

Where Do I Start?

Step 1: Do species listed as threatened and endangered (T&E) under the Endangered Species Act occur in vicinity of project or is the project site included in critical habitat designated under ESA?

Don't know . . . See NMFS and WDFW webpages

NO . . . End of ESA part of permit process

YES . . . Go to Step 2

Step 2: Do you think the project might qualify as having “no effect” on T&E species?

Don't know . . . See freshwater and marine/estuarine activity lists for “no effect”

YES. . . reference “no effect” document in application; Corps makes final determination

NO . . . Go to Step 3

Step 3: For certain types of activities, the Corps has developed several streamlined processes for addressing ESA issues. These activities include Aids to Navigation, Mooring Buoys, Replacement of up to Eighteen Existing Piling (including revised terms for steel piling), Installation or Replacement of One Boatlift, Scientific Measurement Devices, Oil Spill Containment, Fish and Wildlife Harvesting, Tideland Markers, Nearshore Fill for State Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) Mitigation Requirements, Minor Bank Stabilization, fish barrier removal, Regional General Permits, Standard Local Operating Procedures for Endangered Species III (SLOPES III; for Oregon and North Shore of Columbia River). Does your project meet all the requirements (including geographic location) of one of the streamlined processes?

Don't know . . . Check Programmatic Biological Evaluations (PBEs) and Reference Biological Evaluations (RBEs)

YES . . . reference PBE or RBE in application and fill out appropriate Special Project Information Form (SPIF) or Project Notification Form (PNF)

Almost but not quite . . . reference PBE or RBE in application and fill out appropriate Special Project Information Form (SPIF) or Project Notification Form (PNF)

NO . . . Go to Step 4

Step 4: Submit biological evaluation (BE) describing project and its potential impacts on T&E species and critical habitat.