



SAN JUAN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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MOORING BUOY - SHORELINE EXEMPTION APPLICATION

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Tax Parcel Number: _____ Shoreline Designation: _____
Island: _____ Water Body: _____ Use of Property: _____
Property Address: _____

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant: _____ Telephone: _____
Address _____ Email: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Agent: _____ Telephone: _____
Address: _____ Email: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED USE (Include separate sheets as necessary)

[Empty lines for description of proposed use]

PERMIT CERTIFICATION

I have examined this application and attachments and know the same to be true and correct, and certify that this application is being made with the full knowledge and consent of all owners of the affected property.

Signature of Property Owner or Authorized Agent _____ Date _____

If applicant is not the owner a notarized statement is required stating that the application is submitted with the consent of all owners of the property & identifying the owner's authorized agent or representative.

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Date Received: _____ Fee Paid: _____ Receipt #: _____
SEPA Exempt, citation: _____ Inspection Required _____
Approved subject to the attached conditions _____ Denied By: _____ Date: _____

A timely appeal of this exemption stays the effective date of the approval until the appeal is resolved at the County level. (SJCC 18.80.140A(7))

A. Submit ALL of the following for NEW or EXISTING MOORING BUOYS:

- 1) A habitat survey performed by a diver and developed per WDFW standards: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/>.
- 2) Analysis by a Qualified Professional (SJCC 18.20.170) that the buoy will meet SJCC 18.50.210 General regulations, item (C):
 - C. Shoreline development, uses, structures and activities shall not result in a net loss of shoreline ecological functions or adversely impact other shoreline uses, resources and activities such as navigation, recreation and public access. Where critical area regulations are not met, adverse impacts to shoreline ecological functions must be mitigated consistent with SJCC 18.50.140, 18.50.150 and 18.50.160. (Ord. 1-2016 § 26). The proposal must also meet SJCC 18.50.250.

Summarized definition: A Qualified Professional must have a degree in biology or a related degree and at least five years professional experience related to the subject species.
- 3) A narrative or evidence that the proposal meets the mooring buoy conditions of approval in SJCC 18.50.300:
 - a) Mooring buoys shall not interfere with navigation or access to the shoreline. They shall be visible in daylight 100 yards away.
 - b) Mooring buoys shall be placed as specified by state and federal agencies.
 - c) Mooring buoys individually or cumulatively shall not:
 - i) Impede the ability of other landowners to access their private property;
 - ii) Pose a hazard to or obstruct navigation or fishing;
 - iii) Contribute to the degradation of water quality or habitat; or
 - iv) Pose a threat to a commercial shellfish growing area classification or reduce the potential for an existing area to be upgraded to a new commercial shellfish growing area classification.
 - d) Residential mooring buoys shall not be used for live aboard vessels or commercial purposes.
 - e) Mooring buoys shall use neutral buoyancy rope, mid-line float, helical anchors, or other state-approved designs to minimize adverse effects on aquatic ecosystems and fish.
 - f) Mooring buoys shall be clearly marked and labeled with the owner's name and contact information and WDNR authorization number(s).
 - g) Unless otherwise permitted by WDNR, the capacity of each mooring buoy shall not exceed one boat and its shore access craft.
- 4) Demonstration of compliance with SJCC 18.50.240(10): Describe and show how the mooring buoy will be designed, constructed and maintained to minimize adverse impacts. Discuss how impacts are to be mitigated in accordance with SJCC 18.50.140, 18.50.150 and 18.50.160. At a minimum, potential impacts to the following shall be evaluated by a Qualified Professional:
 - a) Littoral drift;
 - b) Sand movement;
 - c) Water circulation and quality;
 - d) Fish and wildlife;
 - e) Navigation; and
 - f) Scenic views.
- 5) Drawings showing that the buoy is a state-approved design.
- 6) Aerial photo or drawing showing buoy location and swing line.
- 7) Aerial photo or drawing showing nearby buoy and dock locations, and water depth at 0 tide.
- 8) Location of other buoys owned by the applicant.
- 9) Copy of the Qualified Professional's resume.

B. JARPA & Agency Notifications

The Department of Fish and Wildlife requires a JARPA application (www.epermitting.org). Submit the JARPA **with plans and photos**, directly to the agencies below (**NOT** to San Juan County):

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Seattle District, Regulatory Branch P.O. Box 3755 Seattle, WA 98124-3755 (206) 764-3495 Shannon.B.Wilson@usace.army.mil	Department of Fish and Wildlife Habitat Program 600 Capitol Way N Olympia, WA 98501 HPAapplications@dfw.wa.gov
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C. Exemption Decision

DCD's decision on the application will be mailed to you. The decision shall indicate that the project is SEPA exempt.

It will also be sent to the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Ecology and the Department of Fish and Wildlife.