

# Water Zones

The OCP strengthens the SRD's commitment to protecting coastal and inland waters.

## Authority over Water

- Transport Canada is the authority over navigational issues including the use of the water for transportation and recreational.
- Regional Districts have the authority to provide zoning over the water in an attempt to minimize the potential for land use conflicts between differing uses.
- Zoning authority is limited; the ability to regulate the placement of buildings or structures or those non-navigational or transient type uses.

## Aquaculture

- The practice of aquaculture is regulated by Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) – which issues aquaculture licenses and Province which issues tenures to operate and ensure compliance with federal and provincial legislation (Health and Environment).
- Licensed aquaculture operators are required to comply with SRD regulatory bylaws.

## Foreshore Zoning and Access to Land

- “Access” and “Recreational Moorage” zones allow for docks, floats, and wharves to provide non-commercial access and moorage for upland properties.
- “Marine Commercial” zones and “Marine Industrial” zone provide facilities for commercial moorage and industrial moorage and associated activities.
- “Water Conservancy” zones provides regulation over freshwater lakes.

