



HYDRAULIC PROJECT APPROVAL

Washington Department of
Fish & Wildlife
PO Box 43234
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(360) 902-2200

Issued Date: September 21, 2020
Project End Date: September 20, 2025

Permit Number: 2020-9-8+01
FPA/Public Notice Number: N/A
Application ID: 21036

PERMITTEE	AUTHORIZED AGENT OR CONTRACTOR
WSDOT ATTENTION: Virginia Stone 310 Maple Park Ave SE Olympia, WA 98501-2348	

Project Name: Streambed Sediment Sampling below OHWL for Fish Passage Design Analysis

Project Description: Samples will be collected using hand held McNeil samplers (or similar) or shovels to determine sediment composition of streambeds to support the streambed design of fish passage projects. Up to six samples per project site will be taken. Only undisturbed sediments will be sampled to attain appropriate samples – spawning sediments would return biased results. No samples would be taken in likely spawning areas. The samples will be removed from the site for analysis, and will not be returned.

PROVISIONS

1. This HPA authorizes sediment sampling in freshwater streams statewide for fish passage design analysis.

TIMING - PLANS - INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL

2. **TIMING LIMITATIONS:** The project may begin immediately and must be completed by September 20, 2025. Work within the wetted perimeter may only occur during the time periods authorized the attachment in APP ID 21036 entitled "Allowable Freshwater Work Times May 2018". Work outside of the wetted perimeter may occur year-round.

3. **APPROVED PLANS:** You must accomplish the work per plans and specifications submitted with the application and approved by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, except as modified by this Hydraulic Project Approval. You must have a copy of these plans available on site during all phases of the project proposal.

4. **INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL:** Follow Method 1 for low risk locations (i.e. clean/drain/dry). Thoroughly remove visible dirt and debris from all equipment and gear (including drive mechanisms, wheels, tires, tracks, buckets, and undercarriage) before arriving and leaving the job site to prevent the transport and introduction of invasive species. For contaminated or high risk sites please refer to the Method 2 Decontamination protocol. Properly dispose of any water and chemicals used to clean gear and equipment. You can find this and additional information in the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's "Invasive Species Management Protocols", available online at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/invasive/prevention>.

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

5. **FISH KILL/ WATER QUALITY PROBLEM NOTIFICATION:** If a fish kill occurs or fish are observed in distress at the job site, immediately stop all activities causing harm. Immediately notify the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife of the problem. If the likely cause of the fish kill or fish distress is related to water quality, also notify the Washington Military Department Emergency Management Division at 1-800-258-5990. Activities related to the fish kill or fish distress must not resume until the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife gives approval. The Washington



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Department of Fish and Wildlife may require additional measures to mitigate impacts.

SEDIMENT SAMPLING

6. The use of equipment below the ordinary high water line is limited to McNeil samplers, shovels and other hand held tools.

7. Stream bank excavation is not authorized by this HPA.

8. Up to six samples may be taken at each project site. The volume of each sample may be no greater than can be contained in the McNeil sampler.

9. Large woody material repositioning is prohibited.

10. Vegetation may not be removed. Alteration or disturbance of the bank and bank vegetation must be limited to that necessary to gain access.

11. Replace native riparian zone and aquatic vegetation, and wetland vascular plants (except noxious weeds) damaged or destroyed by construction using a proven methodology.

12. ANNUAL REPORTING: A calendar year annual report must be uploaded as a post permit requirement to Application ID 21036 in the Aquatic Protection Permitting System in unlocked Microsoft Excel (*.xlsx) format by February 28 of the following year. In the final year of the HPA, the report must be submitted prior to the expiration date. An annual report is required even if no work was conducted.

The report must be provided in an Excel file and must include:

- a. General: Application ID Number 21036, HPA Permit Number, permittee, contact person, address, telephone number, date of report, time period.
- b. Summary: Total number of individual sites.
- c. Problem(s) encountered: Provision violation, notification, corrective action, and impacts to fish life and water quality from any problems that arose.
- d. List of individual sites completed by Lat/Long, date of work, duration of work. Describe all work below the OHWL including equipment used, and quantity of sediment sampled.

LOCATION #1: , , WA						
WORK START: September 21, 2020			WORK END: September 20, 2025			
<u>WRIA</u>		<u>Waterbody:</u>		<u>Tributary to:</u>		
<u>1/4 SEC:</u>	<u>Section:</u>	<u>Township:</u>	<u>Range:</u>	<u>Latitude:</u>	<u>Longitude:</u>	<u>County:</u>
						Statewide
<u>Location #1 Driving Directions</u>						



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APPLY TO ALL HYDRAULIC PROJECT APPROVALS

This Hydraulic Project Approval pertains only to those requirements of the Washington State Hydraulic Code, specifically Chapter 77.55 RCW. Additional authorization from other public agencies may be necessary for this project. The person(s) to whom this Hydraulic Project Approval is issued is responsible for applying for and obtaining any additional authorization from other public agencies (local, state and/or federal) that may be necessary for this project.

This Hydraulic Project Approval shall be available on the job site at all times and all its provisions followed by the person(s) to whom this Hydraulic Project Approval is issued and operator(s) performing the work.

This Hydraulic Project Approval does not authorize trespass.

The person(s) to whom this Hydraulic Project Approval is issued and operator(s) performing the work may be held liable for any loss or damage to fish life or fish habitat that results from failure to comply with the provisions of this Hydraulic Project Approval.

Failure to comply with the provisions of this Hydraulic Project Approval could result in civil action against you, including, but not limited to, a stop work order or notice to comply, and/or a gross misdemeanor criminal charge, possibly punishable by fine and/or imprisonment.

All Hydraulic Project Approvals issued under RCW 77.55.021 are subject to additional restrictions, conditions, or revocation if the Department of Fish and Wildlife determines that changed conditions require such action. The person(s) to whom this Hydraulic Project Approval is issued has the right to appeal those decisions. Procedures for filing appeals are listed below.

MINOR MODIFICATIONS TO THIS HPA: You may request approval of minor modifications to the required work timing or to the plans and specifications approved in this HPA unless this is a General HPA. If this is a General HPA you must use the Major Modification process described below. Any approved minor modification will require issuance of a letter documenting the approval. A minor modification to the required work timing means any change to the work start or end dates of the current work season to enable project or work phase completion. Minor modifications will be approved only if spawning or incubating fish are not present within the vicinity of the project. You may request subsequent minor modifications to the required work timing. A minor modification of the plans and specifications means any changes in the materials, characteristics or construction of your project that does not alter the project's impact to fish life or habitat and does not require a change in the provisions of the HPA to mitigate the impacts of the modification. If you originally applied for your HPA through the online Aquatic Protection Permitting System (APPS), you may request a minor modification through APPS. A link to APPS is at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/hpa/>. If you did not use APPS you must submit a written request that clearly indicates you are seeking a minor modification to an existing HPA. Written requests must include the name of the applicant, the name of the authorized agent if one is acting for the applicant, the APP ID number of the HPA, the date issued, the permitting biologist, the requested changes to the HPA, the reason for the requested change, the date of the request, and the requestor's signature. Send by mail to: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, PO Box 43234, Olympia, Washington 98504-3234, or by email to HPAapplications@dfw.wa.gov. You should allow up to 45 days for the department to process your request.



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MAJOR MODIFICATIONS TO THIS HPA: You may request approval of major modifications to any aspect of your HPA. Any approved change other than a minor modification to your HPA will require issuance of a new HPA. If you originally applied for your HPA through the online Aquatic Protection Permitting System (APPS), you may request a major modification through APPS. A link to APPS is at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/hpa/>. If you did not use APPS you must submit a written request that clearly indicates you are requesting a major modification to an existing HPA. Written requests must include the name of the applicant, the name of the authorized agent if one is acting for the applicant, the APP ID number of the HPA, the date issued, the permitting biologist, the requested changes to the HPA, the reason for the requested change, the date of the request, and the requestor's signature. Send your written request by mail to: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, PO Box 43234, Olympia, Washington 98504-3234. You may email your request for a major modification to HPAapplications@dfw.wa.gov. You should allow up to 45 days for the department to process your request.

APPEALS INFORMATION

If you wish to appeal the issuance, denial, conditioning, or modification of a Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA), Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) recommends that you first contact the department employee who issued or denied the HPA to discuss your concerns. Such a discussion may resolve your concerns without the need for further appeal action. If you proceed with an appeal, you may request an informal or formal appeal. WDFW encourages you to take advantage of the informal appeal process before initiating a formal appeal. The informal appeal process includes a review by department management of the HPA or denial and often resolves issues faster and with less legal complexity than the formal appeal process. If the informal appeal process does not resolve your concerns, you may advance your appeal to the formal process. You may contact the HPA Appeals Coordinator at (360) 902-2534 for more information.

A. INFORMAL APPEALS: WAC 220-660-460 is the rule describing how to request an informal appeal of WDFW actions taken under Chapter 77.55 RCW. Please refer to that rule for complete informal appeal procedures. The following information summarizes that rule.

A person who is aggrieved by the issuance, denial, conditioning, or modification of an HPA may request an informal appeal of that action. You must send your request to WDFW by mail to the HPA Appeals Coordinator, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Habitat Program, PO Box 43234, Olympia, Washington 98504-3234; e-mail to HPAapplications@dfw.wa.gov; fax to (360) 902-2946; or hand-delivery to the Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington St SE, Habitat Program, Fifth floor. WDFW must receive your request within 30 days from the date you receive notice of the decision. If you agree, and you applied for the HPA, resolution of the appeal may be facilitated through an informal conference with the WDFW employee responsible for the decision and a supervisor. If a resolution is not reached through the informal conference, or you are not the person who applied for the HPA, the HPA Appeals Coordinator or designee may conduct an informal hearing or review and recommend a decision to the Director or designee. If you are not satisfied with the results of the informal appeal, you may file a request for a formal appeal.

B. FORMAL APPEALS: WAC 220-660-470 is the rule describing how to request a formal appeal of WDFW actions taken under Chapter 77.55 RCW. Please refer to that rule for complete formal appeal procedures. The following information summarizes that rule.



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C. FAILURE TO APPEAL WITHIN THE REQUIRED TIME PERIODS: If there is no timely request for an appeal, the WDFW action shall be final and unappealable.

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for Director
WDFW