

PERMIT STREAMLINING

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ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

In-stream passage
In-stream diversion
In-stream habitat
Riparian habitat
Upland habitat
Estuarine habitat
Marine nearshore habitat restoration

Eligible Fish

- Columbia River chum
- Middle Columbia River steelhead
- Lower Columbia River steelhead
- Lower Columbia River Chinook
- Lower Columbia River coho
- Hood Canal summer run chum
- Puget Sound Chinook
- Snake River spring/summer run Chinook
- Snake River steelhead

FASTER, EASIER, CHEAPER

Salmon Recovery Funding Board grantees now may use an expedited federal permitting process for habitat restoration and protection projects affecting fish threatened with extinction.

Under an agreement with the National Marine Fisheries Service, Salmon Recovery Funding Board grantees may submit a single form to satisfy requirements of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). This constitutes the ESA review.

The form certifies that the project meets the criteria listed on the back page, and is submitted along with the Joint Aquatic Resource Permits Application (JARPA). JARPA is a single application for multiple federal, state, and local environmental permits.

Salmon Recovery Regions



The expedited process applies to projects likely to help conserve listed fish without incurring significant risks and can be used on all current SRFB projects undergoing permitting.

Background

In June 2000, the National Marine Fisheries Service prohibited anyone from taking listed salmon, except in cases where the take was associated with an approved program. The salmon recovery

plans produced by regional recovery organizations are approved programs.

As a result, the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office received approval for projects supported by the Washington State Salmon Recovery Board to follow this expedited process.

This approval from the federal government will reduce the cost, uncertainty, and permitting burden for grantees.

Salmon Recovery Regional Organizations

Puget Sound Shared Strategy

Covers Puget Sound Chinook
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Seattle WA 98101
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Hood Canal Coordinating Council

Covers Puget Sound Chinook and Hood Canal summer chum
Jay Watson, Executive Director
17791 Fjord Dr NE, Box HH
Poulsbo WA 98370-8481
(360) 394 0045

Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board

Covers lower Columbia River steelhead, Chinook, and coho, and Columbia River chum
Jeff Breckel, Executive Director
2127 8th Ave
Longview WA 98632
(360) 425 1553

Yakima Basin Fish and Wildlife Recovery Board

Covers middle Columbia River steelhead
Alex Conley, Executive Director
PO Box 2662
Yakima WA 98907
(509) 453 4104

Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board

Covers upper Columbia River steelhead
Julie Morgan, Executive Director
415 King Street
Wenatchee WA 98801
(509) 662 4710

Snake River Salmon Recovery Board

Covers middle Columbia River steelhead and Snake River steelhead and spring/summer run Chinook
Steve Martin, Executive Director
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Dayton WA 99328
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CRITERIA TO APPLY

Projects must meet all of the following criteria to qualify for the streamlined process:

- Must have the potential to impact fish listed as threatened under the federal ESA (See front page).
- Must be part of the habitat portion of a salmon recovery plan, which has been approved by a regional salmon recovery organization and the State of Washington, and been published in the federal register by National Marine Fisheries Service.
- Must be part of an adopted implementation work schedule developed by a regional organization to implement the habitat portion of its salmon recovery plan.
- Must be funded in part or wholly by the Salmon Recovery Funding Board.
- Must be consistent with the technical and procedural criteria outlined by the Salmon Recovery Funding Board.
- Must be done for the purpose of habitat restoration; and fit within the list of eligible actions (See front page).

HOW TO APPLY

Step 1: Fill out the self-certification form (in the near future this will be included with the JARPA). By filling out the form, you are certifying that your project meets the criteria and is

consistent with the Salmon Recovery Funding Board's habitat restoration grant program.

Step 2: Send one copy in with your JARPA and one copy to your Salmon

Recovery Funding Board grants manager (e-mail is fine), or attach the form to your project in PRISM, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board's grant database.

RESOURCES

- Salmon Recovery Funding Board: www.rco.wa.gov
- JARPA: www.epermitting.org/site/alias__ResourceCenter/9983/jarpa_process.aspx
- Limit 8 Web site: www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/consultation
- Randy McIntosh, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), 360-534-9309, Randy.Mcintosh@noaa.gov
- Governor's Office of Regulatory Assistance, www.ora.wa.gov/permithelp