

FLOATING FACILITIES

Goals

Economic Development Opportunities. Provide opportunities diversify the state’s economy by accommodating commercial and industrial development to support tourism, upland resource extraction, and provide needed services for communities.

Definition

Floating facilities are floating structures and boats, powered or not, that are intended for commercial use. These facility types do not include commercial fishing vessels, including tenders and processors, engaged in commercial fishing activities. Floating facilities require an authorization if moored or anchored within a bay or cove for any length of time.⁵

Management Guidelines

A. Authorization of Float homes. Float homes will not be authorized in the planning area.

B. Authorization of Floating Facilities. DNR shall not authorize floating facilities within areas designated Habitat or Harvest, Public Recreation and Tourism - Dispersed Use or Public Use Site, near a permitted aquatic farming operation, or near known heritage sites that may be damaged by increased use in an area. Floating facilities used for economic development to support activities such as commercial timber harvest, mineral exploration, aquatic farming operations, or tourism will be considered.

C. Authorization of Temporary Floating Commercial Facilities. Floating camps and related facilities should be temporary, with full occupancy restricted to the time when resource development is occurring. To the extent practicable, camps and associated facilities should be consolidated to minimize impacts and limit their proliferation.

D. Public Notice. The adjacent upland landowner shall be notified by DNR during permit review, as part of and in addition to the general public noticing required of agency actions.

E. Anchoring of Floating Facilities. In order to protect public access to and along public tidelands, shoreties will not be authorized if floating facilities can be safely moored through the use of anchors or rock bolts. In addition, shoreties will not be used where there is no agreement from the upland owner.

F. Floating caretaker facilities. Floating caretaker facilities for aquatic farming will not be authorized unless there are no upland sites available for this use.

⁵ This definition is the same as in Appendix, A which applies to the term wherever it is used in this plan with one exception. In Regions 3 and 10, a different definition of “floating facilities” is used for the guideline that applies to these types of facilities in Resurrection bay and along the outer coast of the Kenai Peninsula.

G. Floating Facilities Adjacent to Federal Conservation System Units. See Region 3 and Region 10 in Chapter 3 for specific management intent for floating facilities in Resurrection Bay and along the Outer Kenai Peninsula. See also the *Tidelands, Shorelands, and Submerged Lands* section in this chapter for the guideline that applies to *Tidelands and Submerged Lands Adjacent to National Parks and Refuges*.