



Guidance to Applicants For Department of the Army Permits



1. General

The permit process can seem complicated. Please work closely with your project manager. Compliance with other Federal laws and additional information needed may extend the time for your permit decision.

Final comments are normally required from the governmental agencies listed in paragraph 4 within the 30-day review period. We provide you the opportunity to resolve or rebut objections, if any arise. Contacting the objector is voluntary. As a result of objections to your application or other circumstances, such as financial matters, you may request withdrawal of your application. This will not preclude resubmittal of your application at a later date. The following guidance may help you obtain a timely permit decision.

2. Private Parties Objecting

You may provide information to us that rebuts the objector's position. You may try to resolve objections by contacting the objector. If objections are resolved, request that the objector withdraw the objections in a letter to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. If objections are not resolved, you may ask us to issue a permit over objections. State your reasons why the permit should be issued over objections.

3. Government Agencies

The Washington State Department of Ecology may indicate that the Shoreline permit or Hydraulic Project Approval from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has not been issued for a particular reason. You should contact the appropriate agency to determine how to resolve the issue. Sometimes, it may just be a matter of time taken to process these permits.

Federal agencies may recommend changes to your project or ask for certain conditions. If you agree to the recommendation, please advise your project manager. You may contact the agency to discuss recommendations. You may advise your project manager that you cannot agree and provide reasons why; this will help us make a permit decision that balances your proposal against potential resource impacts.

Remember, while other Federal agencies make recommendations to protect natural resources, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will make the permit decision and decide if special conditions are required.

4. Government Agencies

U.S. Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Permit Review Coordinator

Western Washington:
3704 Griffin Lane Southeast, Suite 102
Olympia, Washington 98501-2192
(360) 753-6125

Eastern Washington:
Post Office Box 1157
Moses Lake, Washington 98837
(509) 765-6125

Columbia River mainstem downstream from McNary Dam:
2600 Southeast 98th, Suite 100
Portland, Oregon 97266
(503) 553-6179

Environmental Protection Agency
Region 10
1200 Sixth Avenue, M/S WD-138
Seattle, Washington 98101
(206) 553-2578

U.S. Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service
Environmental and Technical Services Division
525 Northeast Oregon Street, Suite 500
Portland, Oregon 97232-2737
(503) 230-5400

State of Washington Department of Ecology
Permit Coordination Unit
Post Office Box 47600
Olympia, Washington 98504-7600
(360) 407-6912

County – If proposed work is located in an unincorporated area.

City or Town – If proposed work is located in a municipality.