

Limit 8 Self-Certification Form

For a proposed habitat restoration activity to be consistent with the Endangered Species Act Habitat Restoration Program 4(d) Rule, Limit 8, the project proponent needs to review the elements of the Habitat Restoration Program and certify, using the checklist below. The Habitat Restoration Program includes a habitat protection and restoration project funded by the Recreation and Conservation Office that meets all the following characteristics:

- Is part of a habitat portion of a salmon recovery plan approved by a regional salmon recovery organization and the State of Washington and published by the National Marine Fisheries Service in the Federal Register.
- Is part of an adopted Implementation Schedule developed by a regional organization to implement the habitat portion of a salmon recovery plan.
- Is funded in part or wholly by, and is consistent with the technical and procedural criteria outlined for, the following funding programs managed by the Recreation and Conservation Office:
 - Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account–Restoration Projects
 - Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program
 - Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration Program
 - Salmon Recovery Funding Board
 - Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program–Habitat Conservation Account
- Is being done to restore habitat and fits in the list of eligible actions below:
 - Estuarine and Marine Nearshore Habitat Restoration
 - In-stream Diversion Screening
 - In-stream Habitat
 - In-stream Passage

- Monitoring
- Riparian Habitat Restoration
- Upland Habitat Restoration or Protection

Project Proponent Name

Title

Project Number

Date

Habitat Restoration and Streambank Protection

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), in concert with other state agencies, has developed [guidelines](#) that facilitate the consistent application of good science and practices for project designs, construction, and operations affecting aquatic systems.

Fish Passage, Screening, and Inventories

WDFW provides technical assistance to Salmon Recovery Funding Board applicants for the [design and development of barrier correction and screening projects](#). WDFW provides design standards and performs technical review of fish passage and other habitat restoration and development projects. This technical review is required for approval through the Hydraulic Project Approval process and is especially critical for fish passage and screening projects.

WDFW also established a protocol for fish passage barriers and screening inventories that should be followed. The protocol is in the [Fish Passage Inventory, Assessment, and Prioritization Manual](#).

Fish Passage Projects

All fish passage projects must meet state fish passage criteria. WDFW developed the [Water Crossing Design Guidelines](#) (2013) to guide the implementation of fish passage projects.

Screening Projects

All screening projects must meet state fish screening criteria. WDFW developed draft [guidelines for fish screens](#).

Inventory Projects

Project applicants are encouraged to use the WDFW Priority Index system. It provides a standardized methodology for the assessment and prioritization of fish passage barriers and water diversion screens. To assist applicants in developing the PI, WDFW developed the [Fish Passage Inventory, Assessment, and Prioritization Manual](#).

Monitoring Projects

WDFW established [protocols for monitoring salmon habitats](#), which are on the Salmon Recovery Funding Board web page.