

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has issued a nationwide permit for non-commercial, single boat mooring buoys in navigable waters, provided that the buoy will not cause an unacceptable interference with navigation. For the usual type of small buoy used for mooring fishing boats or pleasure craft, no additional permission is required from the Corps of Engineers. Large mooring buoys of the type used for barges or ships, and mooring floats sometimes used for fishing boats or pleasure craft do require a site-specific permit from the Corps of engineers. Further information may be obtained, for the appropriate area, from:

Department of the Army  
Alaska District Corps of Engineers  
P.O. Box 898  
Anchorage, AK 99506-0898  
(907) 753-2712

U.S Army Corps of Engineers  
Regulatory field office  
8800 Glacier Hwy.  
Jordan Creek Center Suite 106  
Juneau, AK 99801  
(907) 790-4490

The U.S. Coast Guard regulates “Private Aids to Navigation” in navigable waters. Generally, small mooring buoys are not considered private aids to navigation. Mooring buoys are normally white spheres with a horizontal blue band. Further information may be obtained from:

Commander (DPW)  
17<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard District  
P.O. Box 22517  
Juneau, AK 99802-5517  
(907) 463-2272

The State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, regulates mooring buoys on state owned tidelands in Alaskan waters. In most cases, a mooring buoy does not need a land use permit from the state if it is for the personal, noncommercial use of the upland owner, if the use does not interfere with public access or another public use, and if the buoy is placed within the projected sidelines of the contiguous upland owner’s parcel or otherwise has the consent of the affected upland owner. However the Department of Natural Resources should be consulted prior to making this determination. The application filing fee is \$100 plus an annual \$100 use fee. There are no state requirements for mooring buoy color or markings. Further information may be obtained, for the appropriate area, from:

Alaska Department of Natural Resources  
Southcentral Regional Office  
550 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave Suite 900C  
Anchorage, AK 99501-3577  
(907) 269-8542

Alaska Department of Natural Resources  
Southeast Regional Office  
400 Willoughby Ave, Ste 400  
Juneau, AK 99801  
(907) 465-3400