



# Dock & Private Mooring Buoy Development Checklist

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### CSRD Electoral Areas

**Area A** - Rural Golden  
**Area B** - Rural Revelstoke  
**Area C** - South Shuswap  
**Area E** - Rural Sicamous -  
Malakwa-Swansea Point  
**Area D** - Ranchero/Deep  
Creek - Salmon Valley

### Additional Resources:

**CSR**: [www.csrd.bc.ca](http://www.csrd.bc.ca)  
**Transport Canada**:  
[www.tc.gc.ca](http://www.tc.gc.ca)  
**MOE**: [www.env.gov.bc.ca](http://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 (CSRD), docks, buoys and swimming platforms are regulated by [Lakes Zoning Bylaw No. 900](#) (Bylaw No. 900) and [Electoral Area B Zoning Bylaw No. 851](#) (Bylaw No. 851). Bylaw No. 900 applies to Electoral Area C (South Shuswap), Electoral Area E (Rural Sicamous) and Electoral Area F (North Shuswap) and Bylaw No. 851 applies to Electoral Area B (Rural Revelstoke). If you are planning to place a dock, buoy, or swimming platform in any area of the CSRD, it is your responsibility as the property owner, to do the following:

- Determine if the foreshore and water associated with your property is within a CSRD zoned area and what the zoning is**
  - A [zoning bylaw](#) regulates use and density; the type and number of docks, buoys, and swimming platforms; setbacks; and size.
  - To look up your property and find out its foreshore zoning, go to the [CSRD Online Interactive Map](#).
  - Please contact CSRD Development Services Department for more information.
- Check to see if your property is in a CSRD Development Permit Area (DPA)**
  - If your parcel is located in [Electoral Area F \(North Shuswap\)](#), [C \(South Shuswap\)](#), or [B \(Rural Revelstoke\)](#) you may need to apply for a Foreshore and Water Development Permit (DP) for your dock, buoy, or swimming platform. DPs are designated in an [Official Community Plan \(OCP\)](#).
  - To look up your property and find out if it has an OCP designation, go to the [CSRD Online Interactive Map](#).
  - Please contact CSRD Development Services Department for more information.
- Check with [FrontCounter BC](#) if you require approval from the Province for your dock project**
  - The construction, placement and use of private moorage facilities on Crown land require authorization from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations, and Rural Development (FLNRORD). Private moorage facilities include docks, boat ways/ramps or boat lifts that are used for private residential use.
  - All docks require an [Approval under Section 11 of the Water Sustainability Act](#).
  - Please contact FrontCounter BC for all Provincial dock approvals at 1-877-855-3222, [FrontCounterBC@gov.bc.ca](mailto:FrontCounterBC@gov.bc.ca), or [www.frontcounterbc.gov.bc.ca](http://www.frontcounterbc.gov.bc.ca).
- 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](#). It is the responsibility of the owner to ensure that:**
  - The buoy meets all legal requirements, standards and guidelines of the [Private Buoy Regulations](#), the [Canadian Aids to Navigation System](#) and Transport Canada directives.
  - The 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.
- Determine if you have to submit an application to [Transport Canada](#) for your dock project**
  - Works meeting the assessment criteria of the Minor Works Order are classed as "designated works" under the [Navigable Waters Protection Act](#) (NPA) and may proceed without a Notice to the Minister as long as they comply with the legal requirements.
- Determine if your project requires review from the [Department of Fisheries and Oceans \(DFO\)](#) 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.

