

April 3, 2026

ERI Project No. 0004-0559

Regulatory Program Manager
Delaware Coastal Management Program
Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control
100 W. Water Street, Suite 7B
Dover, Delaware 19904

**RE: Romano Boat Lift Installation
Delaware Costal Zone Consistency Determination
Delaware Coastal Management Program - Department of Army Individual Permit
Tax Map Parcel 234-34.11-32.00
Indian River Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware
Applicant: Mr. Joseph Romano**

Dear Regulatory Program Manager,

Environmental Resource Insights (ERI) is writing on behalf of Mr. Joseph Romano to provide you with the Department of the Army Permit Application and plans for the proposed boat lift. The proposed 10 foot wide by 14 foot long, 12,000 pound capacity boat lift will be installed immediately adjacent to the eastern side of the existing boat docking facility (pier) subsequent to the in-kind repair and replacement of the existing pier conducted under a Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit No. 3 (Maintenance).

The project description and a response to applicable Coastal Zone Management Program Policies is provided in the attached Coastal Zone Management Act Federal Consistency Form. The applicant requests issuance of a Coastal Zone Consistency Determination from your program.

Upon your review of this information, I am available at your convenience should you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE INSIGHTS



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Enclosures: Department of Army Application
8 ½" x 11" Project Plans
CZMA Federal Consistency Form

Cc: Mr. Joseph Romano
Mr. James Colligan, ACOE



Initial Review: _____
 Updated On: _____
 Complete: _____
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Coastal Zone Management Act Federal Consistency Form

This document provides the Delaware Coastal Management Program (DCMP) with a Federal Consistency Determination or Certification for activities regulated under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, and NOAA's Federal Consistency Regulations, 15 C.F.R. Part 930. Federal agencies and other applicants for federal consistency are not required to use this form; it is provided to applicants to facilitate the submission of a Consistency Determination or Consistency Certification. In addition, federal agencies and applicants are only required to provide the information required by NOAA's Federal Consistency Regulations.

Project/Activity Name:	Romano Boat Lift Installation
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I. Federal Agency or Non-Federal Applicant Contact Information:

Contact Name/Title: Mr. Joseph Romano - 32046 River Road, Millsboro, DE 19966

Federal Agency Contractor Name (if applicable): Michael Yost

Federal Agency: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 (either the federal agency proposing an action or the federal agency issuing a federal license/permit or financial assistance to a non-federal applicant)

Mailing Address: 1203 College Park Drive Suite 103

City: Dover State: DE Zip Code: 19904

E-mail: michaelyost@usace.mil Telephone #: 302-736-9763

II. Federal Consistency Category:

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| <p><input type="radio"/> Federal Activity or Development Project (15 C.F.R. Part 930, Subpart C)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Outer Continental Shelf Activity (15 C.F.R. Part 930, Subpart E)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Federal Financial Assistance (15 C.F.R. Part 930, Subpart F)</p> | <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Federal License or Permit Activity (15 C.F.R. Part 930, Subpart D)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Federal License or Permit Activity which occurs wholly in another state (interstate consistency activities identified in DCMP's Policy document)</p> |
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III. Detailed Project Description (attach additional sheets if necessary):

The project consists of the installation of a 10 foot wide by 14 foot long, 12,000 pound capacity boat lift supported by four pilings. The boat lift will be installed on the east side of the existing boat docking facility (pier). Currently, there are two individual mooring pilings located on the east side of the existing pier. These two pilings are scheduled to be removed in anticipation of the proposed boat lift during the in-kind repair and replacement of the existing pier to be conducted under Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit No. 3 (Maintenance).

IV. General Analysis of Coastal Effects (attach additional sheets if necessary):

The proposed boat lift will be installed adjacent to the existing pier on the east side where two individual mooring pilings are scheduled to be removed pending approval from the Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit No. 3 (Maintenance). The proposed boat lift will provide the applicant with safe mooring of a personal recreational vessel. The boat lift will not result in the addition of any new mooring locations along the existing pier. The boat lift will be replacing two existing mooring piles once all required approvals are acquired and the removal of the existing pilings has occurred.

V. Detailed Analysis of Consistency with DCMP Enforceable Policies (attach additional sheets if necessary):

Policy 5.1: Wetlands Management

The boat lift will be located within waters of the United States of the Indian River located immediately adjacent to the existing pier. No state or federally regulated wetlands will be impacts by this project.

Policy 5.2: Beach Management

No beaches are present.

Policy 5.3: Coastal Waters Management (includes wells, water supply, and stormwater management. Attach additional sheets if necessary)

The project involves the installation of a 10 foot wide by 14 foot long, 12,000 pound capacity boat lift. The proposed boat lift is consistent with the right for recreational water access.

Policy 5.4: Subaqueous Land and Coastal Strip Management

A subaqueous lands authorization will be issued by DNREC Wetlands and Waterways Section prior to construction.

Policy 5.5: Public Lands Management

The project is proposed within the Indian River waterway. A DNREC Subaqueous Lands Lease for the underwater area occupied by the existing pier and proposed boat lift will be requested.

Policy 5.6: Natural Lands Management

The location does not involve any state owned lands, parks or natural land management areas.

Policy 5.7: Flood Hazard Areas Management

Not applicable. The boat lift will meet all required design standards and does not result in any floodplain alterations.

Policy 5.8: Port of Wilmington

Not Applicable.

Policy 5.9: Woodlands and Agricultural Lands Management

Not applicable. There is no impacts associated with woodlands or agricultural lands.

Policy 5.10: Historic and Cultural Areas Management

No historic or cultural areas or resources are present at this location.

Policy 5.11: Living Resources

The proposed boat lift will be installed immediately adjacent to the east side of the existing pier. Two individual mooring pilings associated with a mooring location will be removed and will be replaced with the proposed boat lift.

Policy 5.12 Mineral Resources Management

Not applicable

Policy 5.13: State Owned Coastal Recreation and Conservation

Not applicable

Policy 5.14: Public Trust Doctrine

The project will not impact the public trust doctrine. There is an existing pier at this location.

Policy 5.15: Energy Facilities

Not applicable

Policy 5.16: Public Investment

Not applicable

Policy 5.17: Recreation and Tourism

The project will provide the applicant with safe mooring of a personal recreational vessel and recreational water access to the Indian River.

Policy 5.18: National Defense and Aerospace Facilities

Not applicable

Policy 5.19: Transportation Facilities

Not applicable, the project does not impact any navigation channels. The boat lift will not cause an increase in traffic.

Policy 5.20: Air Quality Management

Not applicable

Policy 5.21: Water Supply Management

Not applicable

Policy 5.22: Waste Disposal Management

There is no proposed on-site waste disposal management at the existing pier. The applicant's residence is located on-site and the applicant is expected to use the household facilities.

Policy 5.23: Development

The project will serve as a recreational amenity to the applicant at their residence within the already long established Whit's Point Subdivision.

Policy 5.24: Pollution Prevention

The project only utilizes marine grade approved materials.

Policy 5.25: Coastal Management Coordination

The project will obtain all Corps of Engineers and DNREC approvals prior to construction.

VI. JPP and RAS Review (Check all that apply):

Has the project been reviewed in a monthly Joint Permit Processing and/or Regulatory Advisory Service meeting?

- JPP RAS None

*If yes, provide the date of the meeting(s): _____

VII. Statement of Certification/Determination and Signature (Check one and sign below):

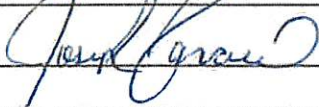
FEDERAL AGENCY CONSISTENCY DETERMINATION. Based upon the information, data, and analysis included herein, the federal agency, or its contracted agent, listed in (I) above, finds that this proposed activity is consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the Delaware Coastal Management Program.

OR

FEDERAL AGENCY NEGATIVE DETERMINATION. Based upon the information, data, and analysis included herein, the federal agency, or its contracted agent, listed in (I) above, finds that this proposed activity will not have any reasonably foreseeable effects on Delaware's coastal uses or resources (Negative Determination) and is therefore consistent with the enforceable policies of the Delaware Coastal Management Program.

OR

NON-FEDERAL APPLICANT'S CONSISTENCY CERTIFICATION. Based upon the information, data, and analysis included herein, the non-federal applicant for a federal license or permit, or state or local government agency applying for federal funding, listed in (I) above, finds that this proposed activity complies with the enforceable policies of the Delaware Coastal Management Program and will be conducted in a manner consistent with such program.

Signature:			
Printed Name:	Joseph Romano	Date:	4/13/26

Pursuant to 15 C.F.R. Part 930, the Delaware Coastal Management Program must provide its concurrence with or objection to this consistency determination or consistency certification in accordance with the deadlines listed below. Concurrence will be presumed if the state's response is not received within the allowable timeframe.

Federal Consistency Review Deadlines:

Federal Activity or Development Project (15 C.F.R. Part 930, Subpart C)	60 days with option to extend an additional 15 days or stay review (15 C.F.R. § 930.41)
Federal License or Permit (15 C.F.R. Part 930, Subpart D)	Six months, with a status letter at three months. The six month review period can be stayed by mutual agreement. (15 C.F.R. § 930.63)
Outer Continental Shelf Activity (15 C.F.R. Part 930, Subpart E)	Six months, with a status letter at three months. If three month status letter not issued, then concurrence presumed. The six month review period can be stayed by mutual agreement. (15 C.F.R. § 930.78)
Federal Financial Assistance to State or Local Governments (15 C.F.R. Part 930, Subpart F)	State Clearinghouse schedule

OFFICIAL USE ONLY:

Reviewed By:	Fed Con ID:	Date Received:
Public notice dates: _____ to _____	Comments Received: <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <i>[attach comments]</i>	
Decision type: <small>(options or conditions attach details)</small>	Decision Date: _____	