



Quartermaster Harbor Mooring Buoy Plan Comments from May 31 and June 27 workshop participants

- There are 5 buoys, orange Norfloats, indicating a North/South 2,000 meter rowing course (no anchorage.)
- I am okay with the new placement identified for my boat. I have no unusual questions, but would like to propose some sort of group rate for the new anchors, or just moving my anchor, which does sound environmentally as a no-no. Please keep me informed.
- I would like to see that DNR place a grid of buoys and rent them back to the owners. This would save all this paperwork and fighting over territory.
- Layout used battleship anchor chain which is available at Bremerton ship yard and from the chain out in straight lines to create a perfect grid. The buoys are affixed to the chain.
- I appreciate the job you are doing getting the word out on this subject. I am not a waterfront property owner but have beach rights, thanks!
- Can people just buy buoy licenses with no boat? Can an upland owner transfer license with home sale? Who monitors yearly license fees (or 5 years, etc?)
- I will be raising mussels using a floating platform does this qualify as a buoy? What are the restrictions? Who regulates this?
- I own to “extreme low tide.” Am I regulated by the planned effort? Am I regulated by Shoreline Mgmt in regards to mussels, oysters, clams?
- Please plan to contract for coordinated repositioning of buoys and upgrade of anchors if needed so costs can be minimized and shared among all owners.
- If many anchors must be upgraded, please plan for a single anchor (chain or other) that many buoys may be tied to with appropriate spacing.
- Concerned about equitable costs – there needs to be shared costs so that not only the moorings designated to be moved need to bear the costs.
- Suggest that the state consider placing the buoys and then sell or lease the mooring back to us. Alternatively, the state could arrange a contract service to install moorings and charge every mooring a fee to own the buoy.
- Need to put vinyl number on each buoy – have owner of boat attach lettering to the ball if they have a number and filled out an application.
- I can’t identify exactly which Dockton buoy is mine on the map. I don’t understand that it matters.
- I prefer the plan that accommodates the larger number of boats.

- All registered buoys located in a designated moorage area are grandfathered.
- Registration is valid for the original buoy owner. There are no rights of succession. If the buoy owner fails to register annually, then DNR may a: impound the boat; b) Remove a buoy if no boat is moored to it.
- The cost of removing a non-conforming buoy under conditions a: or b: shall be the responsibility of the buoy owner. In other words, non-conforming buoys are OK as long as they remain registered and have been grandfathered. DNR should adopt the same standards as parking lots: park at your own risk. Moor at your own risk. DNR only furnishing the bottom for moorage purposes. All new moorages must conform to DNR standards. DNR can collect an annual fee for moorage privileges.

P.S. Over time all non-conforming buoys will undergo attrition. However, if this is not happening fast enough, then DNR can initiate a conforming schedule. For instance, if in 3 years the turnover is not meeting a target, then non-conforming buoy owners would be required to conform within a given period of time. This would be only in designated moorage areas.