

Boat and Jet Ski Requirements

- Community docks are allowed one boat lift or two jet ski lifts per moorage. Additional lifts will require that fifty percent (50%) of the footprint of the largest lifts be deducted from the allowable surface area.
- Boat lifts placed outside of a slip shall be oriented with the long axis parallel to the dock structure.

Conversion to a Commercial Marina

A permit is required to convert a community dock to a commercial marina and to convert a commercial marina to a community dock. Please contact IDL prior to submitting an application to discuss the plans.

The difference between a community dock and a commercial marina is who uses the moorages. Facilities with at least 50% of moorages available to the public (for free or rent) may qualify as a commercial marina. Facilities with less than 50% of moorages available to the public are considered community docks.

Please see the Idaho Lake Protection Act Commercial Marina brochure for permitting requirements for commercial marinas.

Contact us

For more information visit our webpage at www.idl.idaho.gov or contact your local area office:

Priest Lake Area

4053 Cavanaugh Bay Rd.
Coolin, ID 83821
(208) 443-2516 Phone

Pend Oreille Area

2550 Highway 2 West
Sandpoint, ID 83864-7305
(208) 263-5104 Phone

Mica Area

3258 W. Industrial Loop
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815
(208) 769-1577 Phone

Payette Lakes Area

555 Deinhard Ln.
McCall, ID 83638
(208) 634-7125 Phone

Southwest Area

8355 W. State St.
Boise, ID 83714
(208) 334-3488 Phone

Jerome Field Office

324 S. 417 E., Suite 2
Jerome, ID 83338
(208) 324-2561 Phone

Eastern Area

3563 Ririe Highway
Idaho Falls, ID 83401
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Application Process

Permits are typically issued 2-4 months after an application is received.

1. APPLY.

 Applicant submits:

- Joint Application Form¹
- IDL Application Form
- Supporting documents (drawings, maps, etc.)
- \$2,075 application & newspaper publication fee

2. REVIEW.

 IDL reviews application and notifies applicant if additional information is needed.

3. COMMENTS.

 IDL publishes a notice of the application in the local paper and provides a notice of the application to adjacent land owners and other agencies. If an interested party objects, and an agreement cannot be reached, IDL will hold a public hearing. The purpose of the hearing is to gather the facts concerning the proposed encroachment and potential impact to the lake in order to determine if it meets relevant standards.

4. ISSUE PERMIT.

 If the proposed dock meets all relevant standards, IDL issues a permit.

5. RECORD PERMIT.

 Permittee records the permit with the county recorder's office.

6. CONSTRUCTION.

 Permittee constructs the dock.

7. FILE REPORT.

 Once the dock is built, the permittee submits a work completion report with IDL.

8. INSPECTION.

 IDL inspects the dock to verify compliance with the permit terms and standards.

¹ The Joint Application Form is used by both IDL and the United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE). Docks on Lake Pend Oreille and Bear Lake also require a permit from USACE. For more information, please visit www.nww.usace.army.mil.