

18.20.680 Recreation Revised 6/21

A. Water-oriented recreation uses and development are preferred shoreline uses and shall be allowed when the applicant demonstrates that they:

1. Will not cause a net loss of shoreline ecological functions or processes; and
2. Will not have significant adverse impacts on other shoreline uses, resources and/or values such as navigation and public access.

B. Park and recreation facilities may be used for events and temporary uses when the proposed use will not damage the shoreline. Structures associated with such uses shall be located as far landward as feasible and shall be removed immediately after the event is over. Shoreline areas shall be returned to pre-event conditions.

C. Recreational use and development shall include appropriate mitigation to minimize light and noise impacts on adjoining properties. Such measures shall include, but not be limited to, fencing, vegetative screening, increased setbacks, limited hours of operation, and other appropriate measures. Where lighting is used, the illumination levels shall be the minimum needed for the intended use. Lighting must be shielded to avoid light and glare on the water and to prevent spillover offsite.

D. The construction of new trails or the expansion of existing trails shall be subject to the mitigation sequencing process and shall be designed to minimize impacts to the ecological functions of the shoreline while providing access and waterfront enjoyment to the public.

E. All commercial recreation facilities shall conform to this section and OMC sections 18.20.660, 18.20.663, and 18.20.667.

F. Recreational facilities shall be located, designed, and operated in a manner consistent with the purpose of the environment designation in which they are located.

(Ord. 7280 §2, 2021; Ord. 7028 §4 (Exh. B), 2016).