



CCA Marine Development Center
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RE: EcoPrem Thermally Modified Wood

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Two fishing piers were constructed at the CCA Marine Development Center in Corpus Christi, Texas during the past year for use by junior anglers. Each fishing pier (except for the pilings) was constructed with EcoPrem thermally modified wood (standard yellow pine) and measures 68 meters in length and 2.1 meters in width (see attached photographs).

During the construction stages of the pier project (August 2010 –February 2012), the EcoPrem wood was delivered on-site, and the wood materials were stored outdoors on sandy/grass ground next to the saltwater fishing ponds where the installation was to take place. To our great delight, after some 8-12 months of sitting outside on the ground and exposed to Texas weather fluctuations, the wood did not warp, twist, split, decay, rot, and/or mold. This wood continues to show signs of being very resistant to the elements of a saltwater coastal environment which is considered to be particularly harsh to most types of building materials.

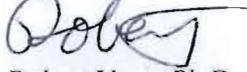
In years past, we have used Chromated Copper Arsenate treated wood to construct structures in or near the ponds, and have had risk concerns about the use of these materials regarding occupational exposure (i.e., treatment fish hatchery workers) and ecological exposure to the fish that we culture for release into Texas coastal waters.

Given the “natural” process (no chemicals) used to prepare EcoPrem wood, we much prefer this material as an ecologically safe alternative compared to any other type of decking treated wood. The pier structures are weathering very well, and we expect to only perform minimal maintenance (annual deck staining) on them in coming years.

Texas Parks & Wildlife building inspectors approved of EcoPrem wood for our fishing pier project and issued favorable construction updates about the product during the pier construction phase. In the future, we plan to replace all of our wood (treated) structures (i.e., piers, walkways, decks, and benches) with EcoPrem wood; and, are pleased to acknowledge that EcoPrem is a very durable product while being chemical-free.

Please let me know if you need additional details or information.

Sincerely,



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Two photographs of CCA Marine Development Center fishing piers (Corpus Christi, Texas) constructed with EcoPrem wood.