

Wharf Renovation Almost Completed

The summer-long renovation of Capitola Wharf is nearing completion with work now being done on the final 40 feet of the 600-foot-long wharf.

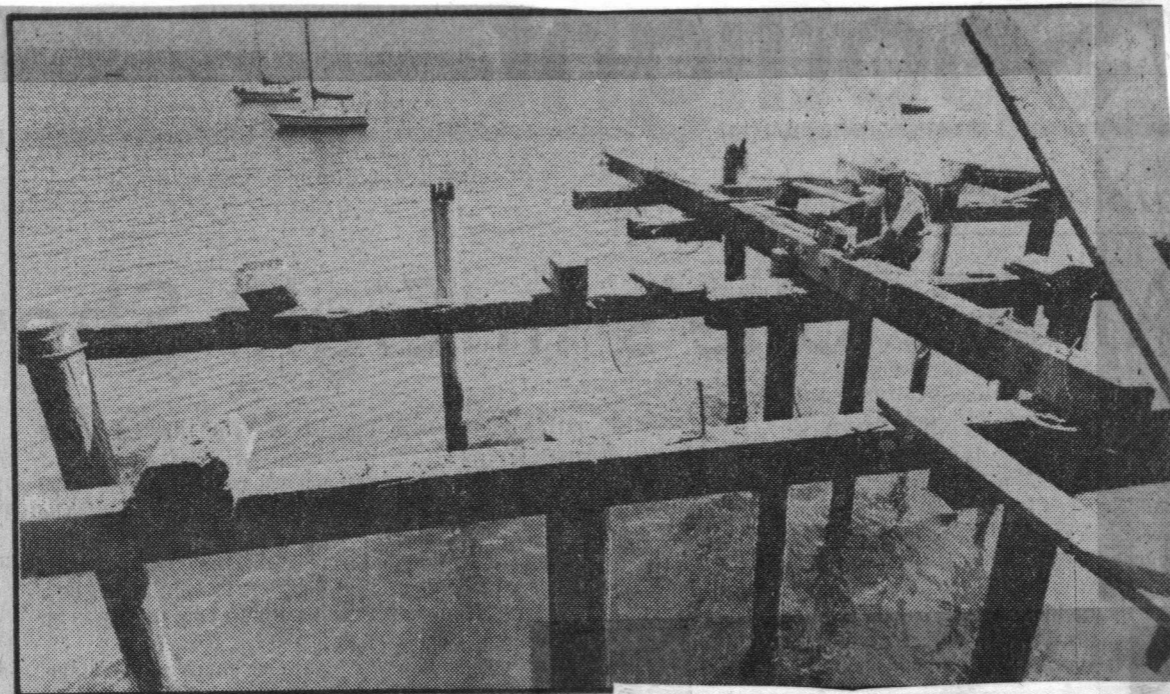
Capitola City Manager Steve Burrell estimated the "major work" to be completed in three or four weeks. The wharf will possibly be opened to the public at that time, despite the building construction that still would have to be done on the wharf.

New buildings will include a snack bar, storage building, bait/tackle shop and public restrooms. A boat launching facility and mooring area will also be provided. The Capitola Planning Department is checking the final plans now.

The "major work" that still needs to be completed, according to Burrell, is at the final 40 feet at the end of the wharf. It has been stripped and a few new pilings will need to be driven; caps and stringers will also have to be replaced before the new deck can be installed.

Hand railings, meanwhile, are being put up along the length of the wharf even as the other work is being done.

The century-old wharf is being renovated as a pedestrian fishing pier. The escalating price tag is now at \$794,325, although much of the cost has been paid by the state Wildlife Conservation Board on a 75-25 percent ratio with the city of Capitola.



The final 40-feet of the wharf has been stripped, as shown above, in preparation for a new deck. Below, worker Bill Cannon is at work closer to the beach on the already strengthened section of the pier.



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