Inclusive Recreation Resource Center at SUNY Cortland

| Fishing Area/Pier/Platform Checklist |   |                          |
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| FISH1                                | Agency name:  | <u> </u>                 |
| FISH2                                | Number of fishing areas assessed:   | fishing areas            |
| FISH3                                | Name/location of fishing area:  |                          |
|                                      |   |                          |
| FISH4                                | Is there a continuous unobstructed route of travel from parking to fishing area?  | □ yes □ no □ n/a □ photo |
| FISH5                                | Is the route of travel well-lit?  | □ yes □ no □ n/a □ photo |
| FISH6                                | Describe the surface of the route of travel:  |                          |
| FISH7                                | Slope of route of travel (at its steepest incline):   | % (enter 0% if flat)     |
| FISH8                                | Width of route of travel (at its narrowest point):  | inches (at least 36")    |
| FISH9                                | What is the distance from the parking area to the fishing area?  (if no accessible parking, measure distance from middle of parking lot/area to launch area)              | feet                     |
|                                      | Describe the fishing area (check all that apply):   |                          |
| FISH10                               | ☐ Natural surface fishing area (no paving or physical structure- skip to comments)☐ Fishing pier or platform  |                          |
| FISH11                               | If applicable, is there a ramp or gangway that connects the land to the fishing pier?  (a gangway or slope that bridges the span between land and the pier)               | □ yes □ no □ n/a □ photo |
| FISH12                               | If yes, how long is the gangway or ramp?  | feet                     |
| FISH13                               | If yes, what is the width of the gangway or ramp connecting the land to the pier?   | inches (at least 36")    |
| FISH14                               | If yes, describe the slope of the gangway or ramp:  | % (enter 0% if flat)     |
| FISH15                               | If yes, are there handrails on the gangway or ramp to assist with transition from land to pier?   | □ yes □ no □ n/a □ photo |
| FISH16                               | Are there any physical indicators that there is a transition from the landside connection or gangway to the pier or dock (i.e. textured pathways, changes in color)?      | □ yes □ no □ n/a □ photo |
| FISH17                               | Describe the surface of the pier (wooden planks, smooth, few rises, mostly even surface, etc.):   |                          |
| FISH18                               | What is the width of the pier at its narrowest point?  (60" minimum or, where there are obstacles, the route can narrow to 36" for no more than a 24" length on the pier) | inches                   |
| FISH19                               | Is there at least one maneuvering space on the pier? (60" circle)   | □ yes □ no □ n/a □ photo |
| FISH20                               | Is there a railing along the fishing pier?  | □ yes □ no □ n/a □ photo |
| FISH21                               | If yes, how high is the railing? (measure the lowest section of railing; at least 25% should be 34" or less)  | inches                   |
| FISH22                               | If yes, is there at least one clear space near the edge protection or railing on the pier? (30"x48" space for a person in a wheelchair or chair to sit )                  | □ yes □ no □ n/a □ photo |
| FISH23                               | If yes, is there toe clearance under the railing? (minimum of 9" high and 30" wide)   | □ yes □ no □ n/a □ photo |
| FISH24                               | If yes, is edge protection provided at continuous openings (lips at sides of piers, or docks with a maximum of 4" high and 2" wide)?                                      | □ yes □ no □ n/a □ photo |
| FISH25                               | Comments/additional information regarding fishing area:   |                          |

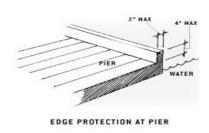
## **Fishing Pier Accessibility Checklist Information**

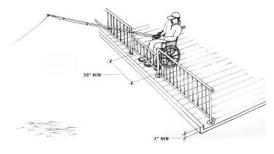
## **Fishing Piers and Platforms**

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Access Board has developed guidelines for recreational fishing areas and facilities. The guidelines address railings and edge protection on fishing piers and platforms. Railings, guardrails, and handrails are not required by the guidelines. However, where they are provided, a portion (at least 25%) cannot be more than 34 inches high so that the railings do not obstruct fishing for people using wheelchairs. Lowered railings are required to be dispersed throughout a fishing facility.

## **Definitions for Fishing Pier or Platform Areas:**

- Fishing pier or platform an area designed to allow fishing access.
- Natural surface fishing area a designated area for fishing that does not have any built structure, such as a pier or platform.
- Gangway a variable-sloped pedestrian walkway linking a fixed structure or land with a floating structure.
- Edge protection a raised edge along the side of a pier or platform that prevents individuals from slipping off the edge. Where railings, guards, or handrails are provided, edge protection shall be provided. Edge protection should be a minimum of 2 inches high above the ground or deck surface.
- Toe clearance space that allows clearance for someone using a wheelchair to roll up or approach an area, such as a railing. The space needs to be at least 9 inches high above the floor or ground and be 30 inches wide.





2-INCH EDGE PROTECTION AT PIER



Natural Surface Fishing Area



Fishing Pier