

the mean high water line and if after a site visit the report of the Secretary recommends that the license be granted. The Board may issue a license without [a hearing] PUBLIC NOTICE where an emergency exists caused by act of God, natural disaster, catastrophe or other similar natural event when the health, safety, or welfare of the citizens of the State would be jeopardized by a delay caused by time requirements for [notice by publication and holding a public hearing] PUBLIC NOTICE. However, the license may be granted by the Board only with the concurrence of the Secretary. [Public notice of the issuance is required. However, notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary, within 30 days after the issuance of an emergency license, as provided in this subsection, the Board shall hold a hearing, after giving timely notice by publication, to determine whether the emergency license shall be made permanent or revoked.] THE SECRETARY SHALL PROVIDE PROMPT PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE EMERGENCY LICENSE ISSUANCE AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS OR TO REQUEST A HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE EMERGENCY LICENSE SHALL BE REVOKED OR MADE PERMANENT. IF A HEARING IS REQUESTED, IT SHALL BE SCHEDULED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE EMERGENCY ISSUANCE OF THE LICENSE.

(3) If[, after a site visit,] the report of the Secretary recommends that a license be granted, the Board may issue the license without [a hearing as to an application for a license] PUBLIC NOTICE:

(i) To fill or construct a shore erosion control structure of riprap on State wetlands if the fill area is less than 500 feet in length parallel to the fast land as close thereto as structurally feasible but not more than 10 feet channelward of the mean high water line;

(ii) To repair or replace a bulkhead for the purpose of shore erosion control where the bulkhead is presently functional, but is deteriorating or damaged, provided that the repair or replacement structure does not extend more than 18 inches channelward of the existing structure. Repair or replacement may include riprap placed along the base of the bulkhead, provided that the riprap shall not extend more than 10 feet channelward of the bulkhead; [or]

(iii) To fill near shore shallow water bottom extending no more than 35 feet channelward of the mean high water line provided the fill area is less than 500 feet in length parallel to the fast land for the purpose of shore erosion control by landscaping and wetland plant establishment[.];

(IV) TO CONSTRUCT OR REPAIR A PRIVATE NONCOMMERCIAL BOAT RAMP PROVIDED THE RAMP DOES NOT EXCEED 12 FEET IN WIDTH AND EXTEND MORE THAN 30 FEET CHANNELWARD OF THE MEAN HIGH WATER LINE; OR