

Stehekin Ferry Dock



Stehekin is a picturesque, isolated community lying at the upper end of the 55-mile long Lake Chelan in the glacier-carved Stehekin Valley of Washington state's North Cascades. Less than 100 people make up the list of permanent residents here. This tiny population grows in the summer months with the addition of seasonal workers and travelers from all over the world.

Getting to Stehekin can be difficult. One can access it by ferry, private boat, float plane, horseback, or on foot. The community has a road, but no road connections to the outside world. For this reason, it is very important to have a fully equipped, top-notch ferry system and dock; however, the existing dock didn't fulfill this standard and needed to be replaced.

Made out of gravel, the old dock was a maintenance headache and dangerous for pedestrians. Snow removal was difficult and with the uneven surface, slips and trips were inevitable. The engineering firm, in charge of replacing the dock, was looking for a durable decking system that could withstand the climate and would endure being immersed in water for a majority of the year. Along with needing to be corrosion resistant, they also wanted a slip resistant, safe product that would be easy to maintain. Fibergrate's FRP (fiberglass reinforced plastic) grating was selected for the project because the properties of FRP material met their requirements. Fibergrate's Safe-T-Span T1215 pedestrian pultruded grating with a non-slip, grit surface was the perfect option.

The engineer was very happy with the outcome of the new dock, as was the community and its many visitors. It will not only withstand the corrosive, wet, snowy conditions with very little maintenance, but the new ADA compliant, slip resistant dock will be safer for pedestrians for many years to come. The benefits, price, service and quality of Fibergrate provided a "Ferry Tale" ending to this community's dock renovation.

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