

MARINAS AND BOATING FACILITIES

Marinas are facilities which provide boat launching, storage, supplies and services for small pleasure craft. Marina policies and regulations apply to any facility with ten or more moorage slips. A boating facility is any ramp, launch, moorage or other development designed to facilitate water access, and applies to a facility with nine or less moorage slips.

A. Policies

1. In locating marinas and boating facilities, special plans should be made to protect and fully mitigate natural, cultural, and aesthetic resources that may be harmed by construction and operation of the facility.
2. Identify locations that are near high-use or potentially high-use areas for proposed marina and boating facility sites. Local as well as regional "need" data should be considered as input in location selection. (Refer to Supplement II. "Public Access Report".)
3. Special attention should be given to the design and development of operational procedures for fuel handling and storage in order to minimize accidental spillage and provide satisfactory means for handling those spills that do occur.
4. Shallow water embayments with poor flushing action should not be considered for overnight and long-term moorage facilities.
5. Local as well as regional need input should be considered in marina location. Marinas are considered inappropriate and unnecessary in river shorelines of the White Salmon, Klickitat, and Little Klickitat. Marinas should be discouraged on these shorelines. Light watercraft rentals, sales and services, which do not require a river bank location, should be considered inappropriate for shoreline areas.
6. Marina and boating facilities should be designed to accommodate public access and enjoyment of the shoreline

location, including provisions for parking, walkways, view points, restroom facilities, and other recreational uses according to the scale of the facility.

7. Marina and boating facilities should be located and designed so their structures, other features and operations will be aesthetically compatible with or will enhance the area visually affected, and will not unreasonably impair shoreline views of upland residences and user groups.
8. Marina and boating facility areas should be located, designed, and operated so that neighboring water dependent uses are not adversely affected.

B. Regulations

1. The Washington State Department of Fisheries has prepared guidelines concerning the construction of marinas and boating facilities. These guidelines shall be consulted in planning and prior development.
2. State and local health agencies have standards and guidelines for the development of marinas which shall be consulted by local agencies.
3. Marinas and boating facilities shall be designed so their structures, other features and operations will be aesthetically compatible with, and/or will enhance, existing shoreline features and uses, and so views from the uplands and the water are not significantly diminished.
4. Landscape plans shall mitigate adverse development impacts on adjacent properties, and protect and enhance views from upland areas for all marinas and boating facilities.
5. Covered moorage is allowed when consistent with other applicable regulations.
6. Liveboards shall be discouraged. When allowed, they shall be connected to upland sewage facilities at all times that they are within the moorage.

7. New or expanded marinas shall include sanitary pumpout facilities available to the public unless the lack of need for such facilities is documented by the applicant.
8. No marinas or boat facilities shall be allowed on the free-flowing portion of Shorelines of State-wide Significance.
9. Marina and Boating Facility use limitations in shoreline environments:

NATURAL-Prohibited

CONSERVANCY-Conditional Use

RURAL-Conditional Use

COMMUNITY-Conditional Use

URBAN/INDUSTRIAL-Conditional Use