



Marine Deepwater

SHORELINE ENVIRONMENT DESIGNATION

What is a shoreline environment designation?

Shoreline environment designations work like a zoning overlay. Each designation has standards for development and allowed uses. The purpose of shoreline environment designations is to provide a uniform basis for applying policies and regulations within similar environmental conditions.

There are six environment designations for shorelines in Gig Harbor: **Natural, Urban Conservancy, Low Intensity, City Waterfront, Historic Working Waterfront**, and **Marine Deepwater**.

What is the purpose of the Marine Deepwater designation?

The purpose of the Marine Deepwater Environment is to protect, restore, and manage the unique characteristics and resources of the marine waters in Gig Harbor.

What is the required buffer in the Marine Deepwater designation?

No buffer is required.

Allowed Uses and Activities

Boat Launch Facilities Public

- hand launch or licensed trailer
- ramp made of concrete, planks, rails or graded slope

See section 7.11

Commercial Fishing-Sales and Services

See section 7.13

Commercial Fishing Moorage

See section 7.11

Dredging and Dredge Material Disposal

See section 7.4

Fill (waterward of OHWM) for activities associated with shoreline restoration and City utilities only

See section 7.5

In-Stream Structures only as part of city of Gig Harbor surface water management activities

See section 7.6

Industrial Development (marine industrial)

See section 7.15

Marinas, Boating and Joint Moorage (non-single family residential & nonresidential)

See section 7.11

Moorage facilities, Single Family Residential (piers, docks, floats, lifts, and buoys)

See section 7.11

Recreation water-oriented uses

See section 7.17

Shoreline Habitat and Natural Systems Restoration and Enhancement Projects, Environmental Remediation

See section 7.8

Utilities (primary facilities for treatment or generation) underwater or underground facilities.

See section 7.21

Uses Allowed Only With a Conditional Use Permit

Aquaculture is prohibited in Gig Harbor Bay, Colvos Passage, and Tacoma Narrows; all other areas:

- bottom culture: on-bed and on-cultch
- bag, rack & bag, stake, and long-line
- floating culture: mussel rafts
- hydraulic harvest methods

See section 7.10

Groins See section 7.9

Further Information: If you have any questions please contact the Gig Harbor Planning Division at (253) 851-6170.