



Fish Habitat Enhancement Project

Application Phase

Applicant
Start

Washington Department of
Fish and Wildlife

Public or other
interested party

From
HPA
Permit
Process

Applicant desires approval
through the Fish Habitat
Enhancement exemption process

(A)

Applicant submits JARPA form
including Fish Enhancement
Project Addition to WDFW and
Local Government or completes
online application using WDFW's
APPS program.

1 day

(B)

WDFW determines whether the
project meets criteria for
streamlined process

(C)

Does Not
Qualify

Qualifies

WDFW determines whether concerns
can be mitigated in HPA

No

Yes

WDFW notifies
Applicant and
Local Government

Within 5
days

Project exempt
from local
permits and fees

30 days

Return to
start of
HPA
Permit
Process

(D)

WDFW may conduct
a site visit; evaluate
HPA status;
determine
appropriate
mitigation

30 days

Permit Issued

Local Government provides
comments about concerns to
WDFW

30 days

45 days

Review and Issuance Phase

Legend:

(A) = Hyperlink

→ = Progression

→ = Revision

→ = Optional

For more information on this or any permitting process visit <https://www.oria.wa.gov> or call the Governor's Office for Regulatory Innovation and Assistance at (800) 917-0043

Link A

Qualifying for the Streamlined Process for Fish Habitat Enhancement Project:

To qualify for the streamlined process for fish habitat enhancement you must check at least one each from A and B:

- A. Projects must accomplish one or more of the following fish habitat restoration tasks:
- Removal of human-made fish passage barriers; or
 - Restoration of an eroded or unstable stream bank using bioengineering techniques; or
 - Placement of woody debris or other in-stream structures that benefit naturally reproducing fish stocks.

AND

- B. Projects must also be approved in one or more of the following ways:
- By WDFW, through the **Salmon Enhancement**, or **Volunteer Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Programs** – Provide project name, and who at WDFW approved the project;
 - By the sponsor of a **watershed restoration plan** as provided in chapter 89.08RCW – Provide title and date of plan, and approving or sponsoring agency;
 - By the **Department of Fish and Wildlife** as a department-sponsored fish enhancement or restoration project;
 - Through the review and approval process for the **Jobs for the Environment** program;
 - Through the review and approval process for **Conservation District sponsored** projects, where the project complies with design standards established by the conservation commission through interagency agreement with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Natural Resource Conservation Service –Provide approval date and name of Conservation District approving project; or
 - Through a **formal grant program** established by the legislature or the Department of Fish and Wildlife for fish habitat enhancement or restoration–Provide grant application date and circle status: Approved, Denied, or Pending.

Reference: [WDFW – Salmon Recovery in Washington State](#)

Reference: [WDFW – Volunteer Opportunities with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife](#)

HPA Streamlined Process for Fish Habitat Enhancement Project:

Applying for the Streamlined Process for Fish Habitat Enhancement Projects:

Submit on the same day a complete [JARPA](#) form and the [cover addition](#) as an application for the streamlined process for fish habitat enhancement to the Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and all applicable Local Government planning and permitting departments. Provide the following:

- name and number of [habitat biologist](#) at WDFW to whom you applied; and
- to what local government you applied.

Reference: https://www.oria.wa.gov/site/alias__oria/4217/jarpa.aspx

- Apply for all other Federal and State permits needed as defined in the JARPA form.
- Fill in waters of the state will require a 404 permit from the Corps of Engineers and possibly a 401 Water Quality Certification from Ecology.

Link: [401 Water Quality Certification Permit Flowchart](#)

The only work covered by the streamlined process must be for fish habitat enhancement. If only a portion of your project is for **fish habitat enhancement**, the full permitting process must cover the remainder of the project.

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