

**Jeff Spinney – Boat ramp and dock system, Alna
DEP #L-28397-4E-A-N, site visit notes**

126 Golden Ridge Road, Alna

Site visit made 9/6/2019 at 9am

Low tide: 11:30am

Department staff: Jami MacNeil

Others on site: Jeff Spinney (applicant)

Summary:

Large parcel with existing residential structure far back from water. Eastern edge of parcel abuts Sheepscot River. Parcel contains a few open fields but is largely forested. An unimproved road just wide enough for a truck leads down to the river, where there is an existing fire pit. The area is used for boat launching by several members of a local snowmobile club. The existing launch area is about 20 feet wide. The substrate is muddy. To either side the shoreline is vegetated with trees; there is tidal marsh grass at either side of the launch.

The applicant proposes to install a permanent piling structure at the shoreline to which he will attached a seasonal ramp and float. He also proposes to install a concrete-plank boat ramp (first re-grading the existing launch area). No tree removal is proposed. The alternative launch locations require additional road and clearing disturbance. The project area is already clear of marsh grass. The seasonal ramp may result in some shading of marsh grass but only on the outer fringe of the grass area.

The applicant will regrade the shoreline prior to installing the concrete planks and will remove the excavated material to an upland location (open field a few hundred feet from the river).

Construction access will be over land. The float and ramp will be stored in the upland during the off season.