stats): N/A

SECTION 2 - PROJECT DESCRIPTION (Env-Wt 311.04(i))
 Provide a description of the project and the purpose of the project, the need for the proposed impacts to jurisdictional areas, an outline of the scope of work to be performed, and whether impacts are temporary or permanent.

Our camp is on Bear Island, Lake Winnepesaukee, Meredith, NH where we commute by boat to the mainland for work and necessities. The main channel we have to cross has grown busy with many large boats traveling at high speeds and the weather and waves can be intimidating. For that reason we have a larger boat to commute with when needed, a smaller boat for nicer weather and that is more environmentally kind, and we also have an old steam boat I rebuilt, a 1912 wood launch I brought back to life, and a small sailboat. My son also has a Chris Craft the family loves. We find we are in need of more secure dock space.

We would like to increase our boat docking capacity (currently 2 spaces) by adding lightweight aluminum seasonal dock sections to our current permanent wood cribbed dock, thereby increasing the total dock spaces to 4-5. Please refer to drawing attached.

The added seasonal docks are the most environmentally stable way to accomplish our goal. Our plan is to access the new docks from the old wooden permanent dock. Thus, no new access pathways through the 50' waterfront buffer zone (see plan attached to reference new dock attachment, placement and access). No additional bubblers.

There are no low areas on our shoreline to pull boats up out of the water. We only have dock access to our island property.

SECTION 3 - PROJECT LOCATION
 Separate wetland permit applications must be submitted for each municipality within which wetland impacts occur.

ADDRESS: 369 Bear Island

TOWN/CITY: Meredith, NH

TAX MAP/BLOCK/LOT/UNIT: Map 104, Lot 6

US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (USGS) TOPO MAP WATERBODY NAME: Lake Winnepesaukee
 N/A

(Optional) LATITUDE/LONGITUDE in decimal degrees (to five decimal places): 43.64611/ 71.40771

SECTION 4 - APPLICANT (DESIRED PERMIT HOLDER) INFORMATION (Env-Wt 311.04(a))			
If the applicant is a trust or a company, then complete with the trust or company information.			
NAME: Jay Whitehair			
MAILING ADDRESS: [REDACTED]			
TOWN/CITY: [REDACTED]		STATE: [REDACTED]	ZIP CODE: [REDACTED]
EMAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]			
FAX:		PHONE: [REDACTED]	
ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION: By initialing here, I hereby authorize NHDES to communicate all matters relative to this application electronically. <i>SW</i>			
SECTION 5 - AUTHORIZED AGENT INFORMATION (Env-Wt 311.04(c))			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			
LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, M.I.: (same as applicant)			
COMPANY NAME:			
MAILING ADDRESS: (same as applicant)			
TOWN/CITY:		STATE:	ZIP CODE:
EMAIL ADDRESS:			
FAX:		PHONE:	
ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION: By initialing here, I hereby authorize NHDES to communicate all matters relative to this application electronically.			
SECTION 6 - PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION (IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT) (Env-Wt 311.04(b))			
If the owner is a trust or a company, then complete with the trust or company information.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as applicant			
NAME:			
MAILING ADDRESS:			
TOWN/CITY:		STATE:	ZIP CODE:
EMAIL ADDRESS:			
FAX:		PHONE:	
ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION: By initialing here, I hereby authorize NHDES to communicate all matters relative to this application electronically.			

SECTION 7 - RESOURCE-SPECIFIC CRITERIA ESTABLISHED IN Env-Wt 400, Env-Wt 500, Env-Wt 600, Env-Wt 700, OR Env-Wt 900 HAVE BEEN MET (Env-Wt 313.01(a)(3))

Describe how the resource-specific criteria have been met for each chapter listed above (please attach information about stream crossings, coastal resources, prime wetlands, or non-tidal wetlands and surface waters):

NHB letter states no concerns for wildlife - see letter attached
 No stream crossings.
 Not coastal.
 No marsh areas locally
 Non-tidal.
 Water front is granite rocks. No erosion notable anywhere on shoreline. Full forest and ground cover intact on 400' shoreline less the 6' wide path directly from our cottage onto our current dock.

SECTION 8 - AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION

Impacts within wetland jurisdiction must be avoided to the maximum extent practicable (Env-Wt 313.03(a)).* Any project with unavoidable jurisdictional impacts must then be minimized as described in the Wetlands Best Management Practice Techniques For Avoidance and Minimization and the Wetlands Permitting: Avoidance, Minimization and Mitigation fact sheet. For minor or major projects, a functional assessment of all wetlands on the project site is required (Env-Wt 311.03(b)(10)).*

Please refer to the application checklist to ensure you have attached all documents related to avoidance and minimization, as well as functional assessment (where applicable). Use the Avoidance and Minimization Checklist, the Avoidance and Minimization Narrative, or your own avoidance and minimization narrative.

**See Env-Wt 311.03(b)(6) and Env-Wt 311.03(b)(10) for shoreline structure exemptions.*

SECTION 9 - MITIGATION REQUIREMENT (Env-Wt 311.02)

If unavoidable jurisdictional impacts require mitigation, a mitigation pre-application meeting must occur at least 30 days but not more than 90 days prior to submitting this Standard Dredge and Fill Permit Application.

Mitigation Pre-Application Meeting Date: Month: Day: Year:

N/A - Mitigation is not required

SECTION 10 - THE PROJECT MEETS COMPENSATORY MITIGATION REQUIREMENTS (Env-Wt 313.01(a)(1)c)

Confirm that you have submitted a compensatory mitigation proposal that meets the requirements of Env-Wt 800 for all permanent unavoidable impacts that will remain after avoidance and minimization techniques have been exercised to the maximum extent practicable: I confirm submittal.

N/A - Compensatory mitigation is not required

SECTION 11 - IMPACT AREA (Env-Wt 311.04(g))

For each jurisdictional area that will be/has been impacted, provide square feet (SF) and, if applicable, linear feet (LF) of impact, and note whether the impact is after-the-fact (ATF; i.e., work was started or completed without a permit).

For intermittent and ephemeral streams, the linear footage of impact is measured along the thread of the channel. Please note, installation of a stream crossing in an ephemeral stream may be undertaken without a permit per Rule Env-Wt 309.02(d), however other dredge or fill impacts should be included below.

For perennial streams/ivers, the linear footage of impact is calculated by summing the lengths of disturbances to the channel and banks.

Permanent (PERM.) impacts are impacts that will remain after the project is complete (e.g., changes in grade or surface materials).

Temporary (TEMP.) impacts are impacts not intended to remain (and will be restored to pre-construction conditions) after the project is completed.

JURISDICTIONAL AREA		PERM. SF	PERM. LF	PERM. ATF	TEMP. SF	TEMP. LF	TEMP. ATF
Wetlands	Forested Wetland			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Scrub-shrub Wetland			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Emergent Wetland			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Wet Meadow			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Vernal Pool			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Designated Prime Wetland			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Duly-established 100-foot Prime Wetland Buffer			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
Surface	Intermittent / Ephemeral Stream			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Perennial Stream or River			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Lake / Pond			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Docking - Lake / Pond	0	0	<input type="checkbox"/>	360	0	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Docking - River			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
Banks	Bank - Intermittent Stream			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Bank - Perennial Stream / River			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Bank / Shoreline - Lake / Pond			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
Tidal	Tidal Waters			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Tidal Marsh			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sand Dune			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Undeveloped Tidal Buffer Zone (TBZ)			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Previously-developed TBZ			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Docking - Tidal Water			<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
TOTAL							

for seasonal dock maybe "0" dock

SECTION 12 - APPLICATION FEE (RSA 482-A:3, I)

- MINIMUM IMPACT FEE:** Flat fee of \$400.
 - NON-ENFORCEMENT RELATED, PUBLICLY-FUNDED AND SUPERVISED RESTORATION PROJECTS, REGARDLESS OF IMPACT CLASSIFICATION:** Flat fee of \$400 (refer to RSA 482-A:3, 1(c) for restrictions).
 - MINOR OR MAJOR IMPACT FEE:** Calculate using the table below:
- | | | |
|--|----|-------------------|
| Permanent and temporary (non-docking): | SF | × \$0.40 = \$ |
| Seasonal docking structure: 360 | SF | × \$2.00 = \$ 720 |
| Permanent docking structure: | SF | × \$4.00 = \$ |
| Projects proposing shoreline structures (including docks) add \$400 = \$ | | |
| Total = \$ | | |

The application fee for minor or major impact is the above calculated total or \$400, whichever is greater = \$ 720

SECTION 13 - PROJECT CLASSIFICATION (Env-Wt 306.05)

Indicate the project classification.

Minimum Impact Project
 Minor Project
 Major Project

SECTION 14 - REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS (Env-Wt 311.11)

Initial each box below to certify:

Initials: <i>JB</i>	To the best of the signer's knowledge and belief, all required notifications have been provided.
Initials: <i>JB</i>	The information submitted on or with the application is true, complete, and not misleading to the best of the signer's knowledge and belief.
Initials: <i>JB</i>	The signer understands that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The submission of false, incomplete, or misleading information constitutes grounds for NHDES to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Deny the application. 2. Revoke any approval that is granted based on the information. 3. If the signer is a certified wetland scientist, licensed surveyor, or professional engineer licensed to practice in New Hampshire, refer the matter to the joint board of licensure and certification established by RSA 310-A:1.
Initials: <i>JB</i>	If the applicant is not the owner of the property, each property owner signature shall constitute certification by the signer that he or she is aware of the application being filed and does not object to the filing.

SECTION 15 - REQUIRED SIGNATURES (Env-Wt 311.04(d); Env-Wt 311.11)

SIGNATURE (OWNER): <i>Jay Whitehair</i>	PRINT NAME LEGIBLY: Jay Whitehair	DATE: 3/25/2025
SIGNATURE (APPLICANT, IF DIFFERENT FROM OWNER):	PRINT NAME LEGIBLY:	DATE:
SIGNATURE (AGENT, IF APPLICABLE):	PRINT NAME LEGIBLY:	DATE:

SECTION 16 - TOWN / CITY CLERK SIGNATURE (Env-Wt 311.04(f))

As required by RSA 482-A:3, I(a)(1), I hereby certify that the applicant has filed four application forms, four detailed plans, and four USGS location maps with the town/city indicated below.

TOWN/CITY CLERK SIGNATURE: <i>Keppi Parker</i>	PRINT NAME LEGIBLY: Keppi Parker
TOWN/CITY: <i>Meredith</i>	DATE: <i>3/27/25</i>

PROPERTY MAP
MEREDITH
NEW HAMPSHIRE



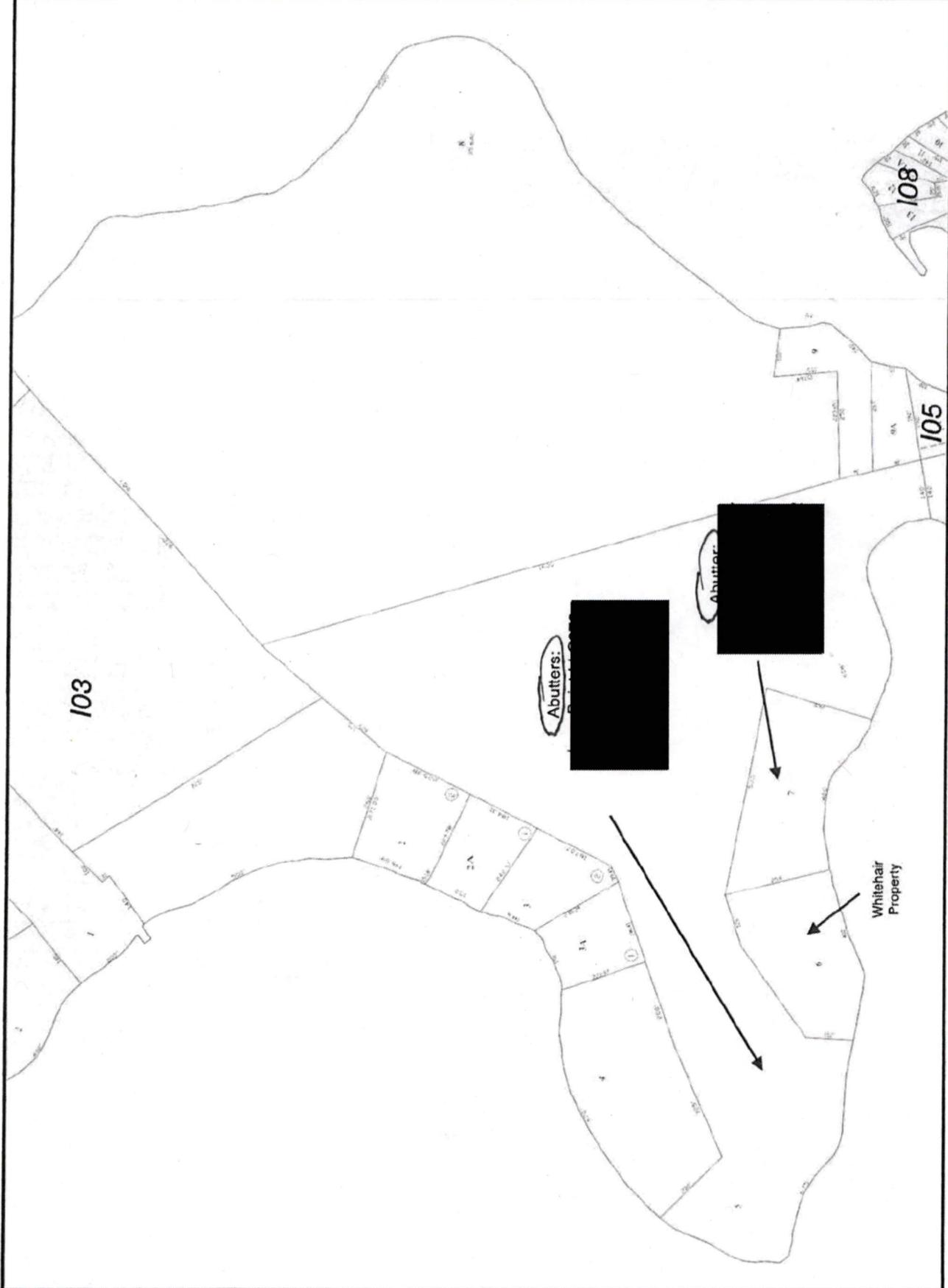
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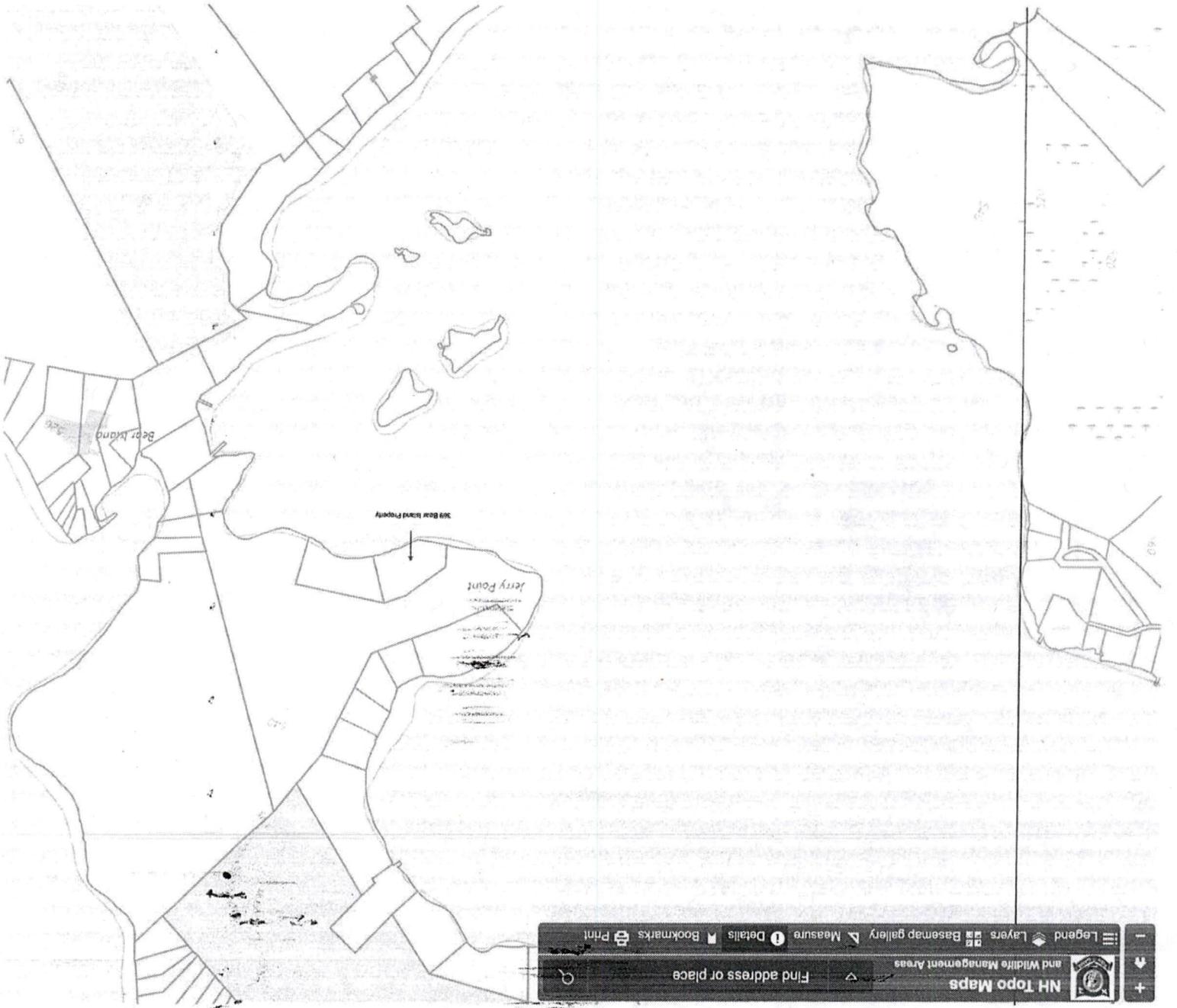
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New Hampshire Natural Heritage Bureau
NHB DataCheck Results Letter

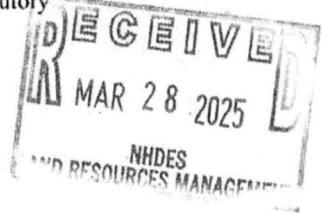
To: Jay Whitehair
1173 New Boston Rd

Norwich, VT 05055-9688

From: NH Natural Heritage Bureau
Date: 2/13/2025 (valid until 2/13/2026)

Re: Review by NH Natural Heritage Bureau of request submitted 1/15/2025

Permits: NHDES - Seasonal Dock, Trails and Culvert Repair and Replacement Statutory
Permit by Notification (SPN), NHDES - Shoreland Standard Permit



NHB ID: NHB25-0155

Applicant: Jay Whitehair

Location: Meredith
369 Bear Island

Project
Description: Installing new septic system designed by Ames Associates, Meredith, NH
Adding new bathroom to back of camp. 15'x15'
Adding 2 exterior decks at back of house for 2 bedrooms to access new bathroom. 8'x20' each.
Adding "seasonal" aluminum docking to existing permanent dock - 45' attached to existing dock runs parallel to shore, 10-15' from shore. Two fingers extend out at right angle from that: one 25', one 30'.

The NH Natural Heritage database has been checked by staff of the NH Natural Heritage Bureau and/or the NH Nongame and Endangered Species Program for records of rare species and exemplary natural communities near the area mapped below. The species considered include those listed as Threatened or Endangered by either the state of New Hampshire or the federal government.

It was determined that, although there was a NHB record (e.g., rare wildlife, plant, and/or natural community) present in the vicinity, we do not expect that it will be impacted by the proposed project. This determination was made based on the project information submitted via the NHB Datacheck Tool on 1/15/2025 5:25:21 PM, and cannot be used for any other project.

Based on the information submitted, no further consultation with the NH Fish and Game Department pursuant to Fis 1004 is required.

Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
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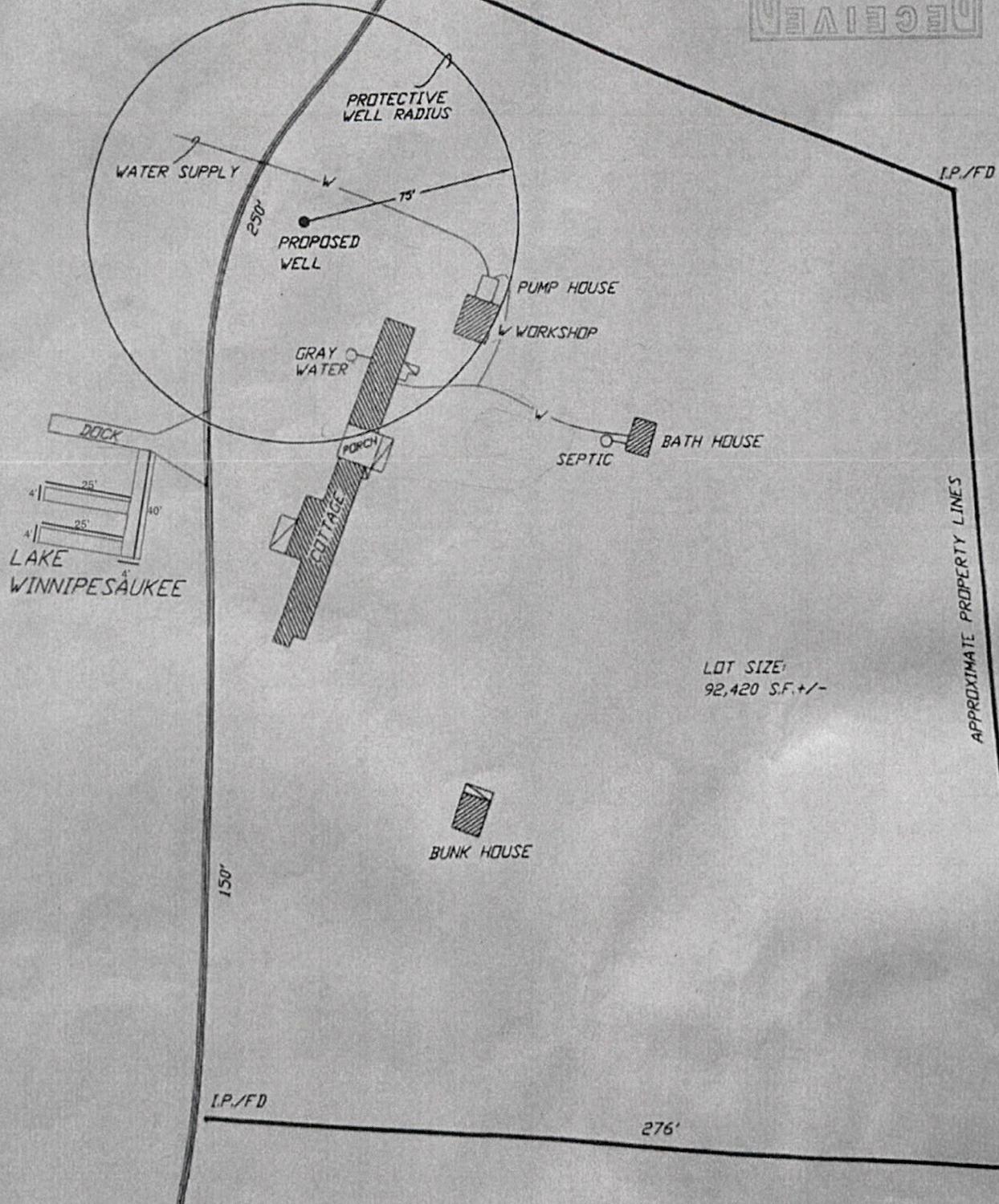
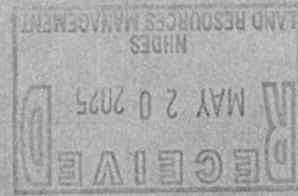
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MAP I04 LOT 6

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MEREDITH, NH

PLOT PLAN



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SCALE: 1" = 50'