

District of West Vancouver  
**POLICY**

Title: Breakwaters  
Division: Parks, Culture, and Community Services  
Policy Number: 0210  
File Number: 0282-20-0210

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## 1. Purpose

- 1.1. To establish a policy concerning the construction of breakwaters along the foreshore.
- 1.2. This policy ensures that the foreshore remains accessible, environmentally healthy, and consistent with community values for public enjoyment of waterfront lands.

## 2. Scope

- 2.1. This policy applies to all applications, proposals, or activities involving the installation, construction, or placement of breakwaters along the foreshore within the jurisdiction of the District.

## 3. Definitions

- 3.1. “**Breakwaters**” means a barrier built out into a body of water to protect a coast or harbour from the force of waves.
- 3.2. “**District**” means The Corporation of the District of West Vancouver.
- 3.3. “**Foreshore**” means the area of land between the high-water mark and the low-water mark that is subject to tidal influence.

## 4. Policy Statement

- 4.1. The District will not approve any private residential or non-commercial breakwaters being constructed along the foreshore.
- 4.2. Council may consider commercial breakwaters subject to applicable regulatory frameworks and approval processes.
- 4.3. Breakwater construction associated with District projects are subject to applicable regulatory frameworks and approval processes.

## 5. Approval

<b>Approved by</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Manager	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor and Council
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## 6. Additional Information

<b>Category</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative
<b>Related procedure</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Date of last review</b>	2025	