



Washington Administrative Code

**WAC 352-12-030**

**Annual Moorage  
Permit**

**Requested Action**

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# Annual Moorage Permit WAC 352-12-030



## What is an Annual Moorage Permit?

- The permit offers boaters who enjoy mooring at Washington State Parks a cost benefit.
- The permit costs \$5 per foot of a vessel's total length, with a minimum fee of \$60, and is valid from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- It is assigned to one vessel, by vessel registration number and is not interchangeable.
- All moorage is first come first serve and limited to three consecutive nights at a given park.

## Saltwater Moorage Locations

Blake Island, Deception Pass, Dosewallips, Fort Flagler, Fort Worden, Jarrell Cove, Lime Kiln Point, Illahee, Penrose Point, Sequim Bay, and Sucia Island







# Background

Over the past several years staff working at parks with freshwater facilities witnessed the following improper use of the Annual Moorage Permit which prompted Operations Leadership to begin conversations to clarify the intent and use of the permit.

- 1) Permit holders were using their vessels as short-term overnight rentals resulting in commercial use.
- 2) Permit holders expected the permit to be valid at reservable freshwater moorage facilities.





# Current WAC 352-12-030

(1) Annual moorage permits may be obtained for the period January 1 through December 31, inclusive. Application for such permits may be obtained from most state park managers or rangers, or by writing to the Commission Headquarters, P.O. Box 42650, Olympia, WA 98504-2650, or online at [www.parks.wa.gov](http://www.parks.wa.gov).

(2) Annual moorage permits will be issued for a particular vessel. The charge for such permits will be based upon the length of the vessel for which the permit is issued and will be published by state parks.

(3) Annual permits shall be visible from outside the vessel, and permanently affixed to the lower left corner of the vessel's left (port) forward windshield, or to the left (port) outside transom, or if a sailboat, on the forward portion of the left (port) cabin trunk, or as otherwise instructed by the director or designee.

(4) Except as provided in WAC 352-12-060, any violation of this section is an infraction under chapter 7.84 RCW.





# Proposed Changes

(1) Annual moorage permits may be obtained for the period January 1 through December 31, inclusive. Application for such permits may be obtained from most state park **office locations, or by submitting an application to the** Commission Headquarters, P.O. Box 42650, Olympia, WA 98504-2650, or online at [www.parks.wa.gov](http://www.parks.wa.gov).

(2) Annual moorage permits will be issued for a particular vessel. The charge for such permits will be based upon the length of the vessel for which the permit is issued and will be published by state parks. **Annual moorage permits are intended for recreational use only and are not valid for commercial use.**

(3) Annual permits shall be visible from outside the vessel, and permanently affixed to the lower left corner of the vessel's left (port) forward windshield, or to the left (port) outside transom, or if a sailboat, on the forward portion of the left (port) cabin trunk, or as otherwise instructed by the director or designee.

**4) Annual moorage permits are accepted at state parks saltwater sites that are designated first come, first served. Annual moorage permits are not valid at reservable marinas or freshwater facilities.**

(5) Except as provided in WAC 352-12-060, any violation of this section is an infraction under chapter 7.84 RCW.





# Requested Action

1. Declare this meeting to be a public hearing for amending WAC 352-12-030.
2. Consider the data, views, and arguments submitted by any person on the proposed rules.
3. Formally amend WAC 352-12-030 as proposed and authorize the Director to file the regulations, in compliance with all necessary procedural requirements.

