

Public Announcement

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Local Area Work Days for Shellfish Applicants

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District Regulatory Program (Corps) is continuing to provide permit decisions to shellfish applicants who request programmatic Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Essential Fish Habitat (MSA) coverage for their projects.

To assist applicants in completing applications and ensuring the Corps' compliance with the programmatic ESA/MSA Biological Opinions, the Corps is holding a number of work days in local communities. Shellfish aquaculture applicants can make individual appointments to discuss their specific projects with regulatory staff at these work days. Below are the dates, times, and locations for the work days.

January 23: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Washington Sea Grant Office, 1912 Building, 221 West Railroad, Upstairs Conference Room, Shelton.

January 30: 10:00 am – 4:30 pm, Port Townsend Library Learning Center, 1220 Lawrence Street, Port Townsend.

February 1: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, Natural Resources Conservation Service Office, 7^{th} Floor Conference Room, 2005 East College Way, Mt. Vernon.

February 6: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, WDFW Office, 48 Devonshire Road, Montesano.

February 7: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm, WDFW Office, 48 Devonshire Road, Montesano.

If you would like to meet with regulatory staff on one of the work days, please **RSVP by January 19** to Mr. Brandon Clinton at Brandon.C.Clinton@usace.army.mil@usace.army.mil or at (206) 316-3164. You may also request an individual appointment in either the Seattle District Office or in a telephone conference on other dates.