

Pier Substructure

City of Naples / Naples Pier

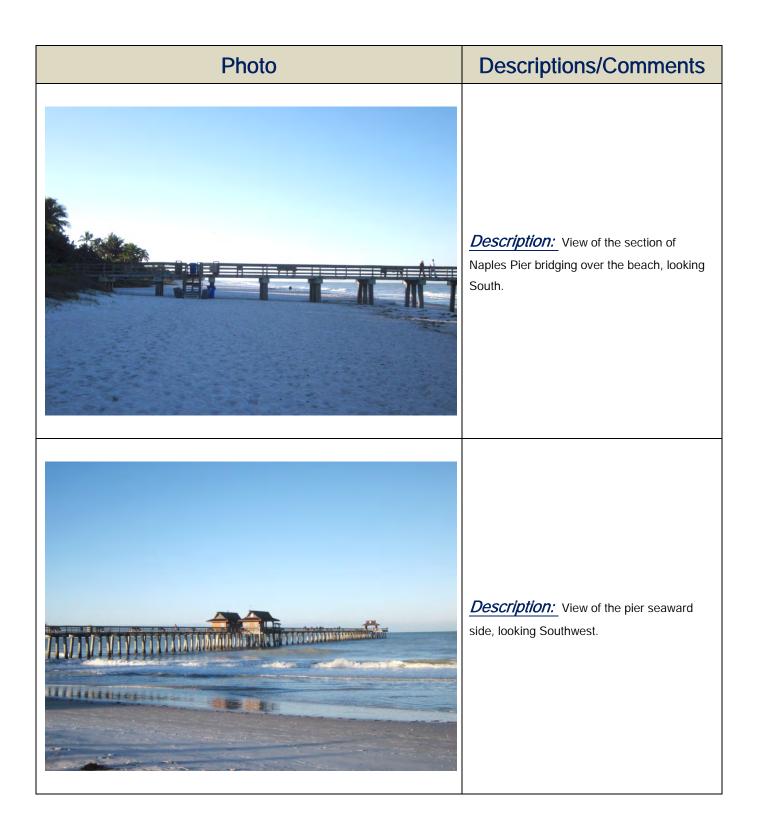
Pier Substructure		Status		Comments
		No Issues	Issues	
Decking Underside				
1	Crack	x		Rare
2	Fiber split		Х	About 25% of fiber split-through
3	Decay		Χ	85% of decay of the exposed decking surface
4	Algae, Fungi		Х	Almost all underside, except new replacement boards
Stringers				
1	Crack, split, decay	Х		Rare
2	Algae, Fungi	х		Mild growth in some locations
Hardware				
1	Totally consumed by corrosion		Х	About 10% of the pier hardware
2	Severe corrosion		Х	About 35% of the pier of the pier hardware
3	Mild corrosion		Χ	About 55% of the pier hardware
Other				
1	Concrete pier	X		Sound
2	Beach access stair		Х	May require total rebuilding.
2	Pipe/conduit and strapping		Х	Require repair/replacement

General Description:

Due to the high percentage of severe corrosion, and in some cases, total obliteration of connection hardware, structural integrity of critical components of the pier such as guardrail may be questionable. Equally critical is how well the substructural frame will be able to resist wind loading in future storms, with many of its connectors either consumed by or well within the advanced stage of corrosion.

The condition of the decking underside appears to be much better than the top. Replacement of split, shrunk, decaying and well-worn boards is not only functional but psychological and aesthetic to the users as well. The same can be said about rebuilding a new beach access stair which will convey to the users a sense of safety and pleasing aesthetic to match the beautiful setting of a beach.





Descriptions/Comments



<u>Description:</u> Restrooms facility and the entrance to the pier are within the cluster of the coconut trees; looking Northeast.



<u>Description:</u> View of the South elevation of the pier leading section from the entrance and over the beach; looking Northeast.

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<u>Description:</u> View of the seaward side elevation of the pier. Note the food concession facility in the foreground above the deck and the seaward end shelter beyond.



Description: View of the rectangular precast concrete bent and the deck and railing at Pier #2. Pier #1 is to the right immediately behind the Male Restroom rear wall.

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Description: View of the decking underside in between Pier# 2 and Pier #3. The underside surface and the stringers appear to be in satisfactory condition. Note water piping and electrical conduits strapped to the stringers.



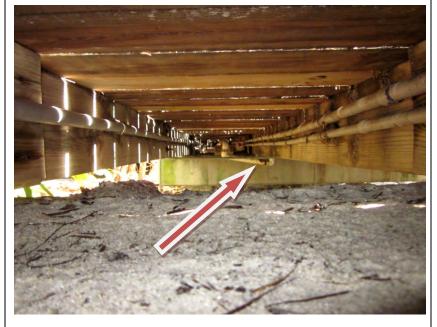
Issue: Electrical conduits and small water pipes are strapped to the stringers with plastic straps or in some cases plastic hangers. Note the corroding washers and complete loss of hex-nuts, of both of the thru-bolt connectors, to corrosion, at the base of a rail post over Pier #3. The anchor bolt and clip angle appear to have completely corroded away as well.

Resolution: Perform regular inspection and replace severely corroded washers and hex-nuts.

Photo Descriptions/Comments



<u>Description:</u> The thru-bolt connectors at the base of this rail post on the outside appear to be sound and free from corrosion, with the exception of the single nail in the middle.



Issue: View of the decking underside between the deck board span, looking back at Pier #3. Deck board underside and stringers appear satisfactory. There is an area of concrete spall along the edge of the pile cap beyond. Note water piping on right and electrical conduit on left.

Resolution: Patch the spall spot with epoxy concrete to prevent further corrosion of the pile cap reinforcing bars.

Descriptions/Comments



Issue: The rail post thru-bolt connectors and anchor bolt/ clip angle assembly on this side are undergoing severe corrosion as well.

Resolution: Perform regular inspection and replace severely corroded washers and hex-nuts. In some case the galvanized clip angle may need replacement as well.



Issue: View of an inside stringer anchor bolt/clip angle assembly which is normally buried under the beach sand causing accelerated corrosion of the metal hardware.

Resolution: Regular inspection and replacement of deteriorated hardware is required.

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Resolution: Perform regular inspection and replace severely corroded washers and hex-nuts. In some case the galvanized clip angle may need replacement as well.



Issue: View of an inside stringer anchor bolt/clip angle assembly which is normally buried under the wet beach sand and debris causing accelerated corrosion of the metal hardware.

Resolution: Regular inspection and replacement of deteriorated hardware is required.



ISSUE: See preceding issue.

Resolution: See preceding resolution.



Description: General view of the decking underside and the substructure, looking seaward at Pier #4. Note the water piping and electrical conduits. Also note random horizontal cross-bracing.

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Description: General view of the decking underside and the substructure, looking seaward at Pier #5. Note the water piping and electrical conduits. Also note random horizontal cross-bracing. Note the accumulation of wet beach sand and debris falling from the foot traffic on either side of the stringer splice burying the anchor bolt/clip angle assembly causing accelerated corrosion of the metal hardware.



Issue: See preceding issue. Note the broken pipe straps leaving the conduit/pipe unsupported.

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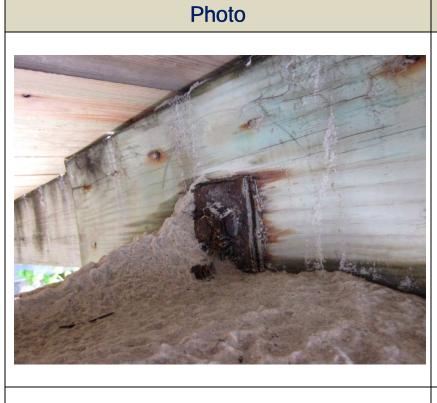


Issue: See preceding issue.

Resolution: Inspect and replace corroded metal hardware. Replace all broken plastic pipe straps and hangers to properly support the pipe/conduit.



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<u>Description:</u> The rail post base thru-bolts display sign of corrosion which starts from the opposite side. The anchor bolt/clip angle assembly appears satisfactory.



Description: View on the exterior face of the splice assembly at Pier #5, where extra pairs of thru-bolt are used to stiffen up the outside stringer before the stair landing opening on the right.

Descriptions/Comments



Issue: View of the same assembly on the interior face, which reveals severe corrosion of almost all the thru-bolts.

Resolution: Inspect and replace corroded metal hardware. Replace all broken plastic pipe straps and hangers to properly support the pipe/conduit.



Description: View of an identical splice assembly at Pier #6, past the stair landing opening, where extra pairs of thru-bolt are used to stiffen up the outside stringer past the stair landing opening on the left.

Descriptions/Comments



Issue: View of the same assembly on the inside face, which reveals severe corrosion of almost all the thru-bolts.

Resolution: Inspect and replace corroded metal hardware. Replace all broken plastic pipe straps and hangers to properly support the pipe/conduit.



Description: View of the stair and railing located along the North side deck rail, between Pier #5 and Pier #6, providing pedestrian access to the beach.



<u>Description:</u> View of the East rail post/deck stringer/stair stringer assembly at the stair opening, between Pier #5 and Pier #6.



<u>Issue:</u> View of the rail posts/stair stringer/deck stringer thru-bolt connections on the inside face of the deck stringer.

Resolution: Inspect and replace corroded metal hardware.



Descriptions/Comments

Description: Typical view of the stair railing. Note the pedestrian lighting fixture mount.



ISSUE: Almost all of the stair assembly thrubolt connections display severe corrosion of the metal hardware.

Resolution: Inspect and replace corroded metal hardware.

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Issue: Stair stringer/deck stringer vertical connection assembly display severe corrosion of the metal hardware.

Resolution: Inspect and replace corroded metal hardware. To ensure structural soundness and durability, and to provide users a sense of safety and aesthetic, the entire stair may have to be rebuilt with better corrosion and weather resistant materials in near term.



Issue: See preceding issue.





Issue: See preceding issue.

Resolution: See preceding resolution.



ISSUE: See preceding issue. Note the surface mount pedestrian louvered lighting fixture.



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Issue: View of repeated pattern of severe corrosion of thru-bolt and anchor bolt assembly due to near-constant wetness condition on top of the pile cap and the lack of direct sunlight and airflow to help accelerate drying of all components under the decking.

Resolution: Remove and replace substructure connection metal hardware with better corrosion resistant metal hardware, preferably stainless steel type, when the deck boards are due for removal and replacement.



Issue: See preceding issue.

Photo Descriptions/Comments



Issue: The stress caused by the movement of the main power supply conduit is beyond the working strength of these thin plastic pipe straps.

Resolution: Provide new plastic pipe straps with better working strength and durability (i.e. more material thickness/cross-section, mass, etc).



Description: Typical view of the substructure framing and the condition of the decking underside in the vicinity of Pier # 7.

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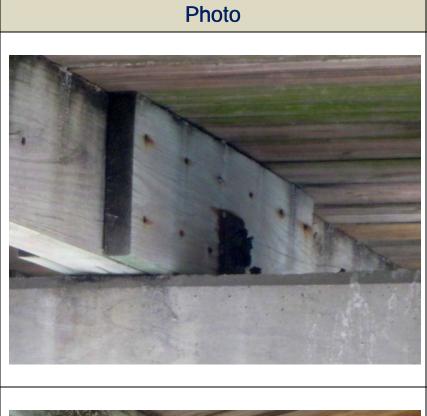


Issue: The movement of the deck under wind gust can pull pipe/conduit out of its joint and/or rip a pipe segment out of its strapping.

Resolution: Repair or replace all broken and loose pipe/conduit fitting and wiring when the deck boards are due for removal and replacement. Provide proper and durable pipe/conduit straps and hangers to ensure firm attachment and support against periodic dynamic loads.



Issue: See preceding issue for metal hardware from Pier # 7 and beyond.



Issue: See preceding issue.

Resolution: See preceding resolution.



Issue: See preceding issue.



<u>Issue:</u> Pier #8. See preceding issue. **Resolution:** See preceding resolution.



Issue: See preceding issue. Note hex-nuts and washers have corroded away and cleared from the end of the rail post thru-bolts causing potential faulty structural connections.

Resolution: Require immediate close inspection and repair/replacement.



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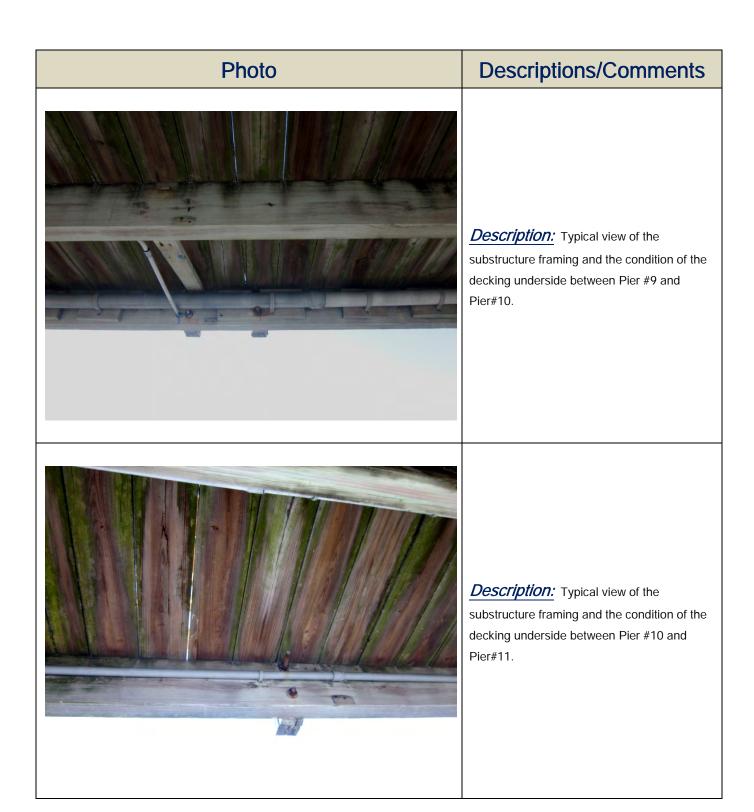


Issue: Pier #9. See preceding issue. Note the two hex-nuts and a washer have corroded away and cleared from the end of the rail post thru-bolts causing potential faulty structural connections.

Resolution: Require immediate close inspection and repair/replacement.



Issue: The stress caused by the movement of the main power supply conduit is beyond the working strength of these thin plastic pipe straps.



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Description: Typical view of the substructure framing and the condition of the decking underside in the vicinity of Pier #11.



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Resolution: Provide new plastic pipe straps with better working strength and durability (i.e. more material thickness/cross-section, mass, etc).



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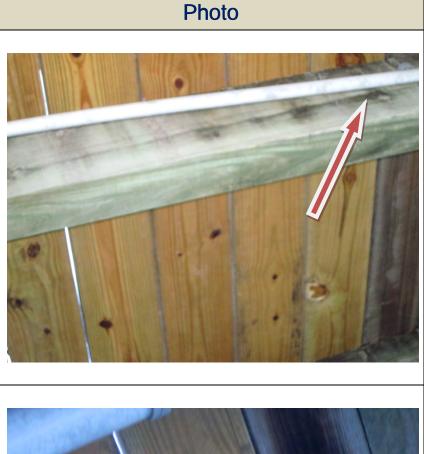


Issue: Pier #11-Pier #12. The stress caused by the movement of the main power supply conduit is beyond the working strength of these thin plastic pipe straps.

Resolution: Provide new plastic pipe straps with better working strength and durability (i.e. more material thickness/cross-section, mass, etc).



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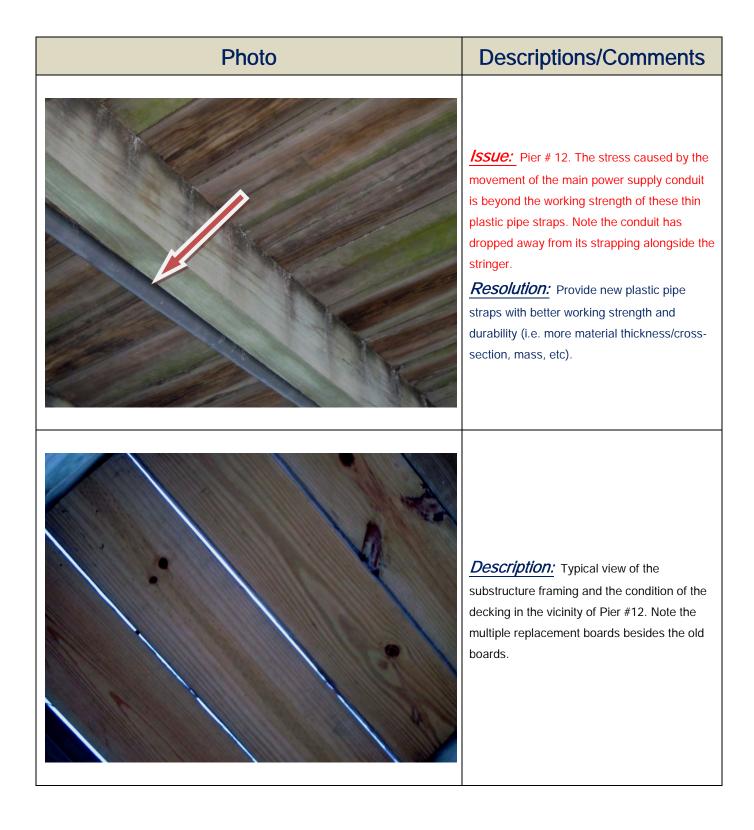


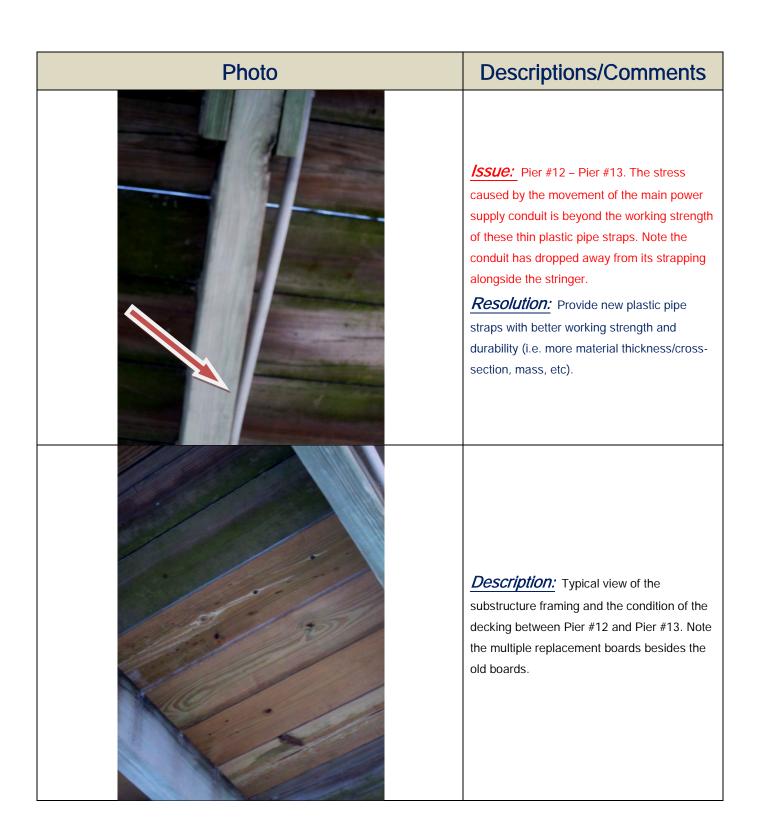
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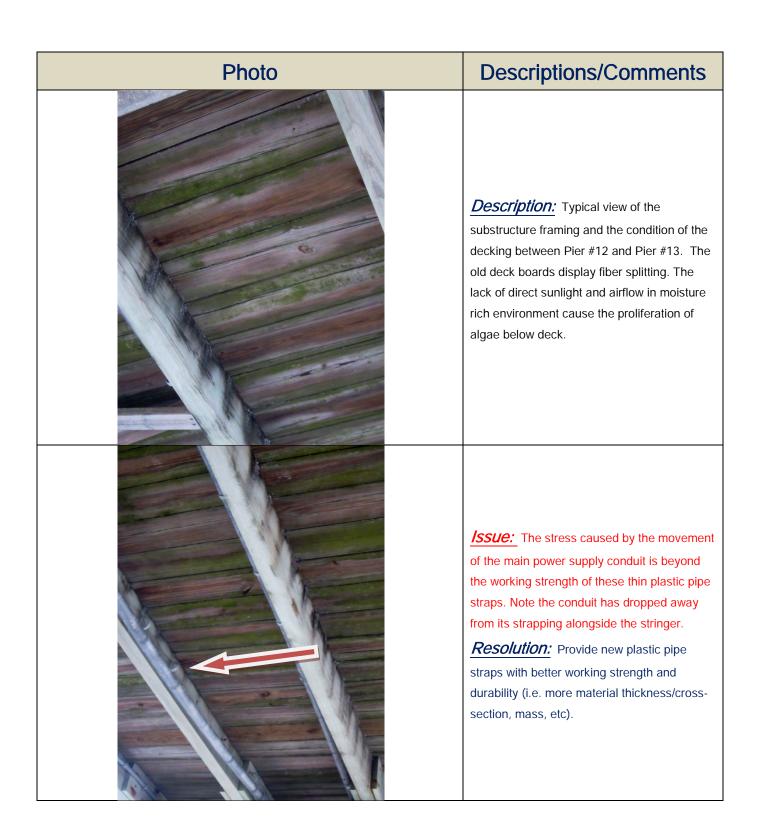
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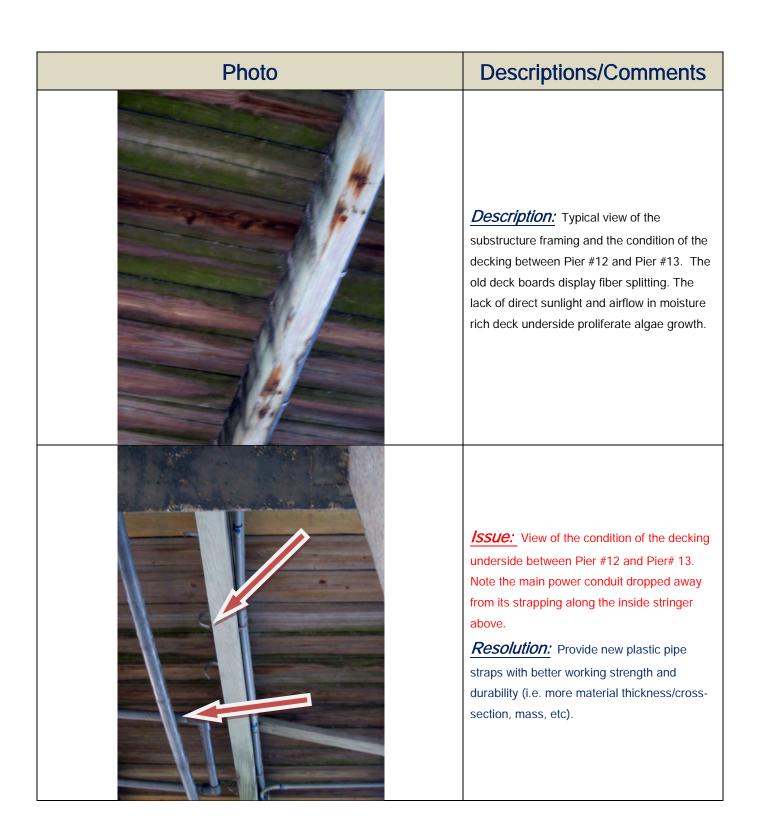


Description: Typical view of the substructure framing and the condition of the decking in the vicinity of Pier #12. Note the multiple replacement boards besides the old boards.









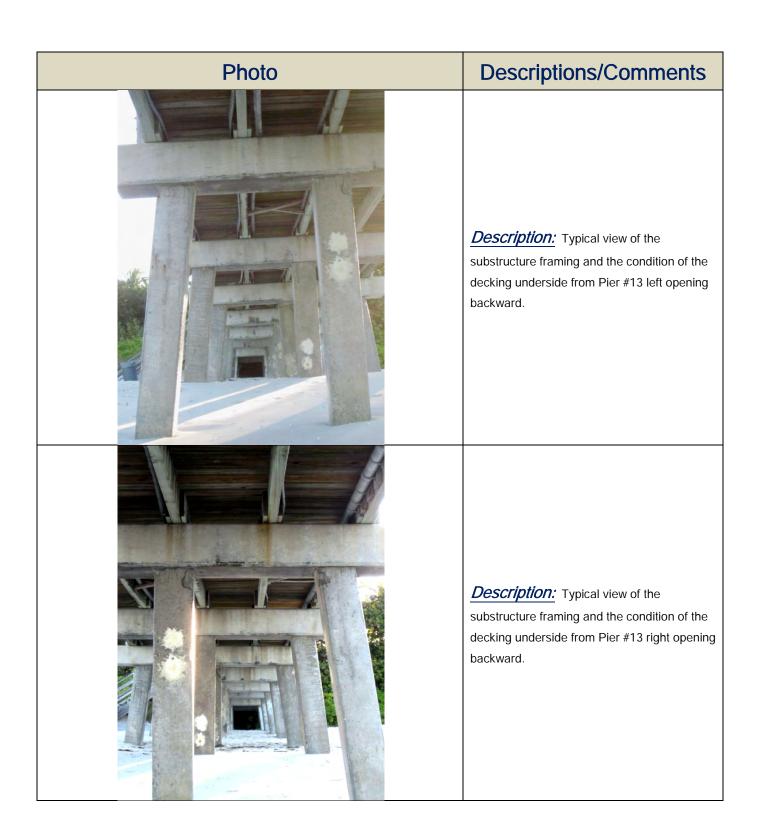
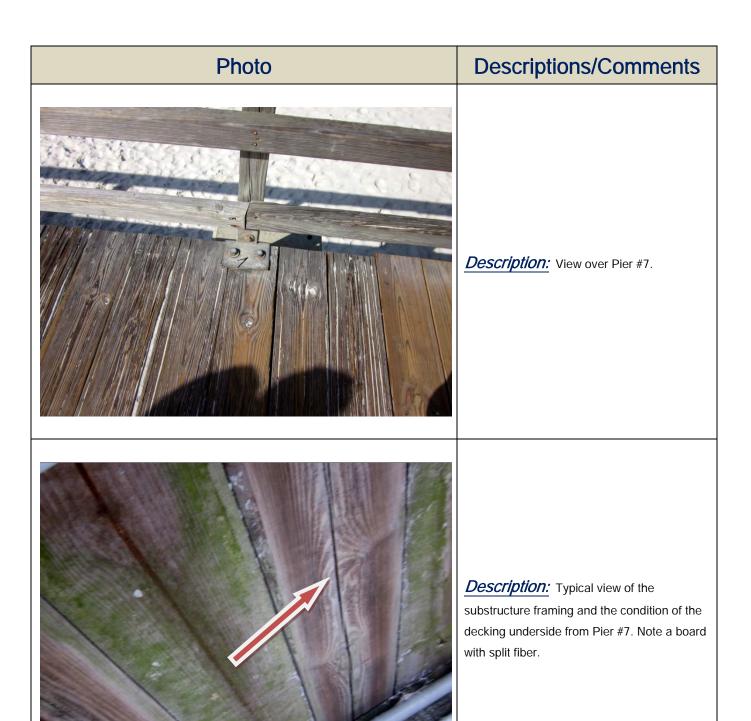
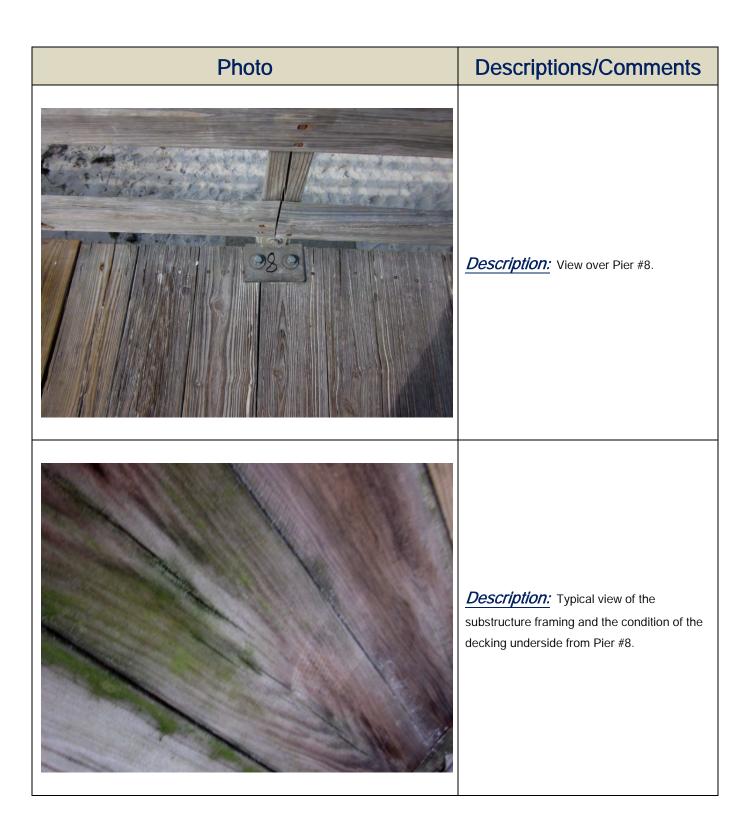
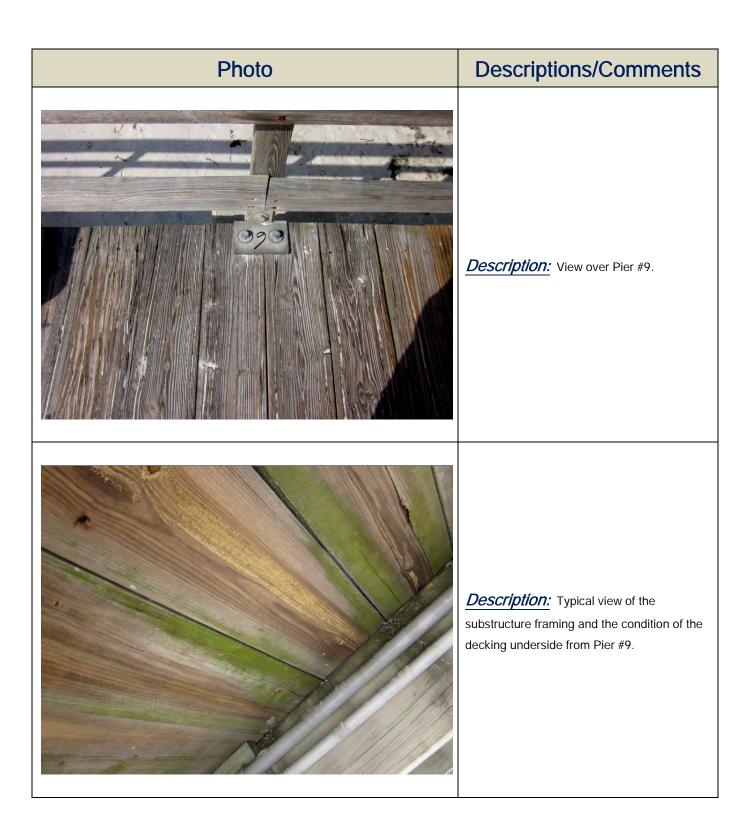
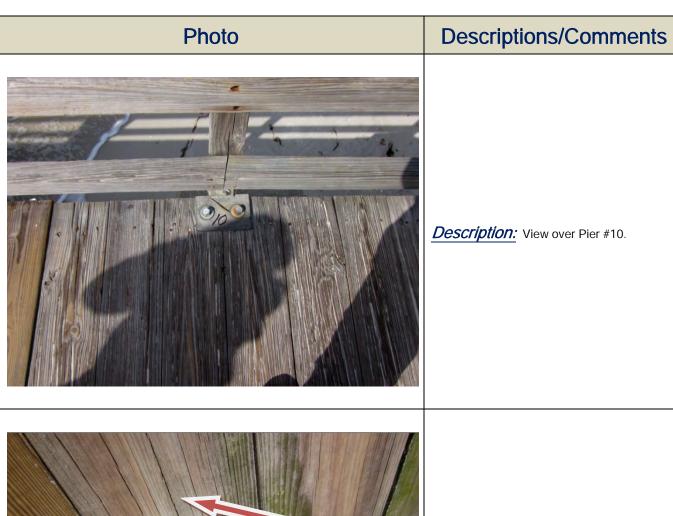


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	Description: Typical view of the substructure framing and the condition of the decking underside from Pier #13 left opening seaward.
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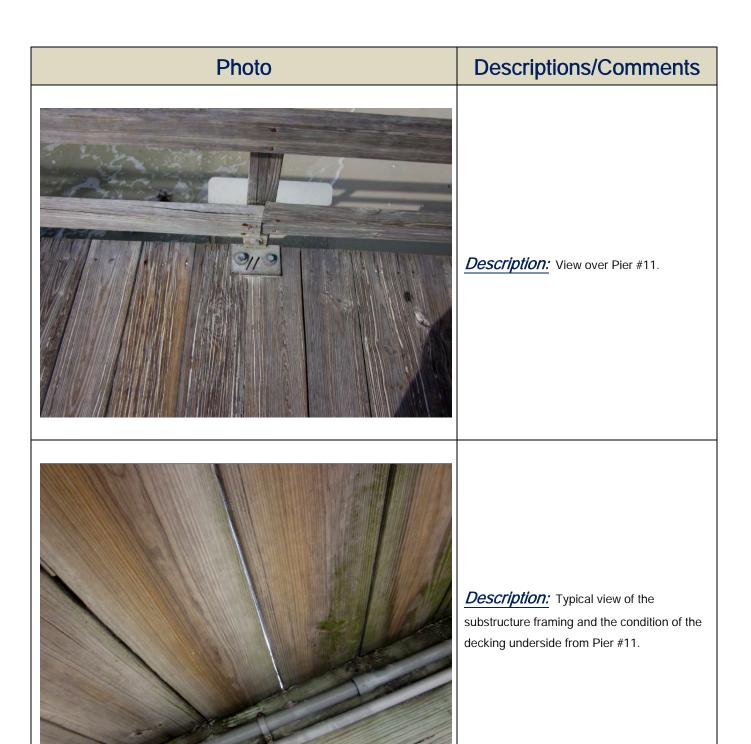


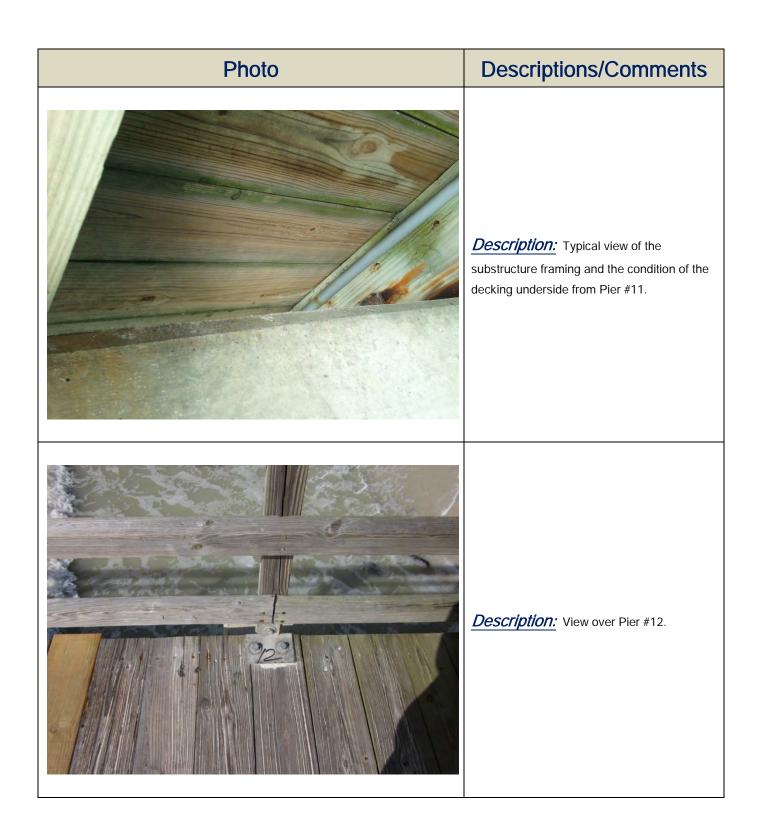


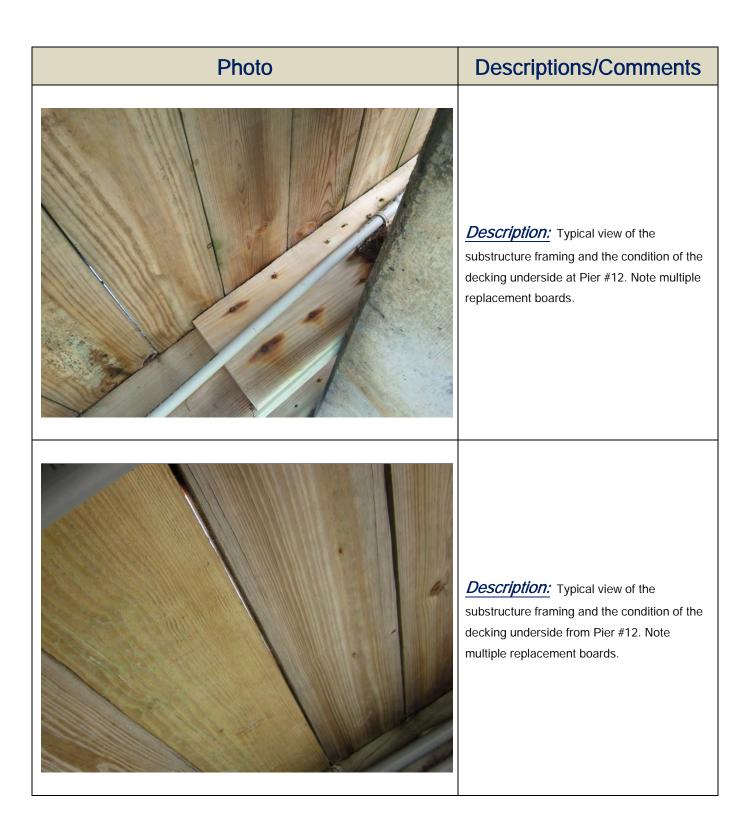


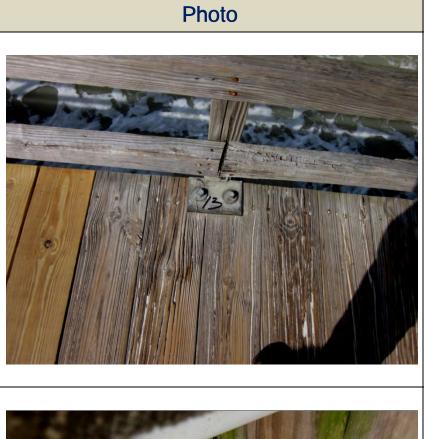


Description: Typical view of the substructure framing and the condition of the decking underside from Pier #10. Note boards with split fiber.





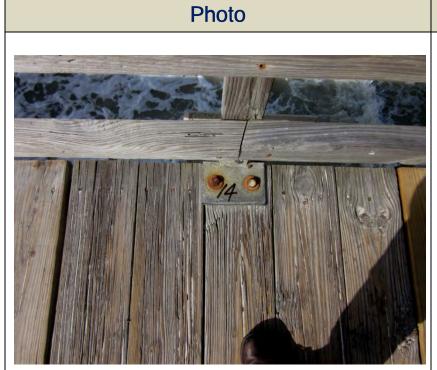




Description: View over Pier #13.



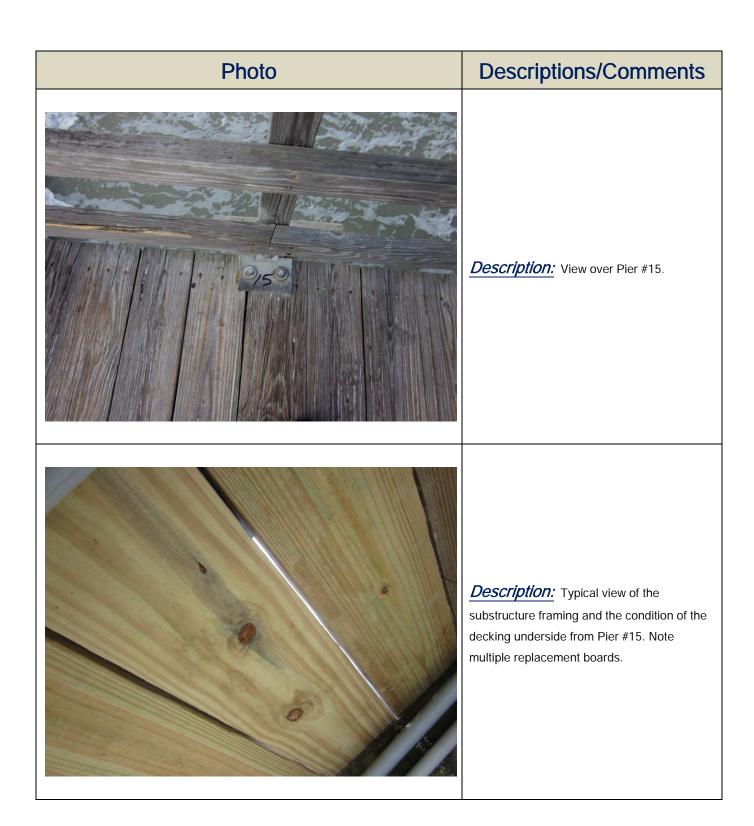
Description: Typical view of the substructure framing and the condition of the decking underside from Pier #7. Note algae growth between boards.

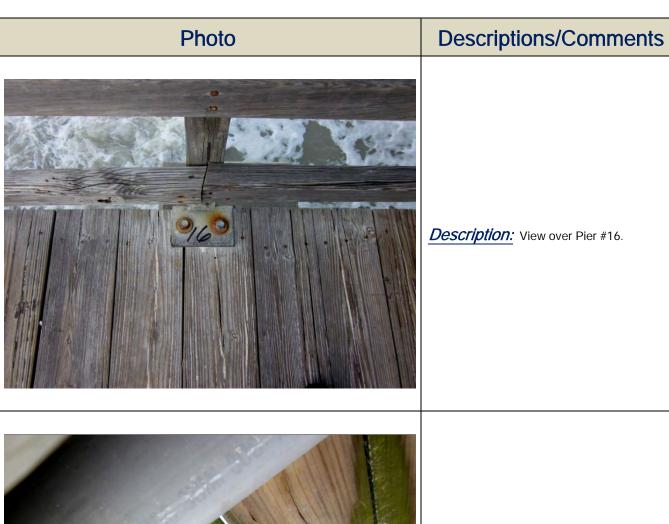


Description: View over Pier #14.



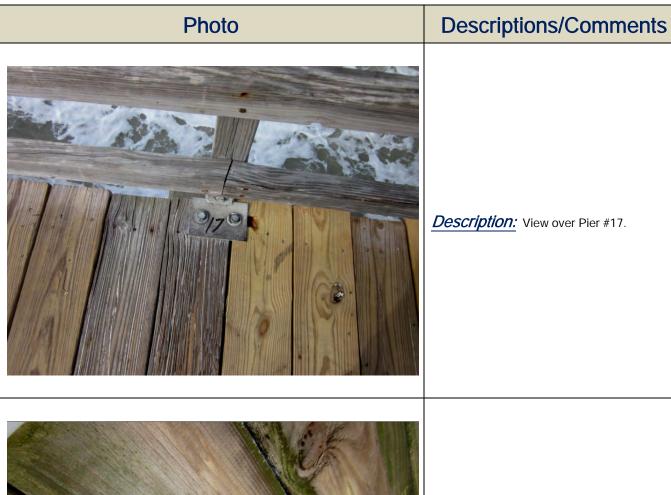
Description: Typical view of the substructure framing and the condition of the decking underside from Pier #7. Note a board with split fiber and covered with algae which accelerates wood decay. Note replacement board.





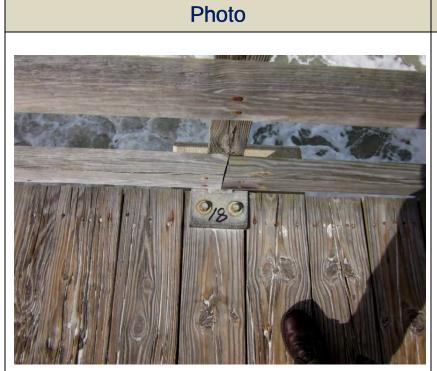


Description: Typical view of the substructure framing and the condition of the decking underside from Pier #16. Note proliferation of algae between the gaps.





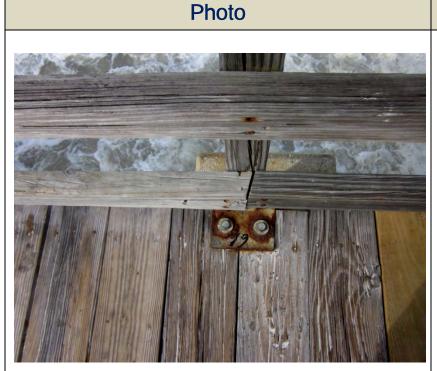
Description: Typical view of the substructure framing and the condition of the decking underside from Pier #17. Note proliferation of algae between the gaps. The board on the right is beginning to decay from the edge.



Description: View over Pier #18.



Description: Typical view of the substructure framing and the condition of the decking underside from Pier #18. Note proliferation of algae between the gaps. Note multiple replacement boards. Also note some loose cross-bracing hanging beyond.



Description: View over Pier #19.



Description: Typical view of the substructure framing and the condition of the decking underside from Pier #16. Note the fiber split in the middle board despite it fresh appearance. The start of algae growth within the split indicates that moisture is migrating through the split from top to bottom. This is where wood decay is naturally takes root.

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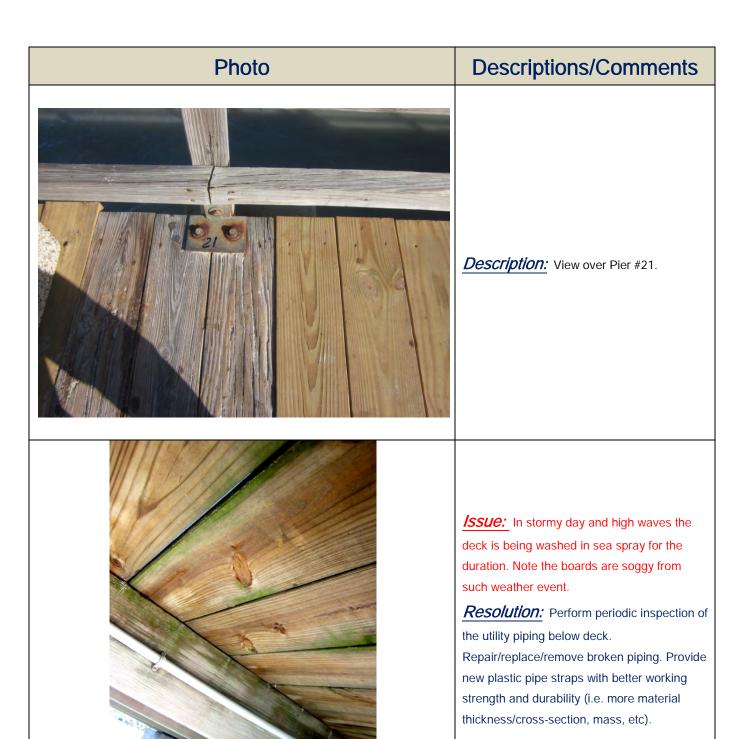


Description: View over Pier #20. As the pier begins to go over water seaward, the impact of the sea environment is increasingly harsh on wood and metal hardware. Note the sign of decay on the board immediately to the left of the post. Note a decaying board on the left.



Issue: The connection assembly on the pier is the most vulnerable to sea spray that brings split and decay on wood, and promotes accelerated corrosion of metal hardware.

Resolution: Perform regular inspection and replace severely corroded washers and hex-nuts. In some case the galvanized clip angle may need replacement as well.

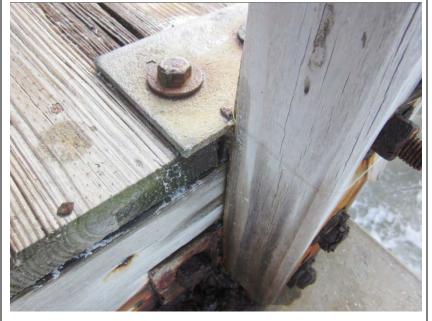


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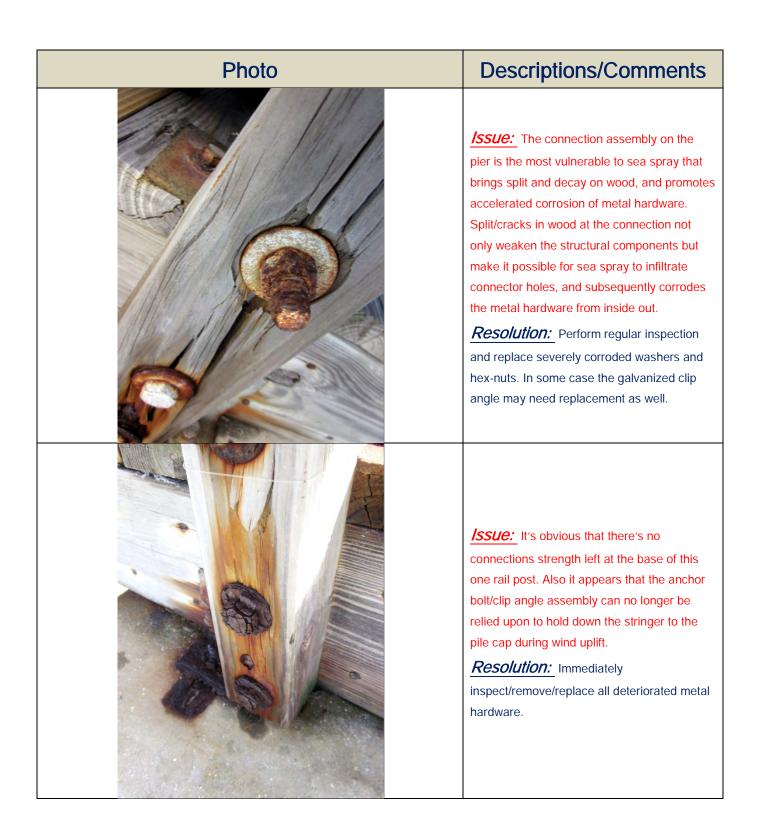


<u>Description:</u> View over Pier #22. Note a decaying board to the left.



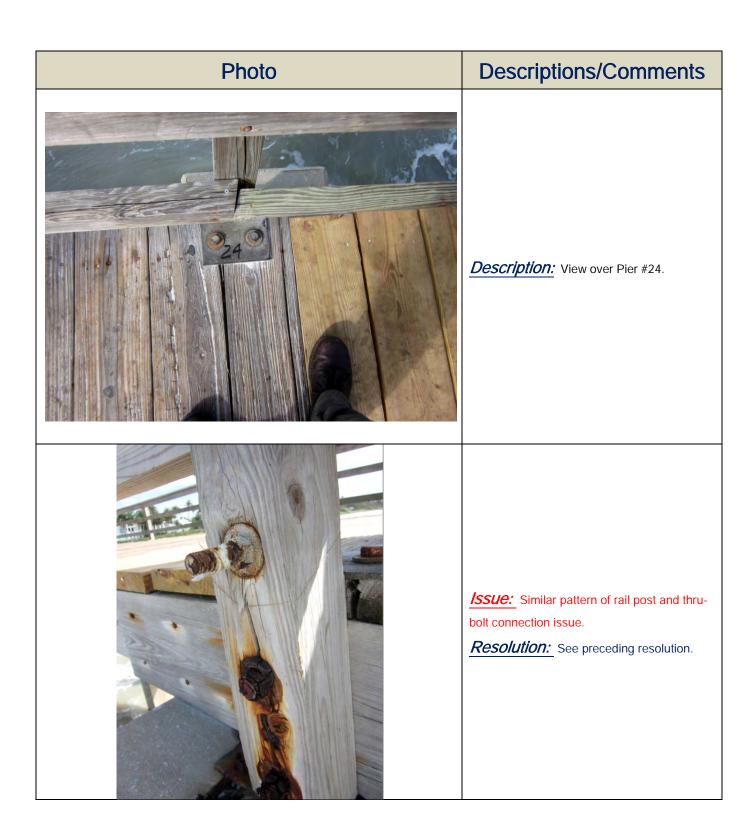
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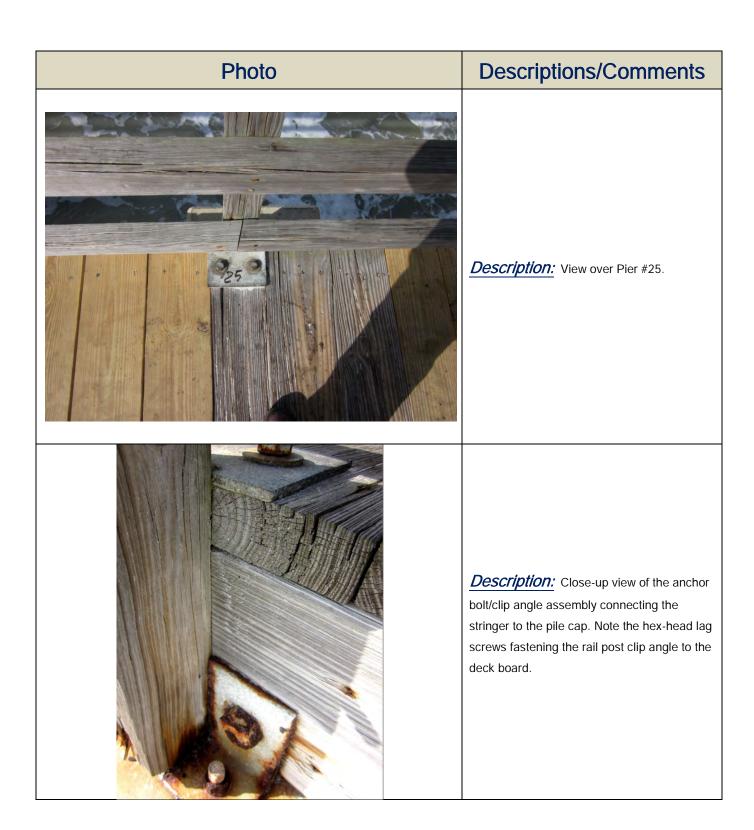
Note the middle thru-bolt connecting the rail post to the top part of the stringer is missing. The base has a wide split fiber from top bolt to bottom end.

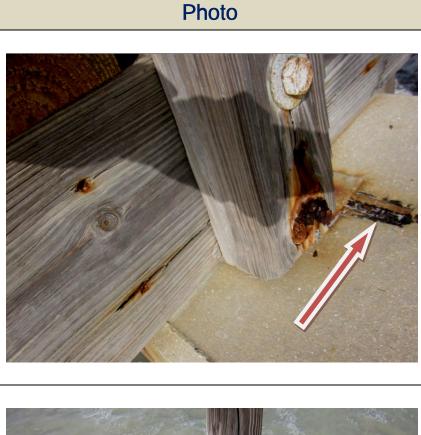
Resolution: See preceding resolution.



Issue: See preceding issue. This pair is only for mounting pedestrian lighting.

Resolution: See preceding resolution.





<u>/ssue:</u> Similar pattern of rail post and thrubolt connection issue.

Note corrosion of the exposed adjustable-slot may preclude the provision that allows for stringer's lateral movement and adjustment.

Resolution: See preceding resolution.



Description: View over Pier #26.



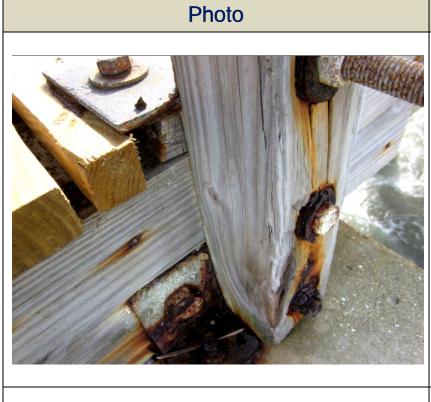
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Even horizontal connection hardware is not spared by corrosion from sea spray at this post.

Resolution: See preceding resolution.



Description: View over Pier #27.

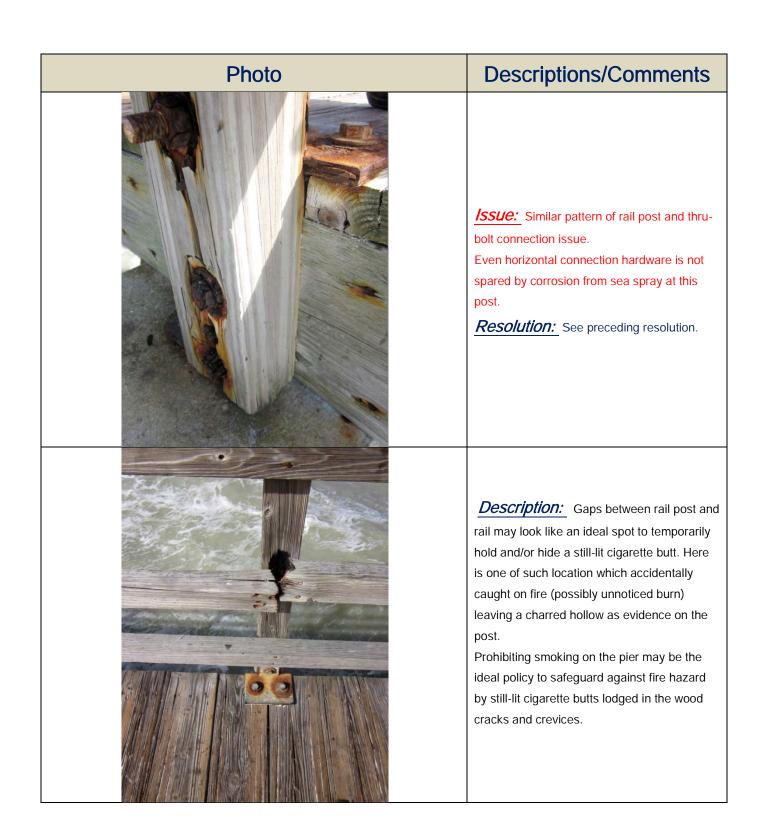


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Resolution: See preceding resolution.



Description: View over Pier #28.



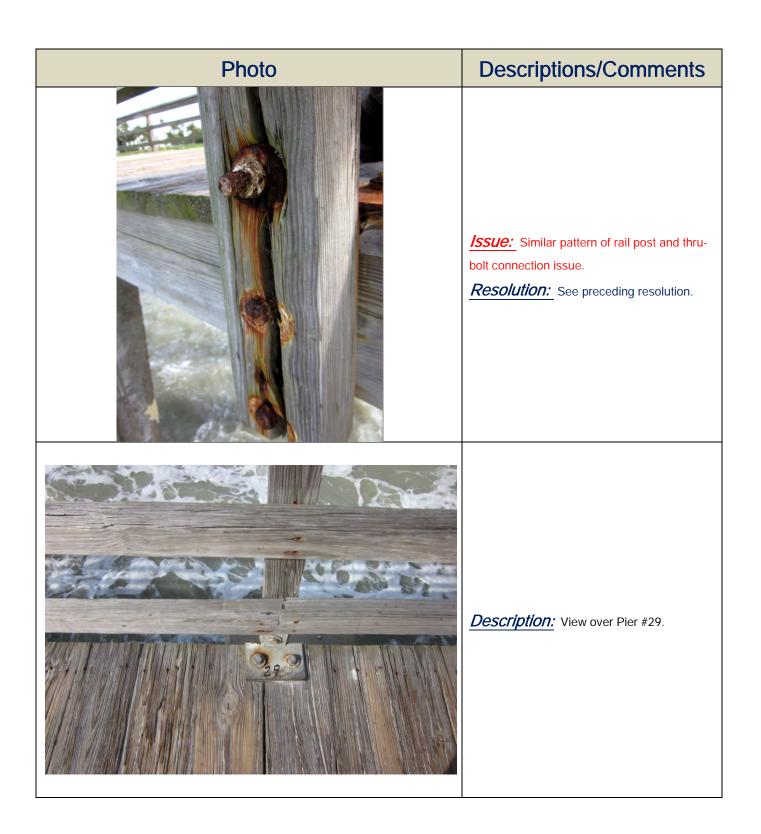




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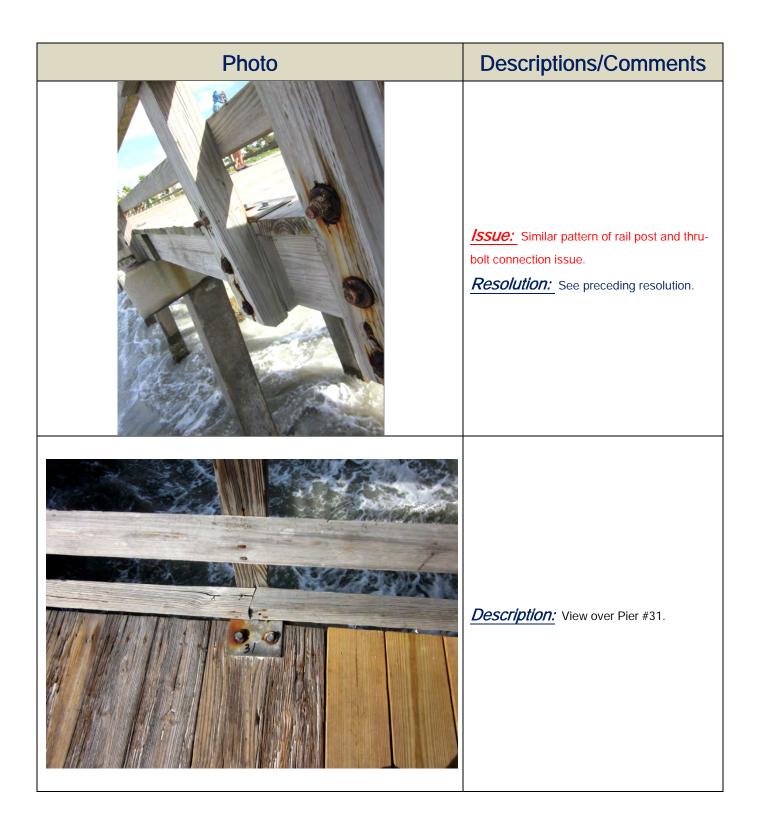
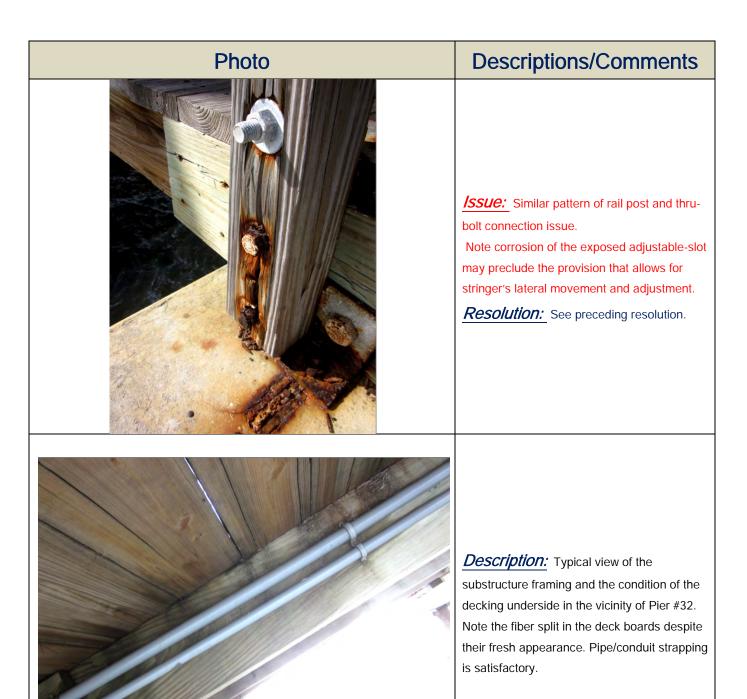
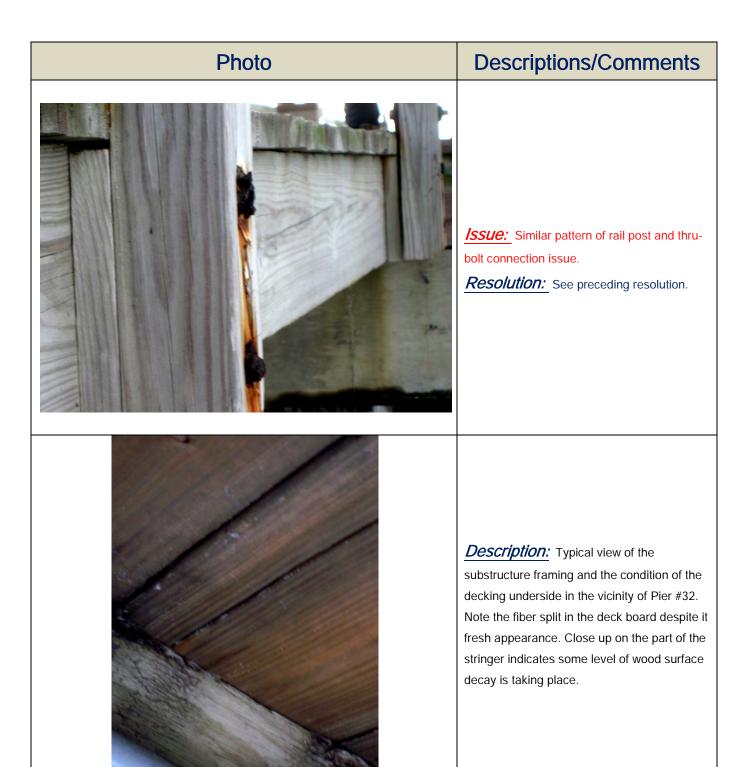
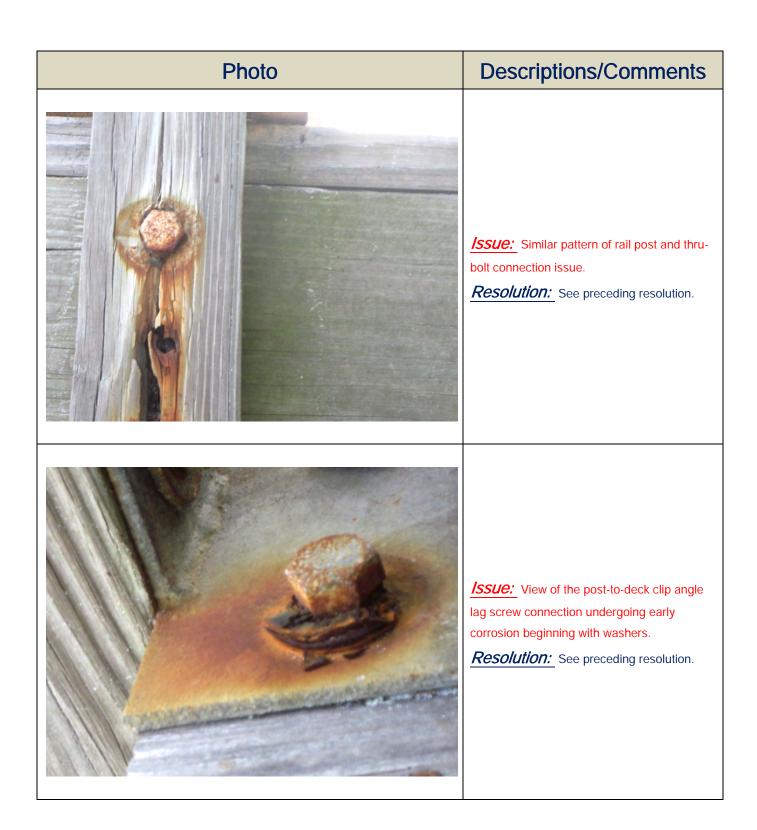
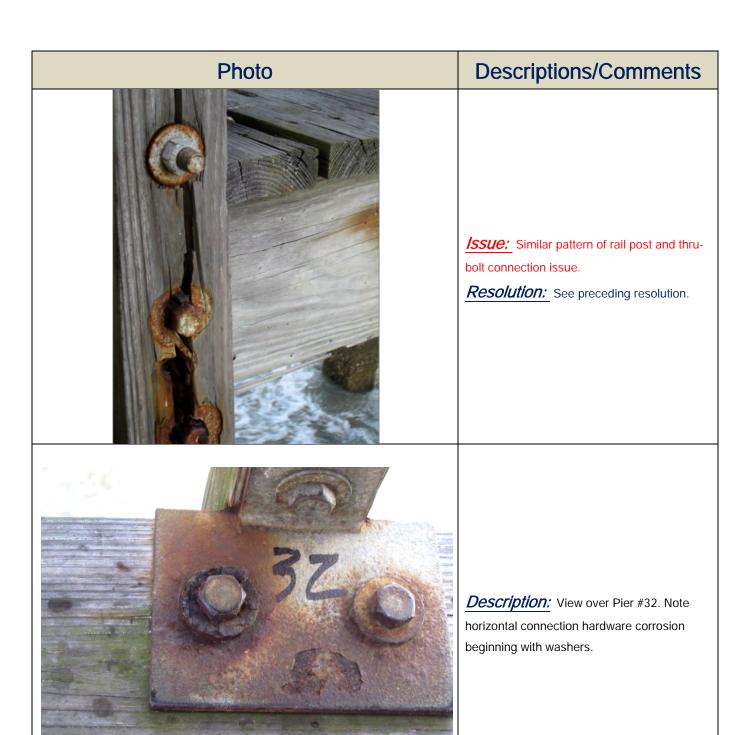


Photo Descriptions/Comments Description: View of, possibly, a tide gauge component of a weather monitoring station at the Northeast corner of the food concession pier. Issue: Similar pattern of rail post and thrubolt connection issue. **Resolution:** See preceding resolution.

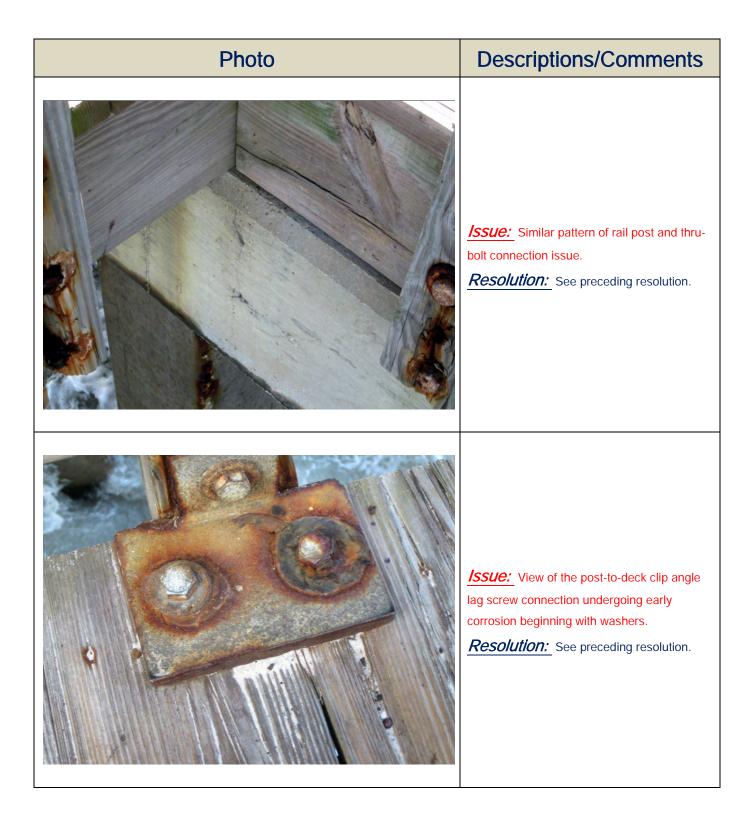


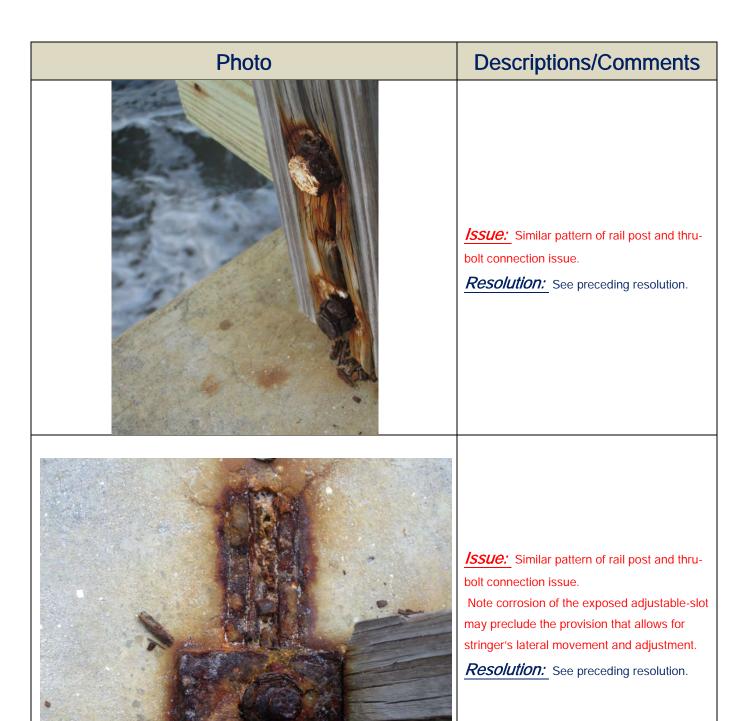


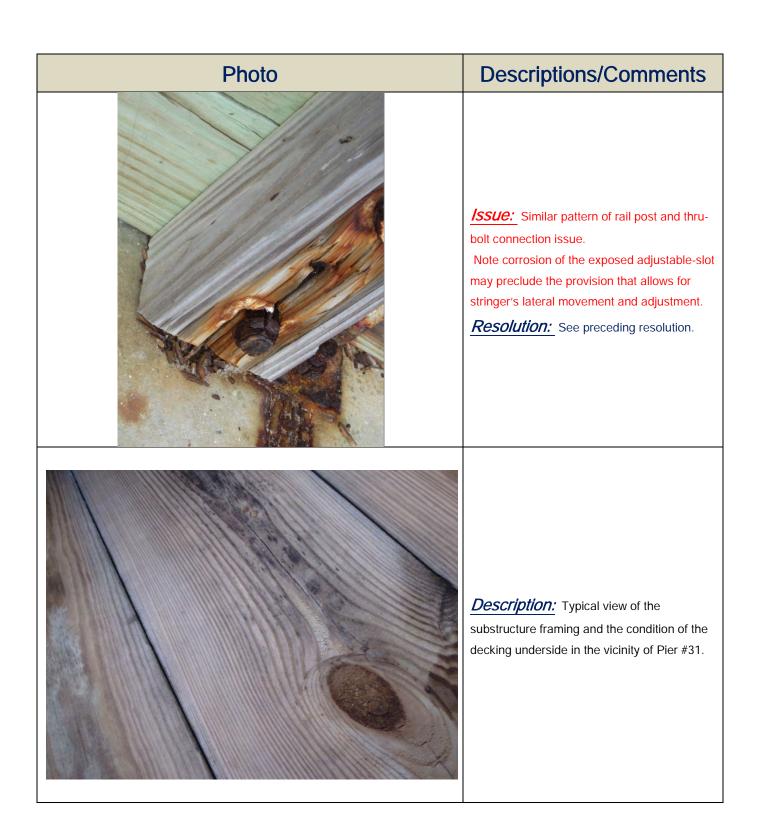


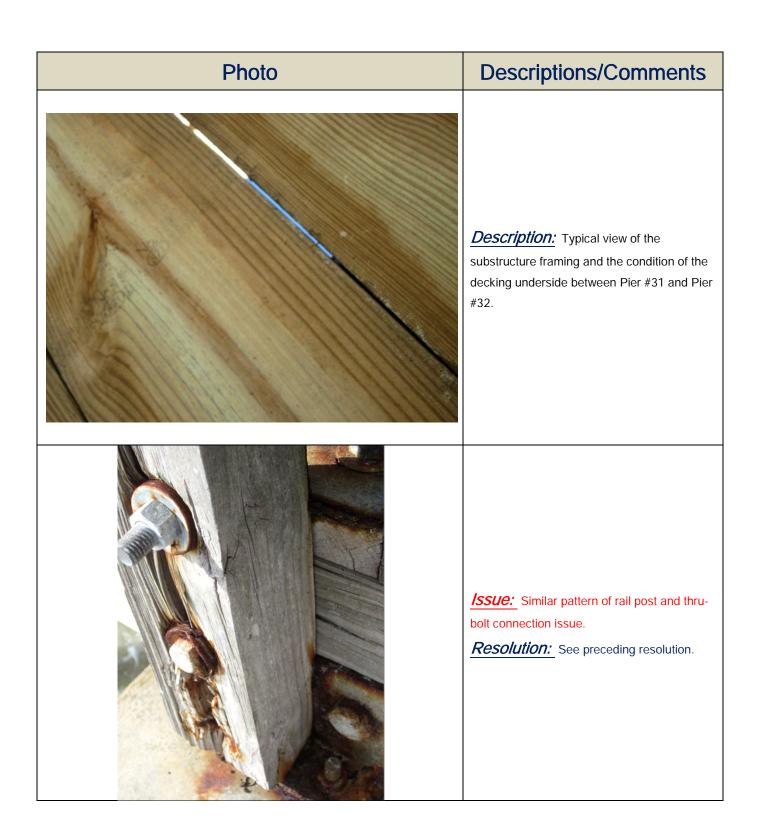


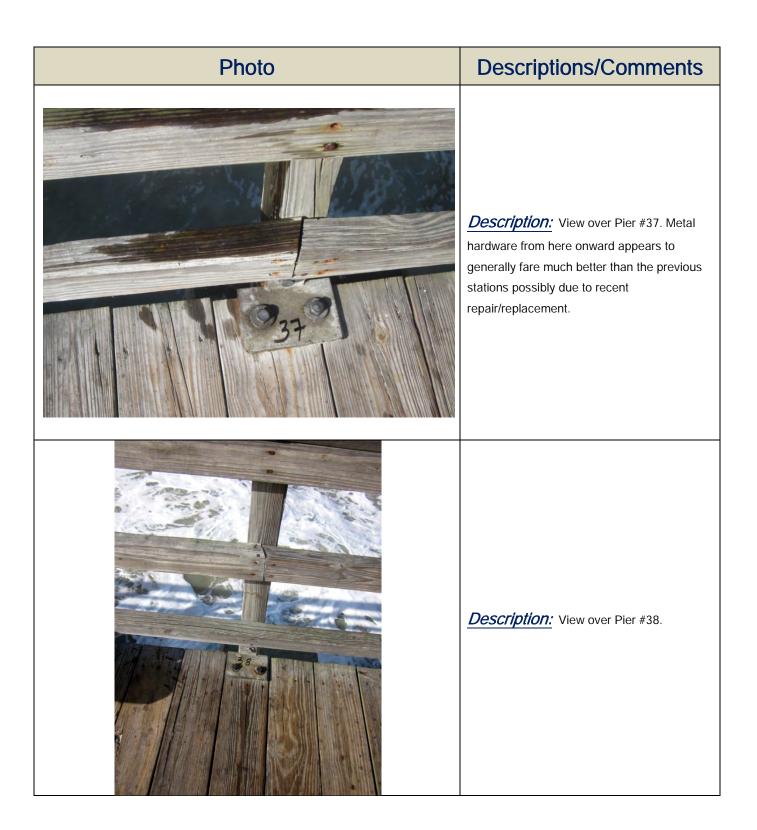
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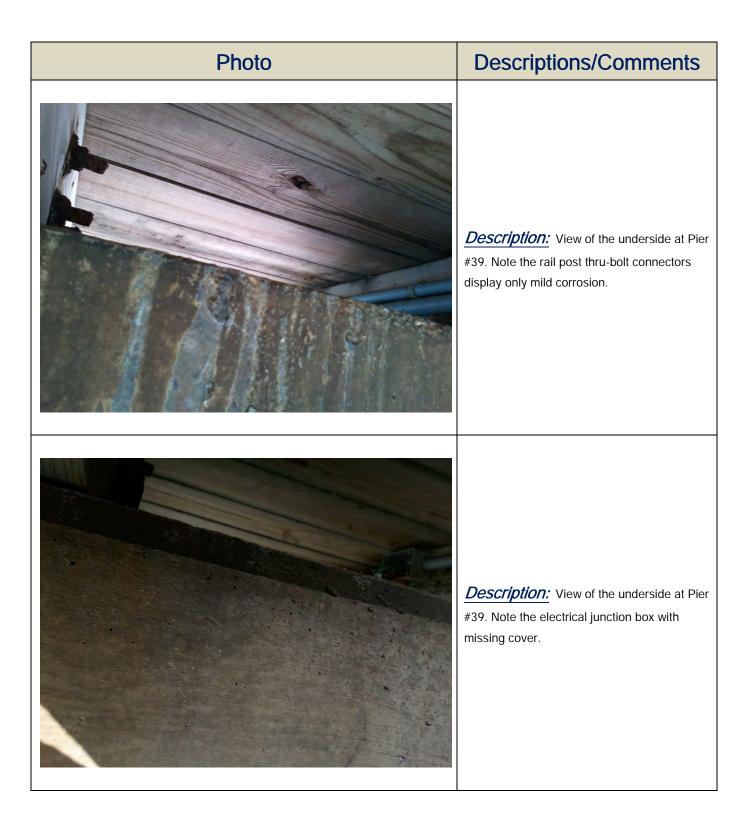


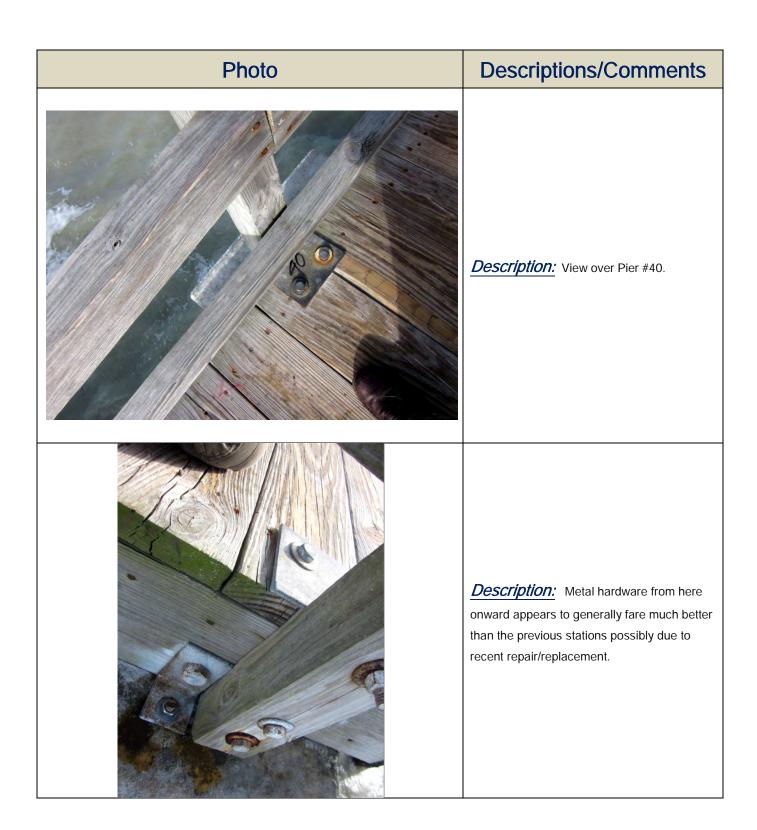


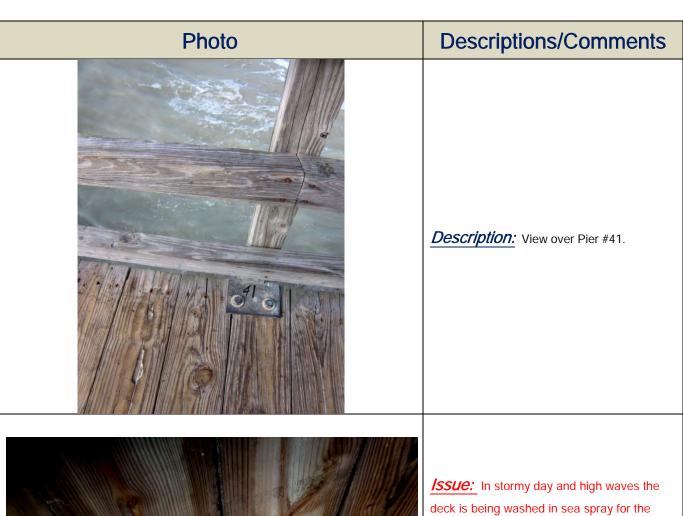




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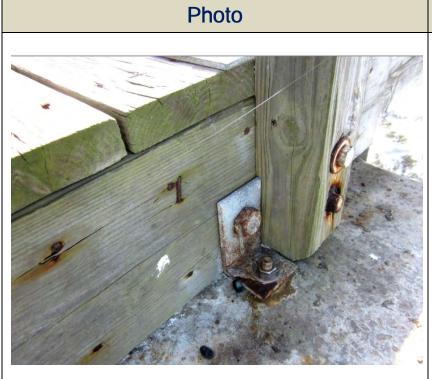


In stormy day and high waves the deck is being washed in sea spray for the duration. Note the boards are soggy from such weather event. Note the small pipe/conduit appears to have been broken off.

Resolution: Perform periodic inspection of the utility piping below deck.

Repair/replace/remove broken piping. Provide new plastic pipe straps with better working strength and durability (i.e. more material thickness/cross-section, mass, etc).



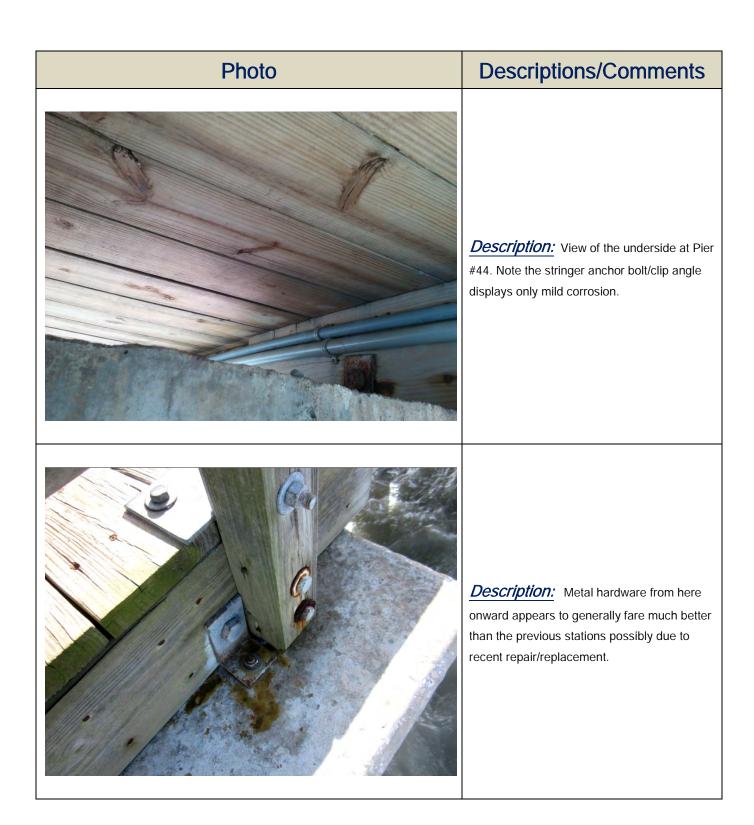


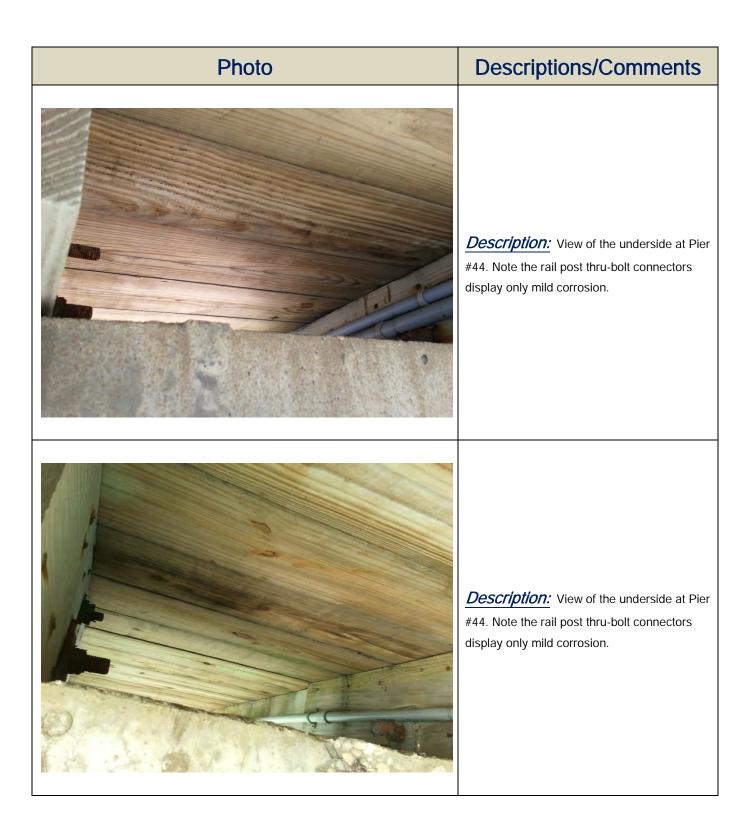
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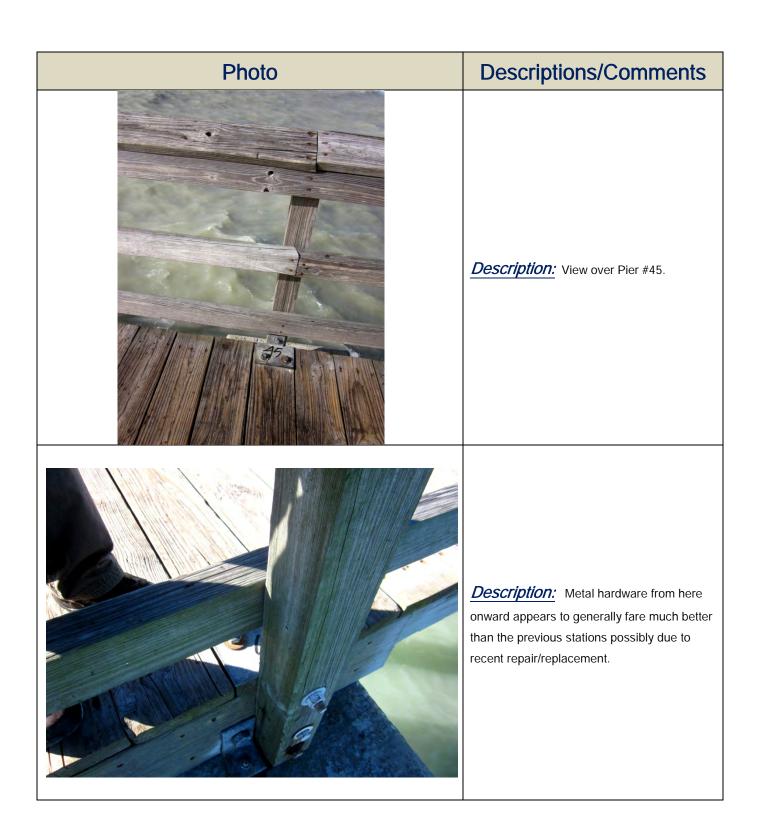
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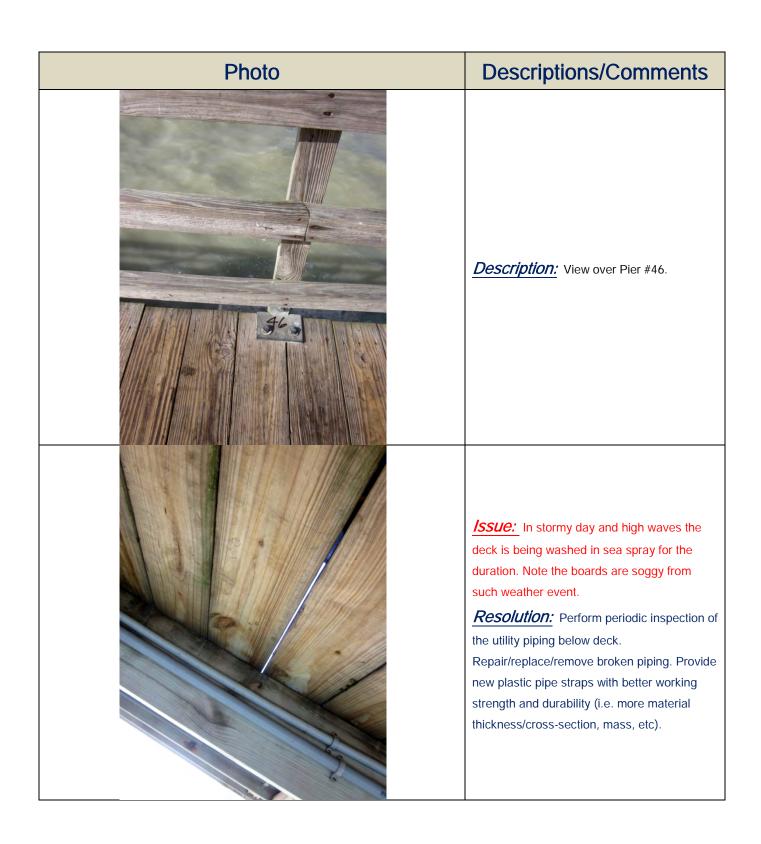


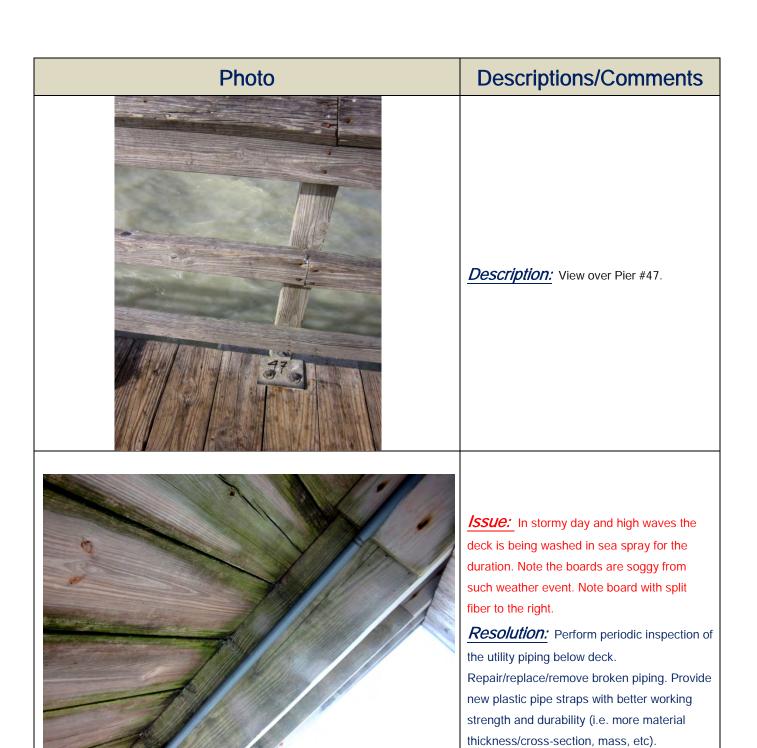
Description: View over Pier #44.











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Description: View over Pier #48.



Issue: In stormy day and high waves the deck is being washed in sea spray for the duration. Note the boards are soggy from such weather event. Note board with split fiber in the center.

Resolution: Perform periodic inspection of the utility piping below deck.

Repair/replace/remove broken piping. Provide new plastic pipe straps with better working strength and durability (i.e. more material thickness/cross-section, mass, etc).

Photo	Descriptions/Comments
	Description: View over Pier #49.
	Description: View over Pier #50.





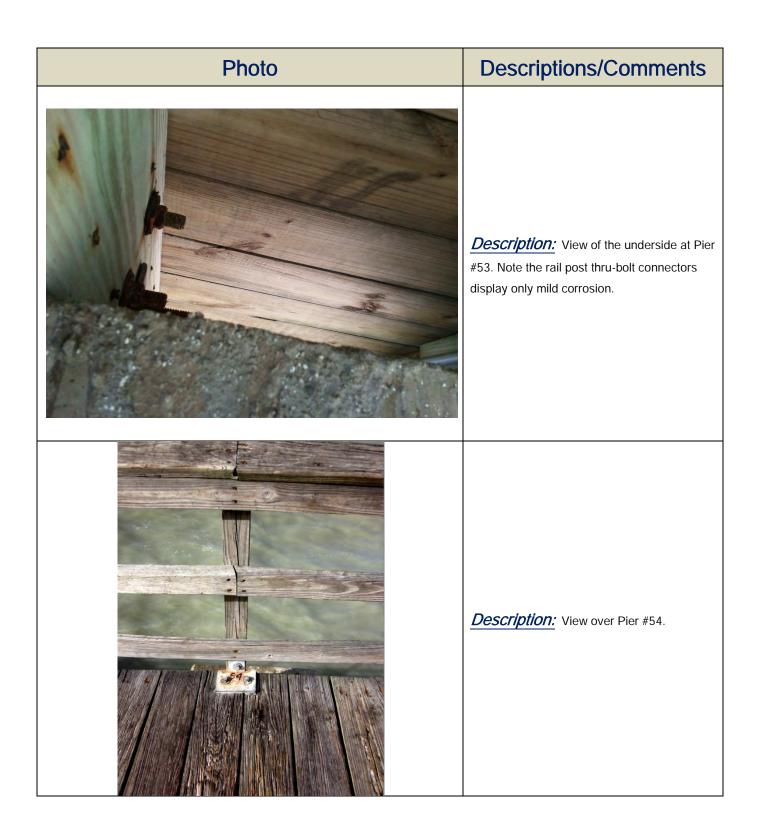


Photo	Descriptions/Comments
	Description: View over Pier #55.
	Description: View over Pier #57. Note the decaying board beside new replacement boards.

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	Description: View over Pier #59.

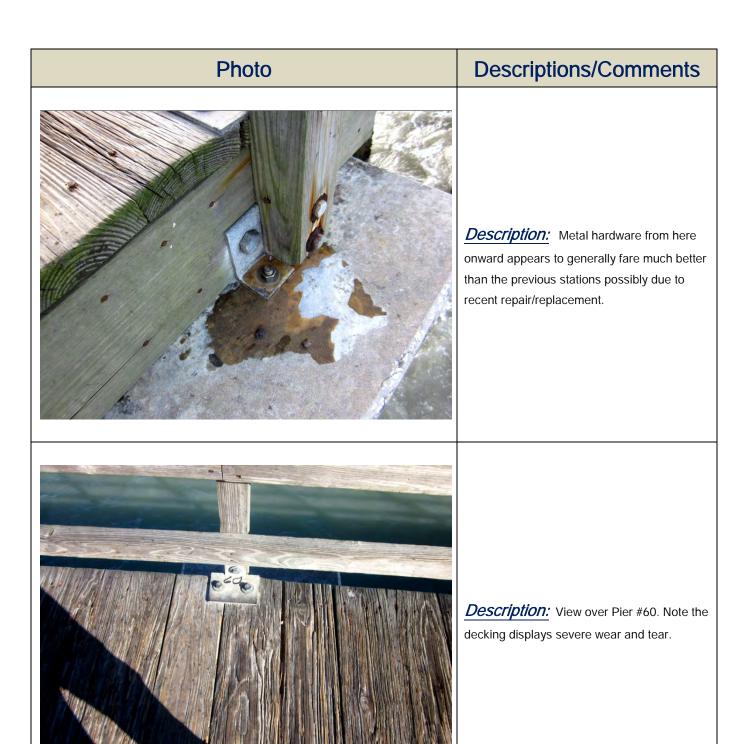


Photo	Descriptions/Comments
	Description: View of the underside at Pier #60. Note the rail post thru-bolt connectors display only mild corrosion.