

SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE PERMITTING PROGRAM UPDATE

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Welcome by Col. John Buck

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INTRODUCTIONS

Todd Tillinger – Current Lead
for Shellfish Aquaculture
Permitting

Lori Morris – Seattle District
Tribal Liaison



STATUS OF 2012 NWP48 REVERIFICATIONS

- 592 Reverifications Issued to Date*
- 198 Withdrawn*
- 95 Pending Reverifications*
- Project Area Clarified to Enable Grouping (or Splitting Out if Preferred)

* As of 22 FEB 2017



UPDATE ON ESA COMPLIANCE

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- Programmatic Biological Opinions (BOs) Including Incidental Take Statements are On-Line
www.nws.usace.army.mil
- BOs Cover a Range of New and Ongoing Activities (commercial, recreational, research, shellfish restoration)
- Activities Meeting BO Reasonable & Prudent Measures, Terms and Conditions May Use Programmatic BOs for ESA Coverage
- Specific Project Information Forms (SPIFs) – Growers Can Use If They Choose, But Not Required
- For Activities Not Meeting BO Reasonable & Prudent Measures, Terms and Conditions USACE Must Consult on an Individual Basis to Attain ESA Coverage
- BOs Can Cover Aquaculture Activities Beyond NWP48

ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING MILESTONES

- Meeting with Growers - Ongoing
- Meeting with Tribes
- Regulatory Program Audit - External Team Assessed Areas for Process Improvement and Best Practices – January 24-27, 2017
 - Added Staff for Processing Applications
 - Developing Streamlined Processes for 2017 NWP
- Workshops for Growers Held in January and February
- HQ Provided Implementation Guidance to Streamline NWP 2017 Verifications
- 2017 NWP Issuance March 2017



UPDATE ON 2017 NWP ISSUANCE

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- 2017 Nationwide Permits Published in Federal Register January 6, 2017
- 2017 NWPs Become Effective March 19, 2017
- Regional Conditions To Be Released with 2017 NWPs March 19, 2017



Questions

