



Portland District Regional Conditions

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The following are Portland District's Regional Conditions for the 2021 Nationwide Permits:

1. *Notification:* For permittees that received written NWP approval, upon starting the authorized activities, you shall notify the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District, Regulatory Branch that the work has started. Notification shall be provided by e-mail to cenwp.notify@usace.army.mil and the email subject line shall include: Corps project number and the project location by county.

2. *Aquatic Resources of Special Concern:* Pre-construction notification to the District Engineer is required for all activities proposed in waters of the U.S. within, or directly affecting, an aquatic resource of special concern. Aquatic resources of special concern are resources that are difficult to replace, unique, and/or have high ecological function. For the purpose of this regional condition, aquatic resources of special concern are native eel grass (*Zostera marina*) beds, mature forested wetlands, bogs, fens, vernal pools, alkali wetlands, wetlands in dunal systems along the Oregon coast, estuarine wetlands, Willamette Valley wet prairie wetlands, marine gardens, marine reserves, kelp beds, and rocky substrate in tidal waters.

In addition to the content requirements of NWP General Condition (GC) 32, the pre-construction notification must include a statement explaining why the effects of the proposed activity are no more than minimal. Written approval from the District Engineer must be obtained prior to commencing work.

Note: If the District Engineer determines that the adverse effects of the proposed activity are more than minimal, then the District Engineer will notify the applicant that either:

- a. the activity does not qualify for authorization under the NWP and instruct the applicant on the procedures to seek authorization under an individual permit;
- b. the activity is authorized under the NWP subject to submission of a mitigation plan that would reduce the adverse effects on the aquatic environment to the minimal level; or
- c. the activity is authorized under the NWP with specific modifications or conditions.

3. *Cultural Resources and Human Burials-Inadvertent Discovery Plan:* In addition to the requirements in NWP GCs 20 and 21, the permittee shall immediately notify the District Engineer if, at any time during the course of the work authorized, human burials, cultural items, or historic properties, as defined by the National Historic Preservation Act and Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, are discovered. The permittee shall implement the following procedures as outlined on the Inadvertent Discovery Plan to be

posted on the Portland District Regulatory website at
<https://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Nationwide.asp>.

Notify the Portland District Engineer as soon as possible following discovery but in no case later than 24 hours. Notification may be sent electronically (cenwp.notify@usace.army.mil) and shall identify the Corps project number and clearly specify the purpose is to report a cultural resource discovery. The permittee shall also notify the Corps representative (by email and telephone) identified in the verification letter.

4. *Essential Fish Habitat*: Activities which may adversely affect essential fish habitat, as defined under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA), are not authorized by NWP until essential fish habitat requirements have been met by the applicant and the Corps. Non-federal permittees must submit a pre-construction notification to the District Engineer if essential fish habitat may be affected by, or is in the vicinity of, a proposed activity and shall not begin work until notified by the District Engineer that the requirements of the essential fish habitat provisions of the MSA have been satisfied and the activity is authorized. The notification must identify the type(s) of essential fish habitat (e.g., Pacific coast salmon, Pacific coast groundfish, and/or Coastal-pelagic species) managed by a Fishery Management Plan that may be affected. Information about essential fish habitat is available at NOAA's website:
<http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/>.

5. *Bank Stabilization*: Permittee shall include the use of bioengineering techniques and natural materials in the project design to the maximum extent practicable and shall minimize the use of rock. Bioengineering bank stabilization techniques are those that increase the strength and structure of soils with a combination of biological and mechanical elements (e.g., vegetation, root wads and woody debris, rock structures). Riparian plantings shall be included in all project designs unless the permittee can demonstrate that such plantings are not practicable.

6. *Work Area Isolation and Dewatering*: Appropriate best management practices shall be implemented to prevent erosion and to prevent sediments from entering waters of the U.S.

a. All in-water work shall be isolated from the active channel or conducted during low seasonal stream flows to the maximum extent practicable.

b. Cofferdams shall be constructed of non-erosive material, such as concrete jersey barriers, sand and gravel bag dams, or water bladders. Constructing a cofferdam by pushing material from the streambed or sloughing material from the streambanks is not authorized.

c. Sand and gravel bag dams shall be lined with a plastic liner or geotextile fabric to reduce permeability and prevent sediments and/or construction materials from entering waters of the U.S.

d. Upstream and downstream flows shall be maintained by routing flows around the construction site.

e. When dewatering is necessary for construction, a sediment basin, or other applicable method, shall be used to settle sediments prior to releasing the water back into the waterbody. Settled water shall be returned to the waterbody in such a manner as to avoid erosion. Sediment basins shall be placed in uplands.

f. Fish and other aquatic species must be salvaged (i.e., safely captured and relocated away from the project or development site) prior to dewatering. Contact ODFW for additional information regarding fish salvage.

7. *Dredging*: For NWP-authorized activities that involve removal of sediment from waters of the U.S., the permittee shall ensure that any necessary sediment characterization regarding size, composition, and potential contaminants is conducted and reviewed prior to dredging. Sediment characterization must be conducted per the Sediment Evaluation Framework for the Pacific Northwest (available at: <http://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environment/DMM.aspx>).

Note: The return water from a contained disposal area is defined as a discharge of dredged material by 33 CFR Part 323.2(d) and requires separate authorization from the District Engineer (e.g., by NWP 16).

8. *Mechanized Equipment*: In addition to the requirements in NWP GC 11, permittee shall implement the following practices to prevent or minimize impacts to the aquatic environment from mechanized equipment:

a. Operate equipment from the top of a streambank and conduct work outside of the active stream channel, unless specifically authorized by the District Engineer.

b. Spill prevention and containment materials shall be maintained and be readily accessible at vehicle staging areas. The amount of spill response materials (such as straw matting/bales, geotextiles, booms, diapers, and other absorbent materials, shovels, brooms, and containment bags) maintained on-site must be appropriate for the size of the authorized activity.

Note: See Regional Condition 10 regarding timeframes for temporary fills.

9. *Erosion Control*: During construction and until the site is stabilized, the permittee shall ensure all practicable measures are implemented and maintained to prevent erosion and runoff. Temporary stockpiles of excavated or dredged material shall be stabilized to prevent erosion. Once soils or slopes have been stabilized, permittee shall completely remove and properly dispose of or re-use all non-biodegradable components of installed control measures.

10. *Temporary Fills and Impacts*: To ensure no more than minimal adverse environmental effects from temporary fills and impacts to waters of the U.S:

a. Temporary fills and/or impacts to waters of the U.S. shall not exceed six months unless otherwise approved by the District Engineer.

b. No more than one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) acre of waters of the U.S. may be temporarily filled or impacted unless otherwise approved by the District Engineer (temporary fills and impacts do not affect specified limits for loss of waters associated with specific nationwide permits).

c. Native soils and/or sediments removed from waters of the U.S. for project construction shall be stockpiled and used for site restoration to the maximum extent practicable.

d. Site restoration of temporarily filled or impacted areas shall include returning the area to pre-project ground surface contours. The permittee shall appropriately revegetate temporarily filled or impacted areas with native, noninvasive herbs, shrubs, and/or tree species sufficient in number, spacing, and diversity to replace affected aquatic functions.

Note: The Corps will determine compensatory mitigation requirements for temporary fills and impacts on a case-by-case basis depending on the duration and nature of the temporary fill or impact and the type of aquatic resource affected.

11. *Contractor Notification of Permit Requirements:* The permittee must provide a copy of the Nationwide Permit verification letter, conditions, and permit drawings to all contractors and any other parties performing the authorized work, prior to the commencement of any work in waters of the U.S.

12. *Inspection of the Project Site:* The permittee shall allow representatives of the District Engineer to inspect the authorized activity to confirm compliance with nationwide permit terms and conditions. A request for access to the site will normally be made sufficiently in advance to allow a property owner or representative the option to be on site during the inspection.

Regional Conditions for Specific Nationwide Permits:

NWP # 5: Permittee shall remove all scientific measurement devices including all associated structures and fills including anchoring devices, buoys, and cables within 30 days after the device is no longer being used for its intended purpose.

NWP # 6: Permittee shall isolate all in-stream exploratory trenching from flowing water.

NWP # 13: Pre-construction notification, when required, must include photo documentation of the existing conditions at the proposed project site.

NWP # 29: Pre-construction notification must identify if the project is for the construction or expansion of a single residence, a multiple unit/subdivision residential development, or a phased residential development. For proposed projects within or associated with multiple unit/subdivision residential development or a phased residential development, the pre-construction notification must identify any known previous Department of the Army authorizations received for the multiple unit/subdivision residential development or a phased residential development.

NWP # 33: Pre-construction notification to the District Engineer is required prior to

commencing all activities conducted in waters of the U.S. (i.e. Section 10 and 404 waters).

NWP # 39: Pre-construction notification must identify if the project is for the construction or expansion of a single commercial or institutional development, a multiple unit commercial or institutional development, or a phased commercial or institutional development. For projects proposed within or associated with a multiple unit or phased commercial or institutional development, the pre-construction notification must identify any known previous Department of the Army authorizations received for the multiple unit or phased development.

NWP # 42: Pre-construction notification must identify if the project is for the construction or expansion or a single recreational development, a multiple component recreational development, or a phased recreational development. For projects proposed within or associated with a multiple unit or phased development, the pre-construction notification must identify any known previous Department of the Army authorizations received for the multiple unit or phased development.

NWP # 43: This NWP does not authorize the retention of water in excess of that required to meet stormwater management requirements. Unauthorized purposes include recreational lakes, reflecting pools, irrigation, etc.

NWP # 44:

1. In-stream mining, including bar scalping, is not authorized by this NWP.
2. The use of explosives in waters of the U.S. is not authorized by this NWP unless specifically authorized by the District Engineer.

NWP # 48: In addition to the information required by paragraph (b) of general condition 32, the applicant shall provide the following information: (1) a map showing the location and dimensions of the structures(s) and/or fill; (2) the name(s) of the species that will be cultivated during the period this NWP is in effect; (3) general water depths in the project area(s) (a detailed survey is not required), and (4) a map showing areas of submerged aquatic vegetation in the project area. The information should describe all species and culture activities the operator expects to undertake during the effective period of this NWP.

NWP # 58: Manholes placed in streams or other waterways require specific approval by the District Engineer.