

E mail response from Bruce Mighton of MNR dated Dec 2 2011

Ambrose,

I have reviewed your questions with MNR Planners from the Bancroft office and the Parry Sound office and offer the following:

Question #1

Is there any requirement under the free use policy that a building permit be obtained by an owner or contractor to build a boathouse structure of which the foundations are supported on the bottom of lakes owed by the province of Ontario?

No. But this does not negate the owner or contractor to obtain permission, authorisation or consent that may be required by the Municipality.

Question #2

Is it the practice in the Muskoka area that such in water boathouses are constructed with building permits under the Ontario Building Code and inspected by the local municipality?

MNR staff in Parry Sound has indicated that such structures are inspected at various stages of construction by the Municipality.

Question #3

When MNR allows in-water boathouse to be built, such as recently in Jack Lake, does any government agency inspect the structure to ensure compliance with any codes or safety requirements?

Authorization was not required from the MNR, so no inspection planned by the MNR.

It would not be appropriate for MNR to comment on what inspections other government agencies may have completed or may conduct in the future.

If you have any questions, or require further clarification feel free to call me.

Bruce

**G. BRUCE MIGHTON**  
**Area Supervisor Bancroft-Mazinaw Area**  
Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources  
Bancroft District  
Box 500, 106 Monck Street  
Bancroft, ON K0L 1C0

Tel: (613) 332-3940 ext 236  
Fax: (613) 332-0608

---

**From:** Ambrose Moran [<mailto:ambrose@ambrosemoran.com>]

**Sent:** November 10, 2011 6:44 PM

**To:** Mighton, Bruce (MNR)

**Subject:** FW: Permits in water development

**Bruce**

I am being stonewalled by MMAH on getting answer to question of whether building permits are required for in water development.

This week I received a letter from MMAH suggesting I consult with MNR on the issue which is the purpose of the attached letter.

**Ambrose Moran**

**Direct 705 656 2000**

**Direct 1 888 656 2676**

Bruce- we had a brief discussions about the Peterborough Crown Game Preserve—some background info now on my web site [www.ApsleyWatch.com](http://www.ApsleyWatch.com)