

Risk Assessment Worksheet

Boating and Recreation

Assessment Worksheet 1 - Boating and Recreation

The assessment worksheet below will help you identify potential environmental risks. For each question indicate your risk level in the right-hand column. Some choices may not correspond exactly to your situation. Choose the response that best fits. When finished, turn to the Boating and Recreation Action Worksheet on page 10-7, and record your medium and high-risk practices. The goal is to lower your risks. Use the BMP recommendations provided in this section to help you determine the best solution.

	LOW RISK	MEDIUM RISK	HIGH RISK	YOUR RISK
Boat maintenance	My boat is maintained by a professional mechanic before boating season begins, ensuring the motor doesn't leak oil and fluids.	I have my boat maintained every couple of seasons.	I don't maintain my boat until there is a noticeable problem.	<input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> High
Boat fueling	I carry fuel-absorbing products with me at all times, and I have encouraged my local marina to carry similar products.	When fueling, I am careful not to overflow or spill.	I have never been concerned with gasoline spilling in the water. I pump directly over water.	<input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> High
Aquatic weed prevention	I always clean and inspect my boat and equipment before and after launching to prevent spreading aquatic invasive species to other waterbodies.	I check my boat and equipment only when time allows.	I never clean and inspect my boat and equipment.	<input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> High
No-wake zones	I know the no-wake zones are 200' from the lakeshore and 100' from the banks of the Coeur d'Alene River. I always follow this rule.	Mostly I abide by no-wake rules, but sometimes I let it slip.	I have never known where the no-wake zones are.	<input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> High
Disposal of boat waste	I use onshore facilities to pump out my boat or dispose of my portable toilet waste. or I use onshore restrooms.	I dispose of gray water (from bathing and washing dishes) into the lake or river.	I dispose of sewage into the lake or river, or my Y-valve is unsealed and leaky.	<input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> High

Action Worksheet Boating and Recreation

Write all high and medium risks below.	What can you do to reduce the risks?	Set a target date for action.
<i>Sample:</i> Bathing in the lake with soap.	Don't take baths in the lake, but if necessary, use biodegradable soap. Look at your local stores for biodegradable soap.	When it is warm enough to go swimming.