

Permitting

Q16: How will Seattle District be prioritizing permit application review?

A16. The District is prioritizing review of permit applications in the following manner:

While the District is processing current volume of commercial shellfish aquaculture applications, the following will impact the processing timeline of your permit:

Applications for previously verified operations which have no proposed changes and do not involve modifications or new work are generally faster to process. Applications for new work generally require more time to process. Applications which qualify for a Letter of Permission (LOP) will generally be faster to process than applications which require a Standard Individual Permit (SP). Taking the above factors into consideration, the District is attempting to prioritize applications on a first received manner.

You may wish to consider these factors when determining what type of shellfish aquaculture activities you will propose in your application. You may work with your project manager at any time to discuss whether revisions to your application might reduce the processing timeline. Generally, revisions to an application can occur after the date of original submittal and will not result in a change of the original submittal date. The applicant guidebook available on the Seattle District Website is a good source to understand what is involved in processing LOPs and SPs
<https://www.nws.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Regulatory/> .