

Fact Sheet

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Permitting for New Aquaculture Activities
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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District webpage
<http://www.nws.usace.army.mil/> then select Regulatory / Permits (twice)

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District Regulatory Branch webpage
http://www.nws.usace.army.mil/PublicMenu/Menu.cfm?sitename=REG&pagename=Home_Page

For information on aquaculture, copies of this PowerPoint presentation, this Fact Sheet, and NWP 48, please go to the Regulatory Branch webpage, select Permit Guidebook, then go to Chapter IX

For information on all types of permits and the process, please go to the Regulatory Branch webpage and select Permit Guidebook

For information on all NWPs, please review the Special Public Notice dated 7 November 2007
http://www.nws.usace.army.mil/PublicMenu/documents/REG/2007_NWPs_SPN_7nov2007_final.pdf

For the online version of the Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application (JARPA), please go to:
http://www.epermitting.org/site/alias_resourcecenter/welcome/9978/welcome.aspx

For identifying project location assistance (identifying the latitude and longitude) of your project area, try: www.earth.google.com

For information on the Federal Mitigation Rule (33 CFR 325 & 332, April 10, 2008) and compensatory mitigation, please go to: the Regulatory Branch webpage, select Permit Guidebook, then go to Chapter V, Mitigation

Tidal Benchmarks (Mean High Water and Mean Higher High Water) can be found at:
www.nws.usace.army.mil/PublicMenu/Documents/Reg/applications/tides/tides.cfm

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A complete application [33 CFR 325.1(d) & 325.3(a)] and supplemental information for a Standard Individual Permit application consists of the following:

1. A Completed JARPA
 - name and address of the applicant
 - complete description of proposed activity, including drawings, sketches, or plans, with enough detail to provide sufficient information to the public about the nature of the activity to generate meaningful comment, including:
 - a description of the type of structures, if any, to be erected on fills or pile- or float-supported platforms, and
 - a description of the type, composition, and quantity of materials to be discharged into waters or wetlands or disposed of in the ocean
 - plan view and elevation view drawings showing the general and specific site location and character of all proposed activities, including the size relationship of any proposed structures to the size of the impacted waterway and depth of water in the area
 - location of the proposed activity
 - need and purpose of the proposed activity, including its intended use
 - scheduling of the proposed activity
 - names and addresses of adjoining property owners
 - location and dimensions of adjacent structures
 - list of authorizations required by other federal, interstate, state, regional, or local agencies for the work (for example, certifications relative to water quality, coastal zone management, threatened or endangered species or marine sanctuaries), including all approvals received or denials already made
 - if dredging is planned, the application must include a description of the type, composition, and quantity of the material to be dredged, the method of dredging, and the site and plans for disposal of the material
2. Complete Permit Application Drawings
3. Coastal Zone Management Form
4. Supplemental Information
 - a. Mitigation Plan: measures taken to avoid, minimize, and compensate for aquatic impacts
 - b. Biological Evaluation/Assessment: report describing Endangered Species Act listed species and their critical habitat and measure taken to avoid, minimize, and compensate for impacts to these species and their critical habitat
 - c. Cultural Resources Survey / Historic Properties Assessment: report describing review of the permit area for cultural resources or historic properties (if requested)
 - d. Copy of WA DNR Lease (if activity will occur on State tidelands)
 - e. Copy of Farm Plan (if one is available)
 - f. Copy of applicable State permits