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Dear LTC,

Is there a reason my letter has not been posted on the projects page? I have modified some parts of it because it was submitted 8 months ago. You will find it below after the conversation string assuring me that the LTC has received it and that it will be posted.

I have read the other letters and while there is some validity in the concerns regarding grated dock material, the suggestion that private docks have minimal environmental impact is ludicrous. The references that are used suggest that the height of the dock may be more important than shading depending on the orientation of the dock. The research also concluded that the construction of the dock is more destructive than shading, that the effects of boats both toxicological and mechanical (i.e wave pressure) are more destructive than shading and that there are cumulative effects of many docks.

The grated material that is recommended was not originally developed for dock use. One Canadian producer originally created it for agricultural purposes. The percentage of light that is allowed through the grating is a byproduct of the material and is not the result of research on adequate light penetration for eelgrass or forage fish. It has become popular in hurricane prone areas like Florida because the grating allows wind and water to pass through. This may start becoming an issue for insurance with the increasing frequency and intensity of storms.

Kindest Regards, Camilla Berry