

Programmatic Consultation for the Lower Columbia River

**The programmatic consultation for the Lower Columbia River applies only to federally listed fish species under the jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries.**

**Projects that may affect any other federally listed species (or their designated critical habitat) under the jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, including the bald eagle and bull trout, may require individual Section 7 consultation as part of the Corps' permit process.**

[Programmatic Biological Opinion by the National Marine Fisheries Service](#) (November 30, 2004 )

## **Work Activities**

- [Site Preparation](#)
- [Minor Discharges and Excavation](#)
- [Overwater and In-Water Structures](#)
- [Road Construction, Repairs and Improvements](#)
- [Stream and Wetland Restoration](#)
- [Streambank Protection](#)
- [Utility Lines](#)
- [Water Control Structures](#)

## **PROCEDURES FOR USING THE PROGRAMMATIC CONSULTATION FOR THE LOWER COLUMBIA RIVER**

### **1) To use the Lower Columbia River programmatic consultation, your project must:**

- meet the description and conditions for the work activity,

comply with all applicable terms and conditions included in the November 30, 2004, Programmatic Biological Opinion (pages 105-135), and

- be conducted during the lower Columbia River approved in-water work window (1 November through 28 February).

**2) If your project meets ALL of the above requirements, please submit the following:**

- a [Joint Aquatic Resource Permits Application \(JARPA\)](#)
- [Slopes III Project Notification Form \(PNF\)](#)
- a [vicinity map](#) and [project drawing\(s\)](#)

**3) If your project meets MOST of the requirements above, you need to submit the following:**

- a [Joint Aquatic Resource Permits Application \(JARPA\)](#)
- [Slopes III Project Notification Form \(PNF\)](#)
- a [vicinity map](#) and [project drawing\(s\)](#)
- Request for approval of the variance as described in the PNF

**4) Please mail the required information to:**

Seattle District Corps of Engineers  
ATTN: Regulatory Branch,  
CENWS-OD-RG Post Office Box 3755  
Seattle, WA 98124-3755

The Corps will review this information and verify that the work is covered under the programmatic consultation. Where the work meets one or more of the covered work activities and criteria, the Corps will record this finding and Section 7 consultation will be complete. Where the work does not meet the work activities and criteria, the Corps will coordinate with the project proponent to discuss alternatives. The Section 7 ESA consultation is only one part of the permit evaluation process. Using the programmatic consultation will considerably reduce the processing time, however, there are other evaluation factors that must be completed before a permit decision can be made. For

further information on the Lower Columbia River programmatic consultation, please contact: [Marcy Reed](#) ESA Coordinator (206) 764-5529; [Bill Abadie](#) Project Manager for the Southwest Field Office (360) 694-1171

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