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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Program began in 1890 with the responsibility of protecting and maintaining the Nation's navigable waterways. As a result of changing public needs and evolving policy via new laws and court decisions, protection has been extended to all of the Nation's waters and wetland resources.

The Seattle District is responsible for administering the Regulatory Program within the state of Washington. We have countless wetlands, numerous navigable waterways, and miles of shoreline. Our goal is to provide strong protection of the Nation's aquatic environment and provide fair and reasonable decisions for the regulated public.

We have compiled these internet resources to provide you with information on all aspects regarding regulated activities in wetlands and other waters of the United States.

The Seattle District Regulatory Branch has over 40 scientists, specialists, and staff members working together to administer the program in Washington. If you have questions about our program or how we may assist you, please [contact](#) us!

NOTE: Some of the information on these pages is provided in PDF format. To view or print PDF files from these pages, you will need to install Adobe's Acrobat Reader which is available free at <http://www.adobe.com/>

Latest Regulatory News, Information, and Updates

- The Seattle District Regulatory Home Page will be getting a new look soon.

Our goal is to make our pages easier to read, and navigate.

- On November 7, 2005, Mr. Jerry Inskeep received a Department of the Army Permit to install a pier, ramp, and float in Horseshoe Bay, near Roche Harbor, San Juan County, Washington. To see the permit, and decision documentation, please see the following [link](#). **NOTE:** On November 29, 2005, the original permit was modified. Please see the following [link](#) for details.
- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District, held a [Public Hearing](#) on May 17, 2005, to record public comments related to the Northwest Aggregates application for a Department of the Army Permit. The hearing was held at the Vashon High School Commons, on Vashon Island. The complete transcript of the hearing is available at the following [link](#).
- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District, Regulatory Branch (Corps) has issued four Regional General Permits (RGPs). These RGPs have been issued to expedite the authorization of recurring activities that are similar in nature and have minor individual and cumulative adverse impact on the aquatic environment. The RGPs include completed Endangered Species Act Section 7 consultation, essential fish habitat consultation, and water quality certification (if applicable) from the Washington State Department of Ecology, reducing the Corps' application review time. Please use the [Regional Permits](#) link below to access the full text, conditions, and application form for each RGP. If you have any questions, please contact [Maryann Baird](#) at (206) 764-5531 or [Kristina Tong](#) at telephone (206) 764-6913.
- In 2004, critical habitat was either proposed or designated for [Columbia River bull trout](#), [coastal-Puget Sound bull trout](#), and several populations of [Pacific salmon](#) that occur in Washington State. Critical habitat is protected under the Endangered Species Act. The above links will take you to the Federal Register notices announcing the proposed or designated critical habitat.
- In light of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision regarding [Headwaters, Inc. v. Talent Irrigation District](#), the District Engineer has issued the following [statement](#).

- For more information and guidance on preparing a Biological Assessment, please see the [Biological Assessment Template](#). For projects that are minor or have minimal impacts to listed species, the [Biological Evaluation Template](#) may be used. For Further information, contact Marcy Reed at 206-764-5528.

[**LINK TO ON-LINE PERMIT TRACKING SYSTEM**](#)

[**PUBLIC NOTICES**](#) for proposed projects are now on line!

[**RECENT JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATIONS**](#) for waterbodies that meet the definition of waters of the United States.

[**RECENT NO-JURISDICTION DETERMINATIONS**](#) for waterbodies that do not meet the definition of waters of the United States. This includes no jurisdiction because the site is considered "uplands".

Please fill out the [**CUSTOMER SURVEY FORM**](#). This form is for both Applicants, and any member of the public who wishes to comment on the Seattle District's Regulatory program.

[**REGULATORY PERMIT PROGRAM**](#) Information including program history, overview, mission statement, goals, and public service commitment. Also contains regulations and guidance.

[**PERMIT & APPLICANT INFORMATION**](#) Information including general topics such as when a Corps permit is required, types of permits, and frequently asked questions. Also contains our permit application form, instructions for preparing project drawings, and

[**WATERS & WETLAND INFORMATION**](#) Information about waters of the United States, including wetlands. Also includes access to information about mitigation, navigable waters, tidal waters, and more.

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ENDANGERED SPECIES

Information on the Endangered Species Act, Essential Fish Habitat, steps through the ESA process, approved work windows, special public notices, pre-approved consultations, [BA Template](#) for complex projects, [BE Template for minor projects](#), Specific Project Information Forms, Reference Specific Project Information Forms, and more.

REGIONAL PERMITS Includes information on permits used to authorize specific recurring activities in a particular geographic region (such as Watercraft Lifts within Washington).

ENFORCEMENT & COMPLIANCE Includes an overview of the enforcement program, enforcement regulations, and how to report an alleged violation.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS & PROJECTS Includes information on the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 (WRDA), and the Mill Creek Special Area Management Plan.

NATIONWIDE PERMITS

Includes regional conditions, special public notices, regulations, and related information regarding past, present and proposed Nationwide Permits.

REGULATORY ACTIONS

Information including public notices, monthly permit decisions (including WRDA decisions), appeals actions, and On-line Permit Tracking System.

HIGH PROFILE PROJECTS

Includes information on the Port of Seattle's proposed third runway and Brightwater Sewage Treatment Plant.

CONTACT OUR STAFF

Includes contact information for regulatory personnel, including our Vancouver, Chelan and Spokane field offices.

[AGENCY AND RELATED LINKS](#)

Includes links to other Federal, State, and local agencies. Also includes links to sites related to the Regulatory program and more.

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