

**571—16.1(461A,462A) Definitions.**

*“Artificial lake”* means all river impoundments and all other impoundments of water to which the public has a right of access from land or from a navigable stream inlet. Examples are Lake Panorama, Lake Delhi, Lake Nashua, and Lake Macbride.

*“Boat”* means “watercraft” as defined in Iowa Code section 462A.2.

*“Boat hoist”* or *“lift”* means a structure placed in the water or below the ordinary high-water mark for boat storage, including platforms for storage of personal watercraft. For the purposes of this chapter, a boat hoist that is designed to store up to two small vessels such as personal watercraft or one-person sailboats may be treated as a single hoist. For the purposes of this chapter, storage of stand-up paddleboards on racks above the platform of a dock is not counted as a boat hoist or lift; however, a rack for storage of canoes or kayaks is a boat hoist.

*“Catwalk”* means a platform no more than four feet wide installed to provide access from a dock to a moored boat or boat hoist.

*“Commercial dock”* means a dock used as part of a business, including a dock extending from residential property if one or more mooring spaces at the dock are rented for a fee. A dock maintenance fee charged by a property owners’ association to its members is not a basis to classify a dock as commercial. This definition is not applicable to docks in dock management areas or concession operations administered by the department.

*“Commission”* means the natural resource commission.

*“Common dock”* means a dock serving two or more adjoining shoreline properties.

*“Department”* means the department of natural resources.

*“Director”* means the director of the department of natural resources or the director’s designee.

*“Dock”* means a platform-type structure extending from shoreline property over a public water body, including but not limited to platforms that provide access to boats moored on the water body.

*“Dock management area”* or *“DMA”* means an area designated by the department in the bed of a water body adjoining a state park, wildlife management area, or recreation area or adjoining a strip of land that was dedicated to the public and is subject to the jurisdiction of the department pursuant to Iowa Code section 461A.11(2). A dock management area as designated by the department includes an area adjoining public land from which docks extend.

*“Impoundment”* means a body of water formed by constructing a dam across a waterway.

*“Public dock”* means a dock constructed and maintained to provide public access from public land to a water body.

*“Public land”* means land that is owned by the state, a city, or a county or land that has been dedicated for public access to a public water body.

*“Public water body”* is a water body to which the public has a right of access.

*“Rental”* means taking compensation, trading, or bartering for the usage of a slip or hoist on a Class I or Class III dock, including the rental of a vehicle parking spot that includes the privilege of using a hoist or slip on a Class I or Class III dock.

*“Shoreline property”* means a parcel of property adjoining (littoral to) a lake or adjoining (riparian to) a river or other navigable stream.

*“Slip”* means a mooring space, usually adjacent to a dock, sometimes accessed by a catwalk.

*“Water body”* means a river or other stream, a natural lake, an artificial lake or other impoundment, or an excavated pit.

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