

**MINISTRY OF FORESTS, LANDS and NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS**  
**Glossary of Private Moorage Program Terms**

**Application-only area** means a specified area where private moorage facilities on freshwater must be authorized by granting of a Special Permission or a lease and are not covered by granting of a General Permission.

**Aquatic Crown land** means that land below the visible high water mark of a body of water, extending offshore to the recognized limit of provincial jurisdiction, including the foreshore.

**Authorizing agency** means the provincial ministry responsible for the specific land use authorization.

**Best Management Practice** means a recommended technique that has been demonstrated to be an effective and practical means of preventing or limiting harmful impacts to the environment. Best Management Practices include any program, technology, process, sitting criteria, operating method, measure, or device that controls, prevents, removes, or reduces pollution.

**Best Practice** means a method or technique that should be followed to ensure the standards are met and impacts to riparian and aquatic habitats are mitigated.

**Crown** means Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of British Columbia;

**Dock** means a structure used for the purpose of mooring boats and for providing pedestrian access to and from the moored boats, and can consist of a single dock, wharf, or pier (including walkway ramp).

**Foreshore** means that land in tidal areas lying between the high tide and the mean low tide and that land in non-tidal areas that is alternatively covered by water and exposed with the normal rise and fall of the level of the body of water, i.e. that land between the ordinary high and low water mark.

**Group moorage facility** means a multi-berth moorage similar to a private moorage facility but for the personal use of a group or association of residents from the surrounding community.

**Private Moorage** means the non-commercial mooring of a boat or similar watercraft within the foreshore zone accessory to a residential use on the upland parcel.

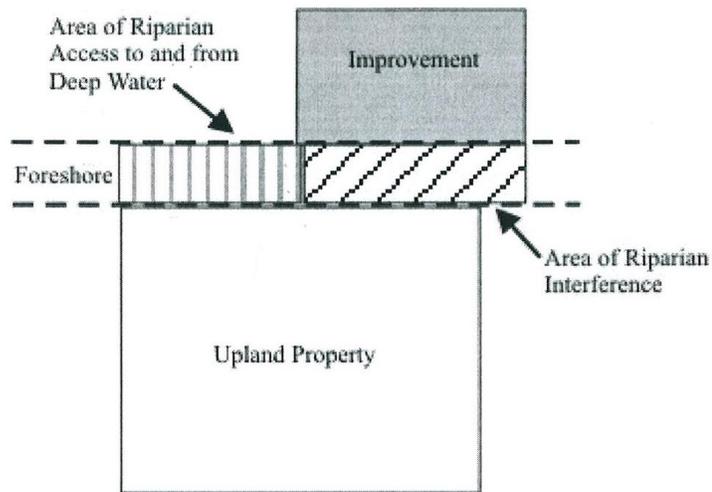
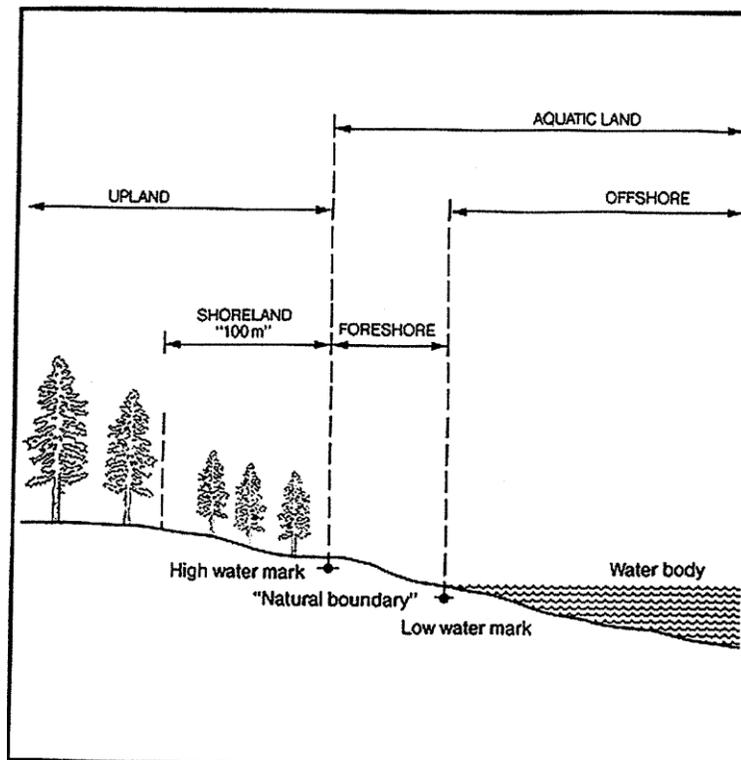


Figure 1: *Tenure with Improvements Located Adjacent to the Foreshore in Front of a Riparian Owner*

**Present Natural Boundary** – is the visible high water mark of any lake, river, stream or other body of water where the presence and action of the water are so common and usual, and so long continued in all ordinary years, as to mark on the soil of the bed of the body of water a character distinct from that of its banks, in vegetation, as well as the nature of the soil itself.



**Private moorage facility** means a dock and/or a permanent way (i.e. boat ramp) that is permanently affixed to aquatic Crown land, and any ancillary structures such as a boat lift and anchor lines. It is for the personal and private use by one or a number of individuals or a family unit for boat moorage.

**Riparian** refers to all rights pertaining to the shore or bank of a body of water.

**Riparian rights** means certain rights which run with an upland property, include access to and from the water, protection of the property from erosion, ownership of naturally accreted material, and use of water of undiminished flow and quality for domestic purposes.

**Spawning habitat:** Fish habitat associated with the breeding of fish.

**Strata title or condominium moorage facility** means a multi-berth moorage similar to a private moorage facility but used by the residents of a waterfront strata or condominium development.