## STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



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RE: Jeffry Spinney, Department Order L-28397-4E-A-N, Pier System and Boat Ramp, Alna Appeal filed jointly by Carol Ervin and Bailey Bolen, Allen J. Philbrick, and William A. Weary
Ruling on August 11, 2020 Motion to Continue

## **Dear Participants:**

On July 22, 2020 the Board of Environmental Protection tentatively scheduled for August 20, 2020 consideration of the appeals from three abutters of the Commissioner's approval of a Natural Resources Protection Act (NRPA) permit issued to Jeffry Spinney for the construction of a shared-use boat ramp and pier system on and in a coastal wetland in Alna. On August 11, 2020, Kristin Collins filed on behalf of Mr. Spinney a Motion to Continue the Board's consideration of the appeals for at least 60 days. In the request, the licensee stated that he wishes to surrender a portion of his permit and attached a letter to that effect addressed to the Commissioner. Given the timing of the request for a continuance of the Board's consideration of the appeal, the appellants were asked to file any response to the motion by August 12, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Appellants Carol Ervin and Bailey Bolen, Allen Philbrick, and William Weary filed a joint response to the motion on August 12, 2020 stating that they do not object to the requested continuance.

Following consultation with Board counsel and Department staff and given no objection from the appellants, the Board grants the continuance for up to 60 days, until Monday, October 12, 2020. Unless the Department receives a request to revise the response to the appeal with an alternative proposal for the project by that date, the Board will resume processing of the appeals of the existing permit.

The Commissioner will respond to the request to surrender a portion of the NRPA permit.

If you have any questions, you may contact Cynthia Bertocci at (207) 287-2452 or Peggy Bensinger, Assistant Attorney General, at (207) 626-8578.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Draper, Chair

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