

Decision Table M: Willamette River – Miscellaneous Code Amendments Part 3

This table contains a new exemption that would allow temporary floating docks, such as a swimming platform, in the Willamette River during the summer months.

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Items Marked for Discussion:

M31

Ref #	Commenter(s)	Topic	Proposed draft	Request(s)	Staff recommendation	Staff rationale	Discuss?	PSC decision
M31	BPS	33.475.040.B.2	The Proposed Draft exempts repair, maintenance and replacement of existing floating structures. It also exempts development on existing floating structures like docks and piers. But new floating structures would be required to go through River Review.	Allow temporary floating structures to be placed in the Willamette during the summer months to support water recreation.	<p>33.475.040 When These Regulations Apply.</p> <p>B. River Environmental overlay zone. The regulations in 33.475.400 through 33.475.450 apply in the River Environmental overlay zone as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No change 2. Exemptions. The following items are exempt from the River Environmental overlay zone regulations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a.-u. No change v. <u>A temporary floating structure when all of the following are met:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) <u>The structure is located within the OS zone;</u> (2) <u>The structure has dimensions no greater than 12 feet by 100 feet;</u> (3) <u>The structure is free-floating or is attached to an existing dock, pier or piling. Free-floating means that the structure is not accessible from the riverbank via anything other than the water;</u> (4) <u>The structure is at least 50 feet away from the riverbank. The 50 feet is measured horizontally from the ordinary low water mark (Figure 475-1); and</u> (5) <u>The structure is located in the river only between May 20 and September 10.</u> 	<p>The Willamette River provides opportunities for many kinds of recreation including swimming, boating and fishing. During the summer months, swimming and non-motorized boating have become increasingly popular. Demand has grown for facilities that support water recreation.</p> <p>At the same time, locations where people like to get in the water, in particular beaches, are also important habitat areas for fish and wildlife.</p> <p>The recommended exemption allows floating structures to be placed temporarily in the river during the summer months, between approximately Memorial Day and Labor Day, as long as the structure minimizes impacts shallow water habitat. The size of the structure is limited to reduce the area of over-water structure, which has a negative impact on fish habitat.</p> <p>Larger structures, structures with gangway attached to the shore or structures that will be in place outside of summer months will need to go through River Review.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Support staff rec. <input type="checkbox"/> Other

Figure 475-1

