



US Army Corps
of Engineers®
Seattle District

GUIDANCE TO APPLICANTS FOR DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMITS



1. **GENERAL.** The permit process can seem complicated. Please work closely with the project manager identified in the accompanying transmittal letter. Our goal is to reach a final decision on a permit application within 60 days of receipt of a completed application. However, compliance with other Federal laws in special circumstances may extend this period. State or local permitting actions or objections also may delay the final 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 re-submittal of your application at a later date. The following guidance may help you obtain a timely permit decision.

2. **PRIVATE PARTIES OBJECTING.** 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 Corps. 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.**

a. **WITHHOLDING COMMENT.** When agency final comments are withheld, such as when that agency has permit requirements applicable to your project, you should contact that agency and take any necessary action.

b. **OPPOSITION.** You may contact the agency and attempt to resolve the opposition. You may also request that we make a decision on your application over unresolved objections. State your reasons why the permit should be issued over objections.

c. **CONDITIONAL COMMENT.** Sometimes an agency may recommend changes to your project or ask that you agree to certain conditions. In such cases, you should contact the Corps to make us aware that you may be considering the proposal. Remember, while other Federal agencies may make recommendations in light of their agency responsibilities, the Corps of Engineers has the ultimate authority to determine if the proposed project is not contrary to the public interest, whether the permit should be issued or denied, and if special conditions should be added to the permit.

4. GOVERNMENT AGENCY ADDRESSES

Environmental Protection Agency
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Fish and Wildlife Service
Ecological Services
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U.S. Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service
Environmental and Technical Services Division
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