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Washington State Regulations on Residential use of State-owned Aquatic lands

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Abstract: The Washington State Department of Natural Resources manages 2.4 million acres of aquatic lands; in 2002, the department adopted regulations on residential use of aquatic lands. Residential uses include floating homes and vessels used as a residence. This presentation discusses why the department adopted the rules, and what the rules include.

Speaker Information: As Aquatics Lands Steward, Fran McNair leads the Aquatic Resources Region and Division of the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR), which manages approximately 2.4 million acres of state-owned tidelands, bedlands, and beds of navigable rivers, lakes, and shore lands. Fran serves on numerous boards and committees including the Lower Columbia Solutions Group, Puget Sound Nearshore Ecosystem Restoration Project, Urban Waters and participates with the Puget Sound Partnership through the Ecosystem Coordinating Board.

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