



Development Guide

Docks and Private Mooring Buoys

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CSR D ELECTORAL AREAS

Area 'A' - Rural Golden -
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Area 'B' - Rural Revelstoke -
Columbia

Area 'C' - South Shuswap

Area 'D' - Rancho/Deep Cree -
Salmon Valley

Area 'E' - Rural Sicamous -
Malakwa-Swansea Point

Area 'F' - North Shuswap -
Seymour Arm

Additional Resources:

CSR D: www.csrd.bc.ca

Transport Canada:

www.tc.gc.ca

MOE: www.env.gov.bc.ca

DFO: <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/habitat/habitat-eng.htm>

Front Counter BC: <http://www.frontcounterbc.gov.bc.ca/>

This guide has been prepared for convenience only. It is not a bylaw or a legal document. If there is any discrepancy between this guide and relevant Regional District bylaws, the bylaws shall be the legal authority.

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Within the Columbia Shuswap Regional District (CSR D), docks and moorage buoys are regulated by [Bylaw No. 900](#), which applies to Electoral Area 'C' (South Shuswap), Electoral Area 'E' (Rural Sicamous) and Electoral Area 'F' (North Shuswap). If you are planning to place a dock or buoy in any area of the CSR D, however, it is your responsibility, as the property owner, to do the following (You can check the box once completed):

- Is a permit required from Front Counter BC?**
 - ⇒ If the dock is 24 m² (258 ft²) or greater an [application for Specific Permission through Front Counter BC](#) is required. If the dock is under 24 m² the province may give a [General Permission](#)
 - ⇒ All docks require an [Approval under Section 11 of the Water Sustainability Act](#)
 - ⇒ Please contact Front Counter BC toll-free 1-877-855-3222 for all dock approvals
- Check to see if your property is in a Development Permit Area**
 - ⇒ You may require a Development Permit for your dock or buoy; contact CSR D Development Services Department for more information
- Determine if the foreshore and water associated with your property is within a CSR D zoned area and what the zoning is**
 - ⇒ A zoning bylaw regulates use and density; the type and number of docks and buoys permitted in your zone, setbacks, property line setbacks, size regulation and use
- Please review Transport Canada's [A GUIDE TO PRIVATE BUOYS IN CANADA](#) and ensure that private mooring buoys are designed, located and approved according to [Transport Canada Regulations](#)**
 - ⇒ Transport Canada (TC) Private Buoy Regulations (PBR) require that for sheltered, low traffic areas all private buoys meet minimum above water dimensions 15.25 cm (6 inches) in width and 30.5 cm (12 inches) in height
 - ⇒ All private buoys must display on two opposite sides, the capital letters '**PRIV**', the buoy owner's current **NAME, ADDRESS, and TELEPHONE NUMBER** in a permanent manner. Lettering should be as large as possible and in a colour that contrasts with the colour of the buoy
 - ⇒ TC may require you to add retro-reflective material where there is a need for increased visibility or better identification for your buoy. Most retro-reflective material on buoys or signs displays numbers, letters backgrounds or horizontal bands. Where a horizontal band is used, it should be no less than 10 cm (4 inches) wide and should be placed around the buoy's circumference
 - ⇒ It is the responsibility of the owner to ensure that:
 - Their buoy meets all legal requirements, standards and guidelines of the PBR, the Canadian Aids to Navigation System (TP 968) or TC directives
 - Their buoy is built and maintained so that it remains in position and meets all legal requirements
 - Anchors are used, built and installed in a way that will keep the buoy in position
 - There is a monitoring and repair schedule for checking that the buoy(s) meet all legal requirements and is/are in good position and in good working order
 - Recommended retro-reflective material (as a minimum) is used
 - All lights comply with the Canadian Aids to Navigation System (TP 968)
- Determine if you have to submit an application to Transport Canada for your dock project. A dock project meeting all of the criteria listed below is exempt from the [Navigable Waters Protection Act](#) and does not require the submission of an application for review and approval:**
 - ⇒ It is at least 5 m from the adjacent property boundaries and property line extensions
 - ⇒ It is at least 10 m from any dock
 - ⇒ The extremity of the works that is furthest from the land is at least 30 m away from any navigation channel
 - ⇒ It does not extend further in, on or over the navigable waters than any adjacent docks
 - ⇒ It is not associated with any other proposed work, such as launch ramps, breakwaters, landfill, dredging and marinas
 - ⇒ The works are not used for float planes or other aircraft equipped with floats
- Notify the [Department of Fisheries and Oceans \(DFO\)](#) 10 working days before starting your work**

Transport Canada Regulations—Mooring Buoy Example

A GUIDE TO PRIVATE BUOYS IN CANADA

MOORING BUOYS

Mooring buoys are used for securing a vessel or similar thing. A mooring buoy must have:

- a yellow light, if lighted. The light must conform to standards and guidelines in the *Canadian Aids to Navigation System (TP 968)*; and
- yellow retroreflective material, if material is used.

