

Certain activities in navigable waters are exempt from needing a permit under chapter 30, Wisconsin Statutes. Using this checklist, you can determine if your project qualifies for an exemption.

Your proposed **swimming raft** is eligible for an exemption if your project will meet **all** the following conditions:

- The swimming raft will be placed and maintained only by a riparian (waterfront property owner) (an authorized agent or contractor may do the work on behalf of the riparian).
- The swimming raft will not exceed 200 square feet in surface area (equivalent to 15-foot diameter for round water trampolines) and will not exceed 38 inches in height above the water level. This does not include protective covers, diving boards, ladders and slides.

**Note:** These size and height limitations **do not** apply if you completely remove your swimming raft from the water and onto shore every day, or if the swimming raft is placed in a designated swim area that is marked and approved by the local municipality and DNR.

- The swimming raft is placed within 200 feet of the shoreline.
- The swimming raft will not interfere with public rights in navigable waters.
- The swimming raft will not interfere with the rights of other riparians.
- The swimming raft allows free movement of water underneath which will not cause formation of land on the bed of the waterway.
- Endangered Resources Review: The applicant is not required, but is encouraged to request an endangered resources (ER) review letter before applying for the permit. Information on how to obtain a review can be found by visiting the website at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ERReview/Review.html>. The applicant can also visit the NHI Public Portal, <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ERReview/PublicPortal.html>, to determine if a full ER Review is required. Read the 'What is an ER Preliminary Assessment and what do the results mean?' section to determine follow-up steps.

If your project does not meet **all** of these conditions, submit a permit application to the Department. If you have any questions about whether you meet these conditions, you may request an Exemption Determination from DNR. Obtain Form 3500-107, "Chapter 30 Exemption Determination Request" from a DNR service center or visit the website <http://dnr.wi.gov/files/PDF/forms/3500/3500-107.pdf> or search for it on our website at [www.dnr.wi.gov](http://www.dnr.wi.gov) under the topic "Waterway and Wetland Permits." Complete the form and submit it to the DNR office identified on the form or email it to [DNREDRRequests@wi.gov](mailto:DNREDRRequests@wi.gov).