

Special Public Notice

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<u>ANNOUNCEMENT</u>: Revisions to Regional General Permit 6 (RGP-6), Structures in Inland Marine Waters of Washington State

<u>BACKGROUND</u>: In response to questions received from the public, Tribes, and resource agencies subsequent to the issuance of RGP-6 on April 20, 2017, several changes were made to RGP-6. This includes the addition of two special conditions and modification of several special and general conditions and definitions. Please review the full text of RGP-6 located on our webpage at:

http://www.nws.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Regulatory/Permit-Guidebook/RGP/

The changes are summarized below:

- Two special conditions were added:
 - o Special Condition 2.b. (joint-use float size) was inadvertently left off. This was added back in as originally proposed.
 - o Special Condition 10.h. Mooring buoys must be permanently marked with the Corps reference number in print large enough to be read from a distance of 20 feet.
- The following conditions were modified:
 - o Special Condition 7.2.c.
 - o Special Condition 7.2.g was deleted
 - o Special Condition 12.b.
 - o Special Condition 12.c.
 - o Special Condition 12.d.
- Other clarifications and additions:
 - After issuance of RGP-6, there was confusion over how to determine the area of removal area for riparian habitat (see Riparian Zone Impacts in Appendix B, Table 2). A note was added to clarify how to do this calculation.
 - o Appendix B, Table 2. Language was revised to state mitigation requirements for piling driven closer than 40 feet on average in the Upper Shore Zone will be determined by the Corps.
 - Appendix B, Table 3. A Multiplier for Mitigation Work in Documented or Potential Forage Fish Spawning Habitat was inadvertently left off of the list. This was added to the list.
 - The definition of potential forage fish spawning habitat was modified. The original definition was "habitat with the characteristics of forage fish spawning habitat as described above". The definition was modified to include the following addition at the end of the sentence, "and is within one mile of documented forage fish spawning habitat".
 - o RGP-6 General Condition 10 for Tribal Rights was changed.