

# Capitola Wharf puts up a front

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## There's a point to this

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CAPITOLA — The repair and renovation of Capitola Wharf — complete with an all-new end designed to break up the crest of waves during storms — should be complete by the end of the week.

Capitola Public Works Director Craig French said this morning that only decking and handrails still needs to be done.

Some 28 pilings have been driven for added reinforcement, although the major portion of the project has involved the new end. A pointed end, of sorts, similar to the bow of a boat, has been built.

According to French, who described it as a triangle with the tip cut off, the design is believed to be the first of its kind for a wharf.

"We're hopeful it will resist the shearing off of pilings that occurred last winter," he said. "The heavy debris that gets caught in large

waves and hits the wharf should be diverted now."

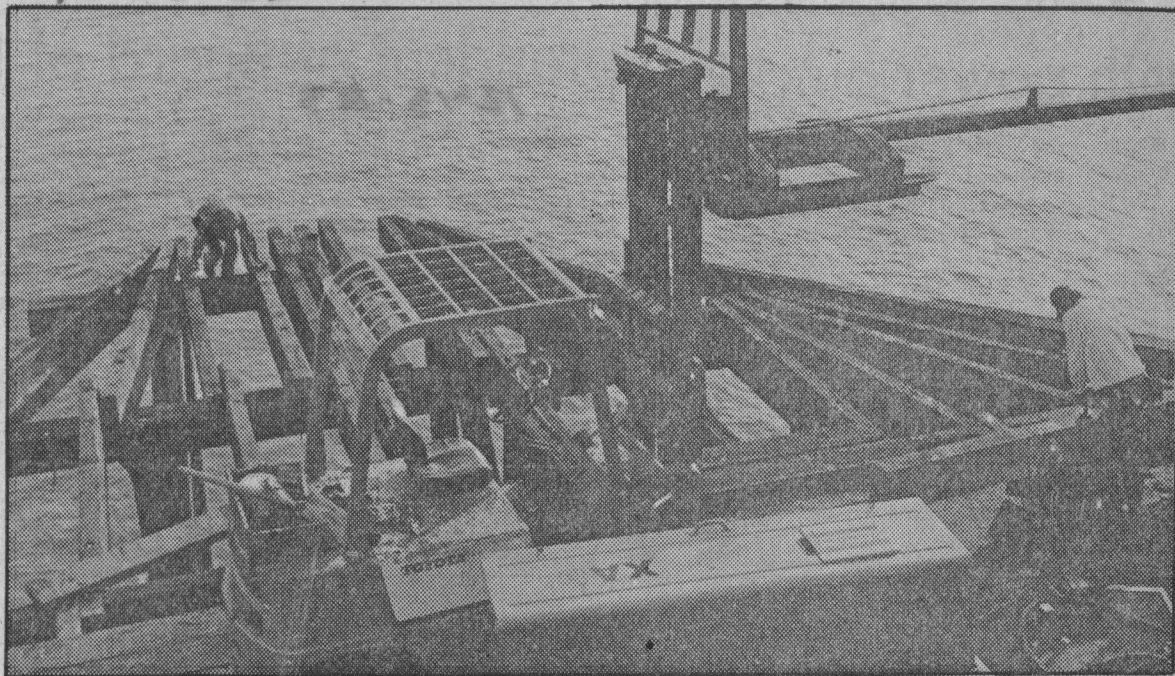
Sixteen-inch diameter steel pilings were also driven at the end. The decking there will be placed diagonally rather than laterally for added stress support.

To accomodate the new end, the wharf has been expanded approximately 20 feet, adding, 800 square feet of deck.

The century-old wharf was last damaged by

high surf and waves last winter. It was temporarily shored up and reopened to the public this spring.

The city will be responsible for less than 25 percent of the \$165,000 cost of the project. The Federal Emergency Management Agency and the state Wildlife Conservation Board is paying the bulk of the cost. The city has also applied to the state Coastal Conservancy for funds.



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*Workers at the Capitola Wharf put finishing touches on the new 'bow.'*