9.3 Exempt Structures

- **A.** All of the following structures are exempt from the shoreland setback standards:
- **1.** Boathouses located entirely above the OHWM and entirely within the access and viewing corridor that do not contain plumbing and are not used for human habitation.
- **a.** New boathouses shall have a maximum sidewall height of 10 feet, and a minimum sidewall height of 6ft. The overhangs shall not exceed 18". The total square footage of the boathouse shall not exceed 360 sq. feet.
- b. Unless replacing an existing boathouse, all new boathouses must be 15 feet from the OHWM.
- **c.** Existing boathouse located further than 15 feet from the OHWM may be expanded towards to the shore but no closer than 15 feet from the OHWM
- **d.** Existing boathouse may be increased in size subject to limitations in (a), but if the existing boathouse is less than 15 feet from the OHWM, no expansion may be made towards the shore.0
- **e.** The roof of a boathouse may be used as a deck provided that the boathouse has a flat roof and the roof has no sidewalls or screens. The roof may have a railing that meets the Department of Safety and Professional Services standards.
- **f.** Patio doors, fireplaces and other features inconsistent with the use of the structure exclusively as a boathouse are not permitted.
- g. Vegetation removal shall be minimized when located a new boathouse.
- h. All boathouses shall be one story.
- **2.** Open sided and screened structures such as gazebos, decks, patios, and screen houses in the shoreland setback area that satisfy the requirements in Wis. Stat. § 59.692(1v).
- a. The part of the structure that is nearest to the water shall be located at least 35 feet landward from the OHWM.
- b. The floor area of all of the structures in the shoreland setback area of the property will not exceed 200 square feet. Boathouses shall be excluded from the calculation.
- c. The structure that is the subject of the request for special zoning permission has no sides or has open or screened sides.
- d. The county must approve a plan that will be implemented by the owner of the property to preserve or establish a vegetative buffer zone that covers at least 70% of the 1/2 of the shoreland setback area that is nearest to the water.
- 3. Fishing rafts that are authorized on the Wolf River and Mississippi River under Wis. Stat. § 30.126.
- **4.** Broadcast signal receivers, including satellite dishes or antennas that are one meter or less 801 in diameter and satellite earth station antennas that are 2 meters or less in diameter. (1- meter equals 3.28 feet)
- **5.** Utility transmission and distribution lines, poles, towers, water towers, pumping stations, well pump house covers, private on-site wastewater treatment systems that comply with Ch. SPS Comm. 383, and other utility structures that have no feasible alternative location outside of the minimum setback and that employ best management practices to infiltrate or otherwise control storm water runoff from the structure.
- **6.** Walkways, stairways or rail systems that are necessary to provide safe pedestrian access to the shoreline and are a maximum of 60-inches in width.

- 7. Devices or systems used to treat runoff from impervious surfaces.
- 8. A fence that meets all of the following requirements: (as per s. 59.692(1n)(d)7, Stats)
 - a. A height not taller than 15ft
 - b. Located not less than 2 feet landward of the ordinary high water mark
 - c. Located entirely outside of a highway right-of-way
 - d. Located not less than 10 feet from the edge of a roadway and not more than 40 feet from the edge of a roadway or highway right-of-way, whichever is greater.
 - e. Generally perpendicular to the shoreline
 - 9. A bridge for which the WI. DNR has issued a permit under S. 30.123, Stats. (as per s. 59.692(1n)(d)8, Stats)