

**General Permit for Minor Coastal Structures (DEEP-OLISP-GP-2015-01)
INSTALLATION OF AN OSPREY PLATFORM AND PERCH POLE
authorized in Section 3(a)(3)**



**THIS GENERAL PERMIT
REQUIRES THE
SUBMITTAL OF A
PROJECT REPORT
FOURTEEN (14) DAYS
PRIOR TO THE
INITIATION OF WORK**

The **Installation of an Osprey Platform and Perch Pole** authorized under Section 3(a)(3) of the General Permit for Minor Coastal Structures (DEEP-OLISP-GP-2015-01) has very specific eligibility criteria and approval/notification requirements. As defined in the general permit, an **OSPREY PLATFORM** is a single pole or group of poles each less than 20' long and less than 15" diameter, with a platform greater than 10' off the ground and having a surface area less than 25 square feet; and a **PERCH POLE** is a pole, associated with an osprey platform, that is less than 10' long and less than 15" diameter which is utilized for the purposes of providing a perch for osprey.

To be eligible for the general permit, **without any additional approvals from DEEP**, the proposed **OSPREY PLATFORM** and **PERCH POLE** must be:

1. Consistent with one of the three designs shown as Appendix A, B or C of the general permit
2. More than 300' from overhead power lines
3. More than 300' from any other osprey platforms
4. More than 600' from human disturbance sources (e.g. roads, houses, commercial areas, etc...)
5. The **OSPREY PLATFORM** is at least 10' from an area of open water
6. The **PERCH POLE** is within 20' of the **OSPREY PLATFORM**

If you intend to install an **OSPREY PLATFORM** and/or **PERCH POLE** structure design other than the three in Appendix A, B and C of the general permit, you will need to get pre-approval from the DEEP. In addition, if you find that the proposed location of your **OSPREY PLATFORM** and/or **PERCH POLE** do not meet the setback distances from **Overhead Power Lines** (>300') and/or sources of **Human Disturbance** (>600'), you can request setback waivers from DEEP. To request a Platform/Perch design deviation approval, or an **Overhead Power Line** and/or **Human Disturbance** setback waiver, please contact Brian Hess of the DEEP Wildlife Division at:

Brian Hess, Wildlife Biologist, DEEP Wildlife Division, Sessions Woods WMA
PO Box 1550, Burlington, CT 06013; Phone: 860-424-3208; Email:
brian.hess@ct.gov

You must receive plan deviation and setback waiver approvals in writing from DEEP and include copies in the **Project Report**.

Not later than fourteen (14) days prior to the installation of **OSPREY PLATFORM** and/or **PERCH POLE**, you must submit two copies of a **Project Report** to the commissioner at the following address:

Permit Section
Office of Long Island Sound Programs
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
79 Elm Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06106-5127
(860) 424-3034
Fax # (860) 424-4054

The **Project Report** shall consist of the following information:

- a. contact information for the party responsible for installing such structure(s);
- b. site map specifying the location of the project;
- c. specifications of the design used;
- d. A copy of DEEP's written approval of a design deviation (if applicable);
- e. A copy of DEEP's written approval of any setback waivers (if applicable); and
- f. the anticipated date(s) of construction.

Please be aware that any osprey platform or perch pole authorized herein located below the coastal jurisdiction line or within tidal wetlands shall be installed by hand methods only, without the use of heavy equipment.

Please be aware, that if you fail to submit a timely Project Report, you will be considered by the DEEP to be out of compliance with the general permit. Non-compliance with the general permit may subject you to enforcement actions, including but not limited to, the collection of penalties, issuance of a Notice of Violation or Order and/or the revocation of coverage under the general permit.