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# Special Public Notice

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## **Compliance with Programmatic Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Essential Fish Habitat (MSA) Biological Opinions for Shellfish Activities in Washington State Inland Marine Waters**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District, Regulatory Program (Corps) no longer requires the submission of a Specific Project Information Form (SPIF) previously associated with the Programmatic Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Essential Fish Habitat (MSA) Consultations for Shellfish Activities in Washington State Inland Marine Waters.

The Corps has received Programmatic Biological Opinions from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). This completed the Corps' ESA and MSA programmatic consultations for shellfish activities in Washington State inland marine waters. To ensure the Corps complies with the Incidental Take Statements in the Biological Opinions, the Corps will continue to use information already received and will use information received in the future from applicants about their specific proposal(s).

To ensure the Corps has all the necessary information to inform its permit decision, applicants can request to meet with regulatory staff in the Seattle District office, or may discuss their specific proposal(s) over the phone. The Corps will also be setting up a series of work days in local communities in January and early February 2017 where applicants can make individual appointments to discuss their specific proposal(s) directly with regulatory staff. The applicant should bring any information they have about their specific proposal(s) to their appointment. The dates and locations for work days in local communities will be provided in a follow-up Special Public Notice in early January 2017.