

Acronyms & Abbreviations

Acronym or Abbreviation	Abbreviation Spelled Out	Definition
401	401 Water Quality Certification	a permit issued by DOE in conjunction with our 404 permit; under the authority of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act
402	Section 402 of the Clean Water Act	the section of the CWA regarding the dumping of waste material into waters of the U.S.
404(b)(1)	404(b)(1) Analysis	document detailing how the project meets the Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines published by the EPA, this includes an alternatives analysis
BA	Biological Assessment	an analysis documenting impacts to endangered species, usually for EIS projects
BE	Biological Evaluation	an analysis documenting impacts of a project on endangered species
BO	Biological Opinion	a document issued by USFWS or NMFS making a formal opinion on the impacts a project may have on endangered species
COE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Federal agency under the Department of the Army

CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	the reference for all of the Federal Regulations
cfs	cubic feet per second	In hydrologic terms, a unit expressing rates of discharge
CWA	Clean Water Act	one of the two main laws used by the Corps
CZM	Coastal Zone Management	a Federal permitting program delegated to the DOE; relates to shoreline permits for all the coastal counties
DA	Department of the Army	the branch of military under which the Corps resides
DE	District Engineer	Commander of the Seattle District Corps of Engineers
DMMO	Dredged Material Management Office	a department of the Seattle District administering the Dredged Material Management Program
DMMP	Dredged Material Management Program	a program regarding open water disposal of dredged material in the Puget Sound; this is administered by DMMO
DNR	WA ST Dept of Natural Resources	a state agency which deals with logging activities and PSDDA activities
DOE	WA ST Dept of Ecology	a state agency which administers 401 WQC and CZM
		a document which reviews the

EA	Environmental Assessment	environmental impacts of a project
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement	a document which reviews, in depth, the environmental impacts of a project
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency	Federal agency primarily responsible for protecting the environment
GP	General Permit	a type of permit with minor impacts; there are two types NWP's and RGP's
HPA	Hydraulic Project Approval	a permit issued by WDFW regarding work performed within waters of the state of Washington
IP	Individual Permit	a type of permit the Regulatory Branch issues; usually involves coordination with other resource agencies and a detailed environmental review; includes LOP's and SIP's
JARPA	Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application	pronounced "jar-pa"; a permit application which an applicant can complete and submit to the Corps, WDFW, and the local government
LOP	Letter of Permission	a type of IP; a permit usually associated with small pier projects
	mean higher	the average higher high tide at

MHHW	high water	a benchmark over a period of 20 years
MHW	mean high water	the average high tide at a benchmark over a period of 20 years
MLLW	mean lower low water	tidal level data used for the Puget Sound area
NGVD	National Geodetic Vertical Datum	A vertical geodetic datum formerly called "Sea Level Datum of 1929" or "mean sea level". The datum was found by averaging the sea level over a period of many years at 26 tide stations along the coasts of the US and Canada. Because it is an average, it does not represent the local mean sea level at any particular place.
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service	pronounced "nymphs"; a Federal agency dealing with Federally listed endangered fish species
NOAA	National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration	pronounced "noah"; NMFS is a department within this large Federal agency
NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service	a Federal agency dealing with agricultural issues
	Nationwide	a form of general permit which

	Permits	authorizes a category of activities throughout the nation
NWD	Northwestern Division	Division headquarters of the Corps which oversee Portland, Seattle, Omaha, Kansas City, and Walla Walla Districts
NWS	Northwestern Seattle	another name for Seattle District
OCE	Office of the Chief of Engineers	top of the Corps in Washington DC
OHW	ordinary high water	the average water level height of a freshwater body
PAO	Public Affairs Office	a department of the Seattle District dealing with public affair issues
PM	project manager	the person managing a permit or enforcement action
PN	Public Notice	a document which describes the proposed project; the document is sent out to agencies and the public
ORMS	OMBIL Regulatory Module	the computer database program for all regulatory actions
RGL	Regulatory Guidance Letter	developed by Corps Headquarters as a system to organize and track written guidance issued to Districts and Divisions

RGP	Regional General Permit	a type of permit with minor impacts similar in nature
SHPO	State Historic Preservation Office	state agency dealing with cultural resources and historic properties
SIP	Standard Individual Permit	a permit the Regulatory Branch processes; is the most environmentally detailed type of permit; usually for larger projects
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure	instructions and/or guidance for procedures
USACE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Federal agency under the Department of the Army
USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	a Federal agency which deals with federally listed endangered species
WDFW	WA ST Dept of Fish and Wildlife	a state agency which deals with the fish and wildlife in the state of Washington
WES	Waterways Experiment Station	pronounced "wes"; a department of the Corps located in Huntsville, Alabama; is the research part of the entire national Corps system
WET	Wetland Evaluation Technique	a method to identify and quantify the functions of a wetland system

WQC	Water Quality Certification	the same thing as a 401 Certification
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