

Free workshops in September on new regional permits for Washington lakes and rivers
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SEATTLE--The Corps of Engineers is sponsoring free workshops on its recently issued regional general permits, which allow for more consistent and predictable permitting of small over-water projects in Washington waters.

The Regional permits that will be discussed at the workshops are:

- Regional General Permit 1 - installation of watercraft lifts throughout Washington State
- RGP 3 - construction of residential overwater structures in the Lake Washington system
- RGP 4 - construction of residential piers and minor bank stabilization in the Pend Oreille River and Lake Chelan
- RGP 5 - construction of residential overwater structures in the upper Columbia and lower Okanogan Rivers
- RGP 6 - installation of residential overwater structures in inland marine waters.

The full text of the permits is available at the Corps' website (<http://www.nws.usace.army.mil>). The application process and requirements of the permits will be discussed at the workshops. Waterfront property owners, marine construction firms, environmental consultants, local shoreline permit coordinators, and area habitat biologists from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife are encouraged to attend. The workshop dates and locations are listed below. In case of a change in venue, please check the Corps website prior to attending a workshop.

September 12
Chimacum
10 a.m. - noon
Tri-Area Community Center
10 West Valley Road, Room 102

September 13
Shelton
10 a.m. - noon
Mason County Public Utility District
South 3rd Street and West Cota Street, Auditorium

September 19
Lacey
9 - 11 a.m.
Washington Dept. of Ecology Bldg.
300 Desmond Drive, Training Room R2S-20

September 20
Seattle
10 a.m. - noon
Seattle District Corps of Engineers
4735 East Marginal Way, Galaxy Room

September 21
Newport
1 - 3 p.m.
Courthouse Building
625 West 4th Street, Commissioner's Meeting Room

September 22
Chelan
10 a.m. - noon
Chelan Public Utility District
1034 East Woodin Avenue, Conference Room

September 22
Wenatchee
2 - 4 p.m.
Chelan Public Utility District
327 North Wenatchee Avenue, Auditorium