



Calendar Year - 2026

Subject - Anchorage - Washington State Marine Regulations, WAC 332-52-155

Dear Skipper/Boat Owner,

We take great pride in our bay. It is a pleasant, safe, and quiet harbor for all boaters and visitors to enjoy. It has been observed that you have been anchored for an extended period of time in the same area here in Port Ludlow Bay.

State laws prohibit a vessel to anchor in the same area on state-owned aquatic lands for periods longer than thirty (30) consecutive days or for more than a total of ninety days (90) in any three hundred sixty-five (365) day period. For the purposes of WAC 332-52-155, B”in the same area” means within a radius of five miles. For your convenience, a copy of WAC 332-52-155 is attached.

Your attention and compliance to the Washington State Marine Laws is appreciated. We are in contact with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) who is responsible for the care and administration of all aquatic lands of the state including Port Ludlow Bay. If further action is required, DNR will be the enforcement agency.

The Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) will continue to do all we can to ensure that Ludlow Bay is a favorite spot for you and others to visit again and again.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact the Port Ludlow Village Council via info@PortLudlowVillageCouncil.org.

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WAC 332-52-155 Anchorage.

(1) What is the length of time that a vessel may be moored or anchored on state-owned aquatic lands? Persons shall not moor or anchor a vessel in the same area on state-owned aquatic lands for periods longer than thirty consecutive days or for more than a total of ninety days in any three hundred sixty-five day period. For purposes of WAC 332-52-155, "in the same area" means within a radius of five miles of any location where the vessel was previously moored or anchored.

(2) Are there places where the time limit does not apply?

Subsection (1) of this section does not apply where the federal government, a county, a city, a state agency, including DNR, a port, or any other public entity with authority has posted, enacted, or adopted different anchorage or moorage restrictions. Persons shall observe restrictions specific to the locality. Additionally, persons may exceed this time limit if:

(a) Granted express consent by either DNR or the lessee of the state-owned aquatic lands where the vessel is moored or anchored; and

(b) Anchorage or moorage does not violate any other law or rule.

(3) Any violation of this section is an infraction under chapter 7.84 RCW.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 43.30 RCW and RCW 43.12

WAC 332-30-127

Unauthorized use and occupancy of aquatic lands (see RCW 79.105.200 and 79.125.200).

(1) Aquatic lands determined to be state-owned, but occupied for private use through accident or without prior approval, may be leased if found to be in the public interest.

(2) Upon discovery of an unauthorized use of aquatic land, the responsible party will be immediately notified of his status. If the use will not be authorized, he will be served notice in writing requiring him to vacate the premises within thirty days. If the law and department policy will permit the use, the occupant is to be encouraged to lease the premises.

(3) The trespassing party occupying aquatic lands without authority will be assessed a monthly use and occupancy fee for such use beginning at the time notification of state ownership is first provided to them and continuing until they have vacated the premises or arranged for a right to occupy through execution of a lease as provided by law.

(4) The use and occupancy fee is sixty percent higher than full fair market rental and is intended to encourage either normal leasing or vacation of aquatic land.

(5) In those limited circumstances when a use cannot be authorized by a lease even though it may be in the public interest to permit the structure or activity, the fair market rental will be charged and billed on an annual basis.

(6) The use and occupancy billing is to be made after the use has occurred and conveys no rights in advance.

Payment is due by the tenth of the month following the original notification, and if not received, a notice is to be sent. If payment is not received within thirty days of this notice and monthly thereafter by the tenth of each month during the period of the use and occupancy lease or if the improvement has not been removed from the aquatic land, an unlawful detainer action against the party in trespass will be filed along with an action to collect past due rental.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 79.105.360. WSR 06-06-005 (Order 724), § 332-30-127, filed 2/16/06, effective 3/19/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.30.150. WSR 80-09-005 (Order 343), § 332-30-127, filed 7/3/80.]