

Sample of Current Regulatory Definitions for MPWC

GFNMS Regulatory Definition

Motorized Personal Watercraft means a vessel which uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump as its primary source of motive power and which is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing, or kneeling on the vessel, rather than the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel.

MBNMS Regulatory Definition

Motorized Personal Watercraft means any motorized vessel that is less than fifteen feet in length as manufactured, is capable of exceeding a speed of fifteen knots, and has the capacity to carry not more than the operator and one other person while in operation. The term includes, but is not limited to, jet skis, wet bikes, surf jets, miniature speed boats, air boats, and hovercraft.

FKNMS Regulatory Definition

Personal Watercraft means any jet or air-powered watercraft operated by standing, sitting, or kneeling on or behind the vessel, in contrast to a conventional boat, where the operator stands or sits inside the vessel, and that uses an inboard engine to power a water jet pump for propulsion, instead of a propeller as in a conventional boat.

California Harbors and Navigation Code Section 651

Personal watercraft means a vessel 13 feet in length or less, propelled by machinery, that is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing, or kneeling on the vessel, rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel.

US Park Service Definition

Personal Watercraft refers to a vessel, usually less than 16 feet in length, which uses an inboard, internal combustion engine powering a water jet pump as its primary source of propulsion. The vessel is intended to be operated by a person or persons sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel, rather than within the confines of the hull. The length is measured from end to end over the deck excluding sheer, meaning a straight line measurement of the overall length from the foremost part of the vessel to the aftermost part of the vessel, measured parallel to the centerline. Bow sprits, bumpkins, rudders, outboard motor brackets, and similar fittings or attachments, are not included in the measurement. Length is stated in feet and inches.

International Standards Organization (ISO) 13590 Definition

Motorized Personal Watercraft means an inboard vessel less than 4 meters (13 feet) in length which uses an internal combustion engine powering a water jet pump as its primary source of propulsion, and is designed with no open load carrying area which would retain water. The vessel is designed to be operated by a person or persons positioned on, rather than within the confines of the hull.

San Juan County, Washington Definition

Personal Water Craft means a vessel of less than sixteen feet (16') in length that is propelled by machinery, commonly a jet pump, and which is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing, or kneeling on the vessel, rather than being operated by a person sitting or standing inside the vessel.

Bluewater Network Proposed Definition

The term personal watercraft means any watercraft that uses an engine powering a water-jet pump, or other form of jet thrust, as its primary source of propulsion, and that is designed to be operated by a person or persons sitting, standing, or kneeling on or astride the craft, rather than within the confines of the hull. These craft are often designed for high-speed use and maneuverability and may carry any number of passengers.