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**Questions and Answers For**

**Frazier Pier Operation, Plymouth, MA**

**RFP # DCR 2026-200**

**Question #1:** Floating Dock & Gangway Installation (East Side) If a proposer wishes to improve boarding safety and ADA accessibility by installing a seasonal floating dock and gangway system along the 150' east-side frontage: Would DCR permit such an installation subject to engineering approval and would such an installation require additional state or Chapter 91 approvals beyond the concession permit?

**Answer #1:** Yes, any extension or change to the current pier would require Chapter 91 Approvals and/or Amendment. In addition, any potential plans would also require approval, subject but not limited to, DCR engineering, DCR Senior Staff, etc.

**Question #2:** Partial Subletting / Shared Use of East-Side Frontage If the concessionaire does not fully utilize the 150' east-side frontage during certain operating periods: Would DCR consider allowing subletting of any unused portion of the East Side Frontage?

**Answer #2:** Permits only allow subletting subject to the approval of DCR, subject but not limited, the use and intensity of activity and if it is appropriate. If any Proposer is contemplating subletting or creation of other activities they should make sure to enunciate them clearly in their proposal.

**Question #3:** Maintenance Responsibility Clarification Can DCR clarify the division of responsibility between DCR and the concessionaire for: Snow and ice removal, Structural pier repairs, Utility maintenance, Electrical infrastructure serving the concession area.

**Answer #3:** The Concession does not operate in the winter, DCR does maintenance and Snow removal. Structural repairs, as a part of the RFP, DCR has requested \$45,000 for improvements from the winning proposer. DCR is responsible for structural repairs to the pier subject to appropriation. The Permittee is responsible for Utility maintenance and Electrical infrastructure based upon whatever their particular needs are at the Pier.

**Question #4:** Operating Season Clarification, The RFP states that the minimum operating season shall extend from Patriots' Day weekend through Columbus Day weekend. Does DCR require daily operations throughout this full period, or is the requirement satisfied by maintaining availability and scheduled operations within that timeframe and are there minimum trip frequency expectations during the early and late shoulder portions of the season (e.g., April and October)?

**Answer #4:**

Permittee may Operate during the early and later shoulder portions of the season meaning April and October. Depending upon the operations proposed generally the schedule should be daily for at least connections to other ports and for boating activities.