Project Completed: The original structure was completed in 1974. After Hurricane Opal, the fishing pier was reconstructed and pier store was relocated to its present site.

Length: Approximately 1,450 feet

Ownership: The pier was privately owned until April 2000, when the developer from Summerwinds gave ownership to Santa Rosa County as a condition of a lease modification. This changed the pier to public ownership, which made it eligible for FEMA funding for any future storm repairs.

Pier Visitors: In the 2003/2004 fiscal year, 79,271 people visited the pier. The highest weekly attendance was on June 13-19, 2004 with 3,044 people. Pier ticket sales from 2001-2004 were an average of $265,900 per year.

Storm Damage 1990’s & 2000’s
- Hurricane Opal: destroyed the “T” end design of the pier in September 1995. It was repaired and the “T” was replaced.
- Hurricane Ivan: destroyed the “T” end design of the pier in September 2004. It was not repaired.
- Hurricane Dennis: destroyed the mid section in July 2005.

Pier Removal and Disposal
The demolition on the landward portion of the old pier began April 20, 2009 and the demolition of the remaining portion over the water began on March 5, 2010. The concrete pilings of the original pier were deposited in an artificial reef offshore of Escambia County.