

Bonner County Waterways Regulatory Buoy Application

Applicants Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Lake/River: _____ Latitude/Longitude: _____

Description of Location: _____

Reason for your Request:

Type of Buoy: NO WAKE / SWIM AREA / HAZARD _____

× Y/N If approved, would you be willing to make a donation to help offset the costs?

List of acceptable conditions to warrant a new buoy placement

- **Located on a river bend or lake point where the natural flow of boater traffic is drawn inward.**
- **Natural or man-made structures cause an issue, concern or realistic danger.**
- **Located in a channel that's less than 400 feet wide that reasonably can accommodate a boat on a plane.**
- **Marinas with twenty-five (25) or more slips, and/or having more than 50% of their boating facilities available to the boating public on a first come first serve basis, providing services to the public such as moorage, fuel, and other services.**
- **Public or “semi-public” swim areas located in high traffic boating areas where more than fifty (50) swimmers may be present. “Semi-public” swim areas may include Boy/Girl Scout camps, church camps, and other 501-C3 non-profit organizations that allow the general public to attend programs and utilize swim areas.**
- **A permanent underwater hazard is present on a public waterway that should be marked for the safety of the general boating public. Examples: submerged rock formations, sandbars or other permanent natural structures which could cause damage to persons or vessels.**

* Bonner County does not place buoys as a form of erosion control. Erosion issues must be handled by the property owner or agency representative.

* All buoys that need to be placed for boater safety will be done so at Bonner County discretion with the proper permit from IDL and Army Corps of Engineers.

* Regulatory markers are a safety apparatus to encourage safe boating practices while minimizing signage, promoting lake aesthetics, and sustaining economic feasibility. Aesthetics are important to Idaho State as well as a Bonner County. No more than four regulatory markers permitted by Bonner County can be placed within a linear mile unless deemed necessary for safety reasons or educational purposes.

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3-105: DISTANCES FOR NO WAKE ZONES ON LAKES AND THE PEND OREILLE RIVER:

Specific distances set for no wake zones:

A. *Within two hundred feet (200') from any shoreline, dock, pier, bridge, other structure, or any person in the water, shall be no wake.*

B. *Within fifty feet (50') of any other vessel shall be no wake.*

C. *A violation of this section shall constitute an infraction. (Ord. 552, 5-3-2016)*

NO WAKE: *The act of operating any vessel whereby the visible tract of turbulence is not more than six inches (6") or the speed is not more than five (5) miles per hour.*