

REPAIR/REPLACEMENT OF BUOY FLOATS, BUOY BLOCKS, & CHAINS

PROHIBITIONS



- Relocation of a buoy block requires authorization from TRPA and other applicable agencies.
- It is prohibited to release direct and indirect discharges of solid or liquid waste materials, including soil, silt, clay, sand, or other organic or earthen materials to the waters of the region.
- Any activity in the shorezone that may introduce pollutants and sediment into the environment shall utilize Best Management Practices (BMPs) to prevent damage to water, soil, and air quality.
- Staging of construction materials or equipment in the shorezone is prohibited.
- Buoy mooring maintenance shall not be performed in the event of precipitation or wind.
- Access of equipment and materials associated with pile replacement shall occur via barge.

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

- Buoy and chain selection will depend on the size of the vessel to be tethered. Use durable buoy chain materials such as galvanized steel.
- Inspect buoy floats and chains regularly and maintain or replace as needed. When replacing buoy chain, do not leave old chain on lake bed.
- Heavy equipment, including barges, cranes, etc., for use in Lake Tahoe and shorezone must be steam cleaned at least once before work commences. Inspect all equipment for leaks daily prior to use and repair any leaks immediately.
- Fueling and equipment maintenance activities shall occur on land before transport to the project site. No fuel containers or other hazardous materials may be stored on the barge, amphibious vehicle, or shoreline.
- Replacement of blocks must not create additional lake bottom disturbance. Select a replacement buoy block with the same dimensions as the old one and place new buoy block in the same location as the previous block.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Certain maintenance, repair, reconstruction, or demolition activities in the shorezone, even if they are Qualified Exempt, may require additional review. Please see the [Exempt/Qualified Exempt Shorezone Information Packet](#) to verify that your project meets the necessary criteria.
- [Create an account](#) to request a Tahoe Yellow Cress, cultural or historic determination survey.

- All activities within the shorezone shall comply with the regulations and standards applicable to the tolerance district in which the activity is located. See [TRPA Code of Ordinances Chapter 83](#) for Shorezone Tolerance District information and locate your property on [TRPA's shoreline map](#).
- Check [TRPA's shoreline map](#) to see if your property is within a Stream Mouth Protection Zone or Shorezone Protection Zone. Projects, other than maintenance and repairs to existing structures, are prohibited in these areas.
- Check [TRPA's shoreline map](#) to determine possible fish habitat designation within a project area. All work causing disturbance to feed and cover, or spawning habitat requires a mitigation or restoration plan. Projects in feed and cover or spawning habitat are limited to a construction season of October 1 to April 30 to avoid adverse impacts during the spawning season.