



PRIVATE BUOY OR LAKE MARKER SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST

Private buoys and lake markers, which meet specific requirements, are allowed on Lake Stevens and on State-owned aquatic lands. Lake Stevens Municipal Code 10.16.070 provides detailed requirements, which are summarized below. Mooring buoys and lake safety markers require a review from the Parks Department and Lake Stevens Police Department.

In addition, private mooring buoys will require Hydraulic Permit Approval (HPA) or HPA exemption from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) before permit issuance, SMP Chapter 4.B. Table 1, Shoreline Modification Matrix. Lake Safety Markers are covered in the City programmatic HPA issued by WDFW.

Summary of Mooring Buoy Requirements (LSMC 10.16.070):

- Residential property owners, on Lake Stevens, with no dock, may place a mooring buoy as near to the shore as practical and at least 10 feet from the property lines extended into the lake, consistent with the Shoreline Master Program, Uniform Waterway Marking System (Chapter [352-66 WAC](#)) and RCW [79.105.430](#). A second buoy to help secure moorage to the first buoy is allowed. A separate private buoy or marker permit is required from the City. The Washington State Department of Natural Resources must also authorize the buoys, and the authorization number must be placed on the buoy. Buoys or markers must meet the requirements of the Uniform Waterway Marking System (Chapter 352-66 WAC).
- Waterskiing activities requiring buoys, jumps, or floats require an HPA or HPA exemption and a City permit. Permits will be processed only in conjunction with an Event Permit.

Summary of Lake Safety Marker Permit:

- The Parks Director, in consultation with the Chief of Police, may issue a Lake Safety Marker Permit.
- Review will consider the following:
 - the purpose and location of the proposed marker
 - Proximity of proposed markers to the shoreline, adjacent property, and other buoys and markers.
 - Water traffic congestion around the proposed marker.
 - Potential hazards to navigation.
 - Regulations in the Shoreline Master Program.
 - Any other issue bearing on public safety and health.
- Lake safety markers are placed by the city and remain the city's property.

Denial of Private Buoy or Marker Permit or refusal to renew a prior application can be appealed pursuant to 14.16A.

Required Online Submittal Items:

1. Completed Type I/ II Permit Application Form
2. Intake Fee