

Permit Streamlining

2012 FACT SHEET

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The Lewis County Conservation District replaces a culvert in Stearns Creek.

Overview

The Endangered Species Act prohibits anyone from “taking” salmon, steelhead, or trout listed under the Endangered Species Act. Recognizing that some projects are unlikely to “take” a significant level of at-risk fish, federal agencies allow some Salmon Recovery Funding Board

Eligible Projects

Limit 8

- In-stream passage
- In-stream diversion
- In-stream habitat
- Riparian habitat
- Upland habitat
- Estuarine, marine near-shore habitat restoration

grant recipients to follow an expedited process that meets Endangered Species Act review requirements and reduces cost, uncertainty, time, and permitting.

Under agreements with the National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, some grant recipients may satisfy Endangered Species Act requirements in one of two ways:

Limit 8

Limit 8, named for section 4(d) under which it was approved in the Endangered Species Act, requires grant applicants to submit one-page checklists to their Salmon

Fish Passage and Habitat Restoration Programmatic

- Fish passage
- In-stream structures
- Levee removal and modification
- Side channel, off-channel habitat restoration and reconstruction

Recovery Funding Board grant manager and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers certifying their projects meet eligibility requirements of the state’s Habitat Restoration Program.

Fish Passage and Habitat Restoration Programmatic

Fish Passage and Habitat Restoration Programmatic, named for the programmatic biological opinion adopted to satisfy Endangered Species Act section 7 consultation requirements, requires applicants to submit Specific Project Information Forms to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers describing the project and its environment.

If your project is on national forest land, a separate process is in place and you should work with your local Forest Service office.

Eligible Fish

Under Limit 8

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

Under Fish Passage and Habitat Restoration Programmatic

- All of the above
- Upper Columbia River steelhead
- Upper Columbia River Chinook salmon
- Bull trout

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Links to Other Resources

[Salmon Recovery Funding Board](#)

[Governor's Salmon Recovery Office](#)

[Governor's Office of Regulatory Assistance](#)

[Joint Aquatic Resource Permit Application](#)

[Limit 8](#)

[Washington State Fish Passage and Restoration Programmatic](#)

[Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Restoration Programmatic](#)

Criteria to Apply

Limit 8

- Must have the potential to impact species listed as *threatened*, not endangered, under the Endangered Species Act.
- Must be funded by the Salmon Recovery Funding Board or the following grant programs: Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account's restoration category, Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Community Salmon fund, and Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's Habitat Conservation or Riparian Protection Accounts.
- Must be consistent with the technical and procedural criteria

How to Apply

Limit 8

Fill out the [self certification form](#), on the Salmon Recovery Funding Board Web site, which certifies that your project meets ALL of the above criteria. For approved monitoring projects, contact Keith Dublanica at the Salmon Recovery Funding Board: Keith.Dublanica@rco.wa.gov for that form.

outlined by the Salmon Recovery Funding Board.

- Must be done for the purpose of habitat restoration and fit within the Salmon Recovery Funding Board's list of eligible actions.
- Must be part of the habitat portion of a salmon recovery plan that has been approved by a regional salmon recovery organization and the State of Washington, and been published in the federal register by the 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.

Send a copy of the form with your Joint Aquatic Resource Permit Application, and attach the form to your Salmon Recovery Funding Board project in PRISM.

Fish Passage and Habitat Restoration Programmatic

Send a completed Specific Project Information Form to the U.S. Army Corps of

Fish Passage and Habitat Restoration Programmatic

- Must have the potential to impact species listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act.
- Must require a Corps of Engineers regulatory permit.
- Must be a restoration action included in at least one of the nine categories of restoration listed in the Corps' programmatic biological opinion.
- Must not be on U.S. Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management lands. Restoration actions on these lands are covered under a separate programmatic consultation. See resources list on left.

Engineers' Regulatory Office.

Corps staff reviews the form and sends it to the National Marine Fisheries Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Electronic approval will occur within 30 days.

The Corps will issue a regulatory permit, and may require a sediment monitoring report.