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**WASHINGTON STATE**  
**Joint Aquatic Resources Permit**  
**Application (JARPA) Form**



**Instruction A: Completing JARPA 2009**

**I. Purpose of the JARPA**

**Joint Aquatic Resource Permit Application (JARPA)** -- To streamline the environmental permitting process, multiple regulatory agencies joined forces to create one application people can use to apply for more than one permit at a time. The JARPA can be used to apply for the following permits and approvals:

Federal

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Section 10 Permit
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Section 404 Permit
- U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) General Bridge Permit
- U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Private Aids to Navigation Permit

State

- Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) 401 Water Quality Certifications
- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Hydraulic Project Approval
- Washington Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Use Authorizations for State-Owned Aquatic Land

Local (City or County)

- Shoreline Conditional Use Permit
- Shoreline Substantial Development Permit
- Shoreline Variance
- Shoreline Exemption
- Shoreline Revision

See [http://www.epermitting.wa.gov/site/alias\\_resourcecenter/jarpa/9983/jarpa.aspx](http://www.epermitting.wa.gov/site/alias_resourcecenter/jarpa/9983/jarpa.aspx)

## II. Preparing and Submitting the JARPA

### A. Before You Start →

1. Make sure you have a clear plan for your project.
2. Contact your local city or county government. Not all cities and counties accept the JARPA for their local shoreline permits. Use the “Questions to Ask Local Government” on page 4 of this document to help save you from making multiple phone calls to your local government.
3. Contact your local planning department. Find out if your project falls under the jurisdiction of the Critical Areas Ordinances and the National Flood Insurance Program. This can impact whether or not you may be able to use the JARPA.
4. Use the most current application being accepted by your local jurisdiction. It can be found at [www.epermitting.wa.gov](http://www.epermitting.wa.gov) or by calling 800-917-0043.
5. A State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Checklist will be required for most projects. SEPA analyzes the environmental impacts of a project, and must be completed before state and federal permits can be issued.
6. Contact each agency making permitting decisions. Most agencies will require more information or materials not specifically noted in the JARPA. Early coordination with all of the regulatory agencies may prevent delays in processing of your application.

### B. When You Fill in the JARPA →

1. Make sure to check the box next to each permit you think you will need. You will need to send at least one signed copy of the application to all the agencies associated with the boxes you check.
2. If you need help determining which permit(s) you need, see Section F, “Get Help.”
3. Be very detailed and specific about your project proposal; more information is better than less.
4. Make sure your site maps and drawings are consistent with the written description you give on the application.
5. Use the on-line glossary at [http://www.epermitting.wa.gov/site/alias\\_\\_resourcecenter/resources\\_glossary/2485/glossary.aspx](http://www.epermitting.wa.gov/site/alias__resourcecenter/resources_glossary/2485/glossary.aspx) for definitions of words that are new to you. If you cannot find the word you are looking for, let us know and we will add it to the glossary.
6. Please select “N/A” for any questions that do not apply to your project. Do not just leave it blank.
7. If you have access to the Internet, use the “Help” screens available to clarify any confusing questions.
8. Use the Checklist on page seven of this document to make sure you have everything you need to submit a complete application package.
9. While you only need to complete one application, you must sign each application you submit to each individual agency. This means you must first make copies of the application, then sign each copy with your original signature. Agencies will not accept applications with a copied signature.
10. Understand that when you sign the application, you give the permitting agencies the right to enter the property where your project is located. This is to inspect the proposed, in-progress, or completed work. You also agree to start work ONLY after you get all the necessary permits.

### C. What To Expect After You Submit Your Application →

1. Most agencies will need more information than required on the application. When they start the review process, they can find out what other information they need to make a decision about your permit.
2. If you get a letter from an agency requesting more information, respond with a letter of acknowledgement as soon as possible. This will help prevent delays.
3. If you make changes to the project or site plans during the permitting process, send the updated information to each permitting agency. If you do not do this, it may delay your permits and/or project construction, or you may receive a penalty.
4. Call the Office of Regulatory Assistance (ORA) Information Center at 800-917-0043 or [help@ora.wa.gov](mailto:help@ora.wa.gov) if you have any questions or concerns. We are here to help you.

### D. JARPA Help Feature →

The JARPA has a great help screen feature for each question. Each screen will give you instructions to help you create a complete application package. You must have an Internet connection to use this feature.

### E. Submitting Copies Of The JARPA →

Carefully determine all agencies you should submit a copy of your completed JARPA to (all those you have checked on the application) and determine the correct agency mailing location for your project from the list provided.

### F. Get Help

If you have a question about the application or additional documents, call the Governor's Office of Regulatory Assistance (ORA) Information Center at 800-917-0043 or send an email to [help@ora.wa.gov](mailto:help@ora.wa.gov).

You may also find helpful information at these locations:

1. **On-Line Permit Assistance System (OPAS):** <http://www.ora.wa.gov/resources/questionnaire.asp>  
Fill out an on-line questionnaire to find out what permits you may need for your project.
2. **Environmental Permit Handbook:** <http://www.ora.wa.gov/resources/handbook.asp>  
Look here for the most current permit information.

### III. Questions to Ask Your Local Government or Planning Department

Use the spaces below to make note of the date, the person you spoke with, and their answers.

- A. **Do they accept the JARPA?** Not all cities and counties accept the JARPA form for their local shoreline permits.

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- B. **Does your project fall under the jurisdiction of the Critical Areas Ordinances and the National Flood Insurance Program? If so, can you use the JARPA?** If your project does fall under either of these laws, you may not be able to use the JARPA.

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- C. **What is the 14 Section, Section, Township, Range, Government Lot, Latitude, Longitude and the Tax Parcel number for the property?** Ask your local planning department for information required for question 5 thru 5i on the JARPA. This information may also be located on the property deed, or you can determine the section, township, and range through the Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/services/gis/maps/wria/townships/trs.htm>.

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- D. **What is the Shoreline Designation of the proposed activity location?** These are assigned by local governments and listed in their local Shoreline Master Programs. Find your local government contact information at: [http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/SMA/local\\_planning/index.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/SMA/local_planning/index.html). Also, ask about public notice requirements for shoreline management compliance.

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- E. **What is the zoning designation of the property?** Zoning designation examples include Residential, Rural, Agricultural, and General Commercial.

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#### IV. Site Maps and Drawings

- A. You must include site maps and drawings for an application package to be considered complete.
- B. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) requires 8 ½" x 11" black and white drawings for fax and public notice purposes.
- C. Drawings have to be clear and legible, so **reductions of larger versions may not be suitable**.
- D. You may submit larger drawings **in addition** to the 8 ½" x 11" that are more legible and easier to discern. This could speed up the review process.
- E. Follow the Guidance for Completion of Drawings available at the Corps' Web site.  
[http://www.nws.usace.army.mil/PublicMenu/Menu.cfm?sitename=REG&pagename=Drawing\\_Checklist](http://www.nws.usace.army.mil/PublicMenu/Menu.cfm?sitename=REG&pagename=Drawing_Checklist)
- F. See the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) guidance for a complete application here:  
[http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/hab/hpa\\_criteria.htm](http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/hab/hpa_criteria.htm)
- G. Remember there are at least three types of illustrations required:
  - 1. Vicinity map
  - 2. Plan view (bird's eye view)
  - 3. Cross-sectional view
- H. Include photographs of the site if possible. Aerial photos and photos looking toward the shoreline from the water are especially helpful.
- I. Show upland features of the project site, in addition to the work waterward of the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM).
- J. Consider creating the drawings so the vertical skew or exaggeration is scaled to the horizontal (e.g. vertical exaggeration to horizontal is 1:10), and skewing the scale to the cross-section profiles.
- K. For joint-use structures (structures to be used by more than one property owner), provide a site map showing the location of the different joint-use properties.
- L. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) requires general plans for the overall project, complete plans and specifications for the proposed construction, and complete plans and specifications for the proper protection of fish life. For the specific plans, WDFW typically requires "plan profile (bird's eye view) and section" views. They do not limit the size to 8 ½" x 11" like the Corps does. Check this Web site [http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/hab/hpa\\_criteria.htm](http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/hab/hpa_criteria.htm) for a brief discussion of what WDFW needs for "complete plans and specifications for proper protection of fish life."

#### V. Sample Wetland Mitigation Table

**If wetlands are present, include a Mitigation Table like the one below.**

The table should include:

- A. Area (sq. ft.)
- B. Cowardin Classification<sup>1</sup>
- C. Ecology rating<sup>2</sup>
- D. Impacts (sq. ft.)
- E. Compensation
  - o Reestablishment or Creation (Areas and Ratios)
- F. Rehabilitation
  - o Areas and Ratios
- G. Enhancement
  - o Areas and Ratios

| Wetland      | Area (sq ft) | Cowardin Classification | Ecology Rating | Impacts (sq ft) | Compensation                |       |                |       |             |       |
|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------|----------------|-------|-------------|-------|
|              |              |                         |                |                 | Reestablishment or Creation |       | Rehabilitation |       | Enhancement |       |
|              |              |                         |                |                 | Area                        | Ratio | Area           | Ratio | Area        | Ratio |
| <b>A</b>     | 43,662       | PSS                     | II             | 18,654          | 18,654                      | 1:1   |                |       | 74,616      | 4:1   |
| <b>B</b>     | 10,378       | PFO                     | II             | 1,078           | 3,234                       | 3:1   |                |       |             |       |
| <b>C</b>     | 8,374        | PEM                     | IV             | 8,374           |                             |       | 25,122         | 3:1   |             |       |
| <b>Total</b> | 54,040       |                         |                | 19,732          | 21,888                      |       | 25,122         |       | 74,616      |       |

1 The Cowardin classification system categorizes wetlands by hydrologic regime, vegetation type, and substrate. See <http://www.npwr.usgs.gov/resource/wetlands/classwet/index.htm>.

2 The Washington State Wetland Rating System categorizes wetlands based on specific attributes such as rarity, sensitivity to disturbance, and functions. Western Washington, see <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/pubs/0406025.pdf>. For Eastern Washington, see <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/pubs/0406015.pdf>.

## VI. Pre-submittal Checklist

**Review the checklist below to ensure you have a complete application package to submit to each agency.**

- Did you write your Unique Project Identifier number (UPI#) on each document you are submitting?
- In Part 10 of the application, did you indicate which permits you are applying for?
- Have you included JARPA Attachments A-D as necessary?
- Did you locate the correct mailing addresses for those agencies?
- Have you included complete construction drawings and specifications along with any maps and photos to support your project description? (Attachments must be in 8 ½ x 11 format and include the UPI#.)
- Did you include your SEPA decision letter?
- If you are applying for an HPA from the Department of Fish and Wildlife and your completed application (with attachments, photos, etc.) contains more than 30 pages, did you include digital files of all application documents on a CD or other digital storage media in common Microsoft program, PDF, TIFF, JPEG, or GIF formats?
- Did you sign and date the application (sign each one you will send to a reviewing agency) and any other necessary forms?
- Did you make copies of your completed form and any attachments to send to the agencies you are applying to for permits?
- Did you keep a copy of all documents submitted and a list of the agencies you submitted them to?

**You may also need to include:**

- Wetland delineation report and copies of delineation data sheets.
- Wetland rating forms, including figures.
- Mitigation plan.

**Keep in mind that agencies may ask for additional information to complete your application.**

## VII. Submittal Addresses and Contact Information

### Mailing location for Shoreline permits

**Send to:** Appropriate city or county planning, building, or community development department.

- For city and county contact information, go to: <http://www.mrsc.org>. Click on the "LINKS" tab to find your city or county.

### Mailing location for Hydraulic Project Approvals (HPA)

**Send to:** Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (please submit two copies)

- If you are NOT requesting emergency or expedited processing, submit two copies of your application to the headquarters office in Olympia.
- If you are requesting emergency or expedited processing, submit two copies of your application to the appropriate regional office.
- Application documents may not exceed 11" x 17".
- If your application package (including the JARPA, plans, photos, etc.) contains more than 30 pages, also include digital files of all application documents on a CD, DVD, or other electronic storage media in common Microsoft program, PDF, TIFF, JPEG, or GIF formats.

#### Headquarters

Receives all applications when emergency or expedited processing is NOT being requested.

Habitat Program  
600 Capitol Way North  
Olympia, Washington 98501-1091

Tel (360) 902-2534  
TDD (360) 902-2207  
Fax (360) 902-2946

#### Regions

Receive all applications for emergency or expedited processing.

#### Region 1

(Pend Oreille, Ferry, Stevens, Spokane, Lincoln, Whitman, Columbia, Garfield, Asotin, and Walla Walla Counties)

2315 North Discovery Place  
Spokane, WA 99216

Tel (509) 892-1001  
Fax (509) 921-2440

#### Region 2

(Okanogan, Douglas, Grant, Adams, and Chelan Counties)

1550 Alder Street NW  
Ephrata, WA 98823-9699

Tel (509) 754-4624  
Fax (509) 754-5257

#### Region 3

(Franklin, Kittitas, Yakima, and Benton Counties)

1701 South 24th Avenue  
Yakima, WA 98902-5720

Tel (509) 575-2740  
Fax (509) 575-2474

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| <b>Region 4</b><br>(Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, King, Island, and San Juan Counties)                         | 16018 Mill Creek Boulevard<br>Mill Creek, WA 98012-1296 | Tel (425) 775-1311<br>Fax (425) 338-1066 |
| <b>Region 5</b><br>(Lewis, Wahkiakum, Cowlitz, Skamania, Clark, and Klickitat Counties)                      | 2108 Grand Blvd.<br>Vancouver, WA 98661-4624            | Tel (360) 696-6211<br>Fax (360) 906-6776 |
| <b>Region 6</b><br>(Pacific, Pierce, Thurston, Grays Harbor, Mason, Jefferson, Clallam, and Kitsap Counties) | 48 Devonshire Road<br>Montesano, WA 98563-9618          | Tel (360) 249-4628<br>Fax (360) 664-0689 |

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| <b>Mailing location for 401 Water Quality Certification</b>   |   |  |
| Send to: Washington State Department of Ecology– Federal Permit Unit  |   |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Use the address below for the region where your project is located.</li> <li>▪ For a map of Ecology Regional Offices, go to: <a href="http://www.ecy.wa.gov/org.html">www.ecy.wa.gov/org.html</a></li> </ul> |   |  |
| Headquarters  | <u>Mailing Address</u><br>P.O. Box 47600<br>Olympia, WA 98504-7600<br><u>Physical Address</u><br>300 Desmond Drive<br>Lacey, WA 98504   | Tel (360) 407-6000                       |
| Central Region  | 15 West Yakima Avenue, Suite 200<br>Yakima, WA 98902-3401   | Tel (509) 575-2490<br>Fax (509) 575-2809 |
| Eastern Region  | 4601 North Monroe, Suite 202<br>Spokane, WA 99205-1295  | Tel (509) 329-3400<br>Fax (509) 329-3529 |
| Northwest Region  | 3190 - 160th Avenue S.E.<br>Bellevue, WA 98008-5452   | Tel (425) 649-7000<br>Fax (425) 649-7098 |
| Southwest Region  | <u>Mailing Address:</u><br>P.O. Box 47775<br>Olympia, WA 98504-7775<br><u>Physical Address:</u><br>300 Desmond Drive<br>Lacey, WA 98504 | Tel (360) 407-6300<br>Fax (360) 407-6305 |

| <b>Mailing location for Aquatic Resources Use Authorizations</b>   |   |                    |
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| Send to: Department of Natural Resources   |   |                    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Use the address below for the region where your project is located.</li> <li>▪ For a map of DNR regional offices, go to: <a href="http://www.dnr.wa.gov/ContactDNR/Pages/Home.aspx">http://www.dnr.wa.gov/ContactDNR/Pages/Home.aspx</a></li> </ul> |   |                    |
| Headquarters   | PO Box 47000<br>1111 Washington Street SE<br>Olympia, WA 98504-7000 | Tel (360) 902-1100 |
| Northwest Region   | 919 N Township Street<br>Sedro Woolley, WA 98284-9384               | Tel (360) 856-3800 |
| Pacific Cascade Region   | 601 Bond Road<br>PO Box 280<br>Castle Rock, WA 98611-0280           | Tel (360) 577-2025 |
| South Puget Sound Region   | 950 Farman Avenue N<br>Enumclaw, WA 98022-9282                      | Tel (360) 825-1631 |
| Northeast Region   | 225 S Silke Road<br>PO Box 190<br>Colville, WA 99114-0190           | Tel (509) 684-7474 |
| Southeast Region   | 713 Bowers Road<br>Ellensburg, WA 98926-9301                        | Tel (509) 925-8510 |
| Olympic Region   | 411 Tillicum Lane<br>Forks, WA 98331-9271                           | Tel (360) 374-6131 |

| <b>Mailing location for Department of the Army Permits (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers)</b> |  |  |
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| Send to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers   |  |  |
| U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  | Seattle District<br>Regulatory Branch<br>P.O. Box 3755<br>Seattle, WA 98124-3755 | Tel (206) 764-3495<br>Fax (206) 764-6602 |

| <b>Mailing location for General Bridge Act Permits and Private Aids to Navigation (for non-bridge projects)</b> |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| Send to: United States Coast Guard  |   |  |
| <b>Section 9 Bridge Permit</b>  | Commander 13th Coast Guard District (OAN)<br>915 Second Avenue. Room 3510<br>Seattle, WA 98174-1067<br>Attn: Bridge Administrator | Tel (206) 220-7282<br>Fax (206) 220-7265 |
| <b>Private Aids to Navigation</b>   | Commander 13th Coast Guard District (OAN)<br>915 Second Avenue, Room 3510<br>Seattle, WA 98174-1067<br>Attn: PATON Manager        | Tel (206) 220-7285<br>Fax (206) 220-7265 |

## VIII. Resources and Helpful Information

### On-line and Other Resources

- **Washington Environmental Permitting Information:** [www.epermitting.wa.gov](http://www.epermitting.wa.gov). This Web site has the most up-to-date JARPA forms, guidance documents and contact information.
- **On-line Permit Assistance System (OPAS):** <http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/opas>. OPAS is an online questionnaire that asks a series of 'yes' or 'no' questions to help determine which permits and approvals may be required for your project.
- **Environmental Permit Handbook:** <http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/permithandbook>. The Environmental Permit Handbook provides an overview for each environmental permit, including contacts and resources for more detailed information. You can view the handbook online, download a copy, or request a hardcopy from the ORA Information Center by contacting them at 800-917-0043 or [help@ora.wa.gov](mailto:help@ora.wa.gov). Links to descriptions of common environmental permits in the JARPA are listed below:
  - Shoreline permit and local permits:
    - Substantial Development: <http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/permithandbook/permitdetail.asp?id=38>
    - Conditional Use: <http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/permithandbook/permitdetail.asp?id=44>
    - Variance: <http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/permithandbook/permitdetail.asp?id=45>
    - Floodplain Development Permit:  
<http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/permithandbook/permitdetail.asp?id=47>
  - WA Department of Fish & Wildlife Hydraulic Project Approval:  
<http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/permithandbook/permitdetail.asp?id=25>
  - WA Department of Ecology Section 401 Water Quality Certification:  
<http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/permithandbook/permitdetail.asp?id=43>
  - WA Department of Natural Resources Aquatic Resources Use Authorization:  
<http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/permithandbook/permitdetail.asp?id=31>
  - Department of the Army permits :
    - Section 404 (discharges into waters of the US):  
<http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/permithandbook/permitdetail.asp?id=37>
    - Section 10 (work in navigable waters):  
<http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/permithandbook/permitdetail.asp?id=36>
  - United States Coast Guard permits
    - General Bridge Act Permit: <http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/permithandbook/permitdetail.asp?id=106>
    - Private Aids to Navigation (for non-bridge projects):  
<http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/permithandbook/permitdetail.asp?id=98>
- **Governor's Office of Regulatory Assistance Information Center** - The Governor's Office of Regulatory Assistance Information Center is a great resource when you have questions about the JARPA form or process. Center staff can answer questions about the permits your project may need and provide

you with the contact information for staff at local, state, and federal offices that can help you. The Center is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Staff can be reached at 800-917-0043 or by email at [help@ora.wa.gov](mailto:help@ora.wa.gov).

### **Helpful Hints**

- A. Give yourself plenty of time.
- B. It will take some time to gather the information you need to complete the application.
- C. Find out if you can use the JARPA to apply for local Shoreline permits. Not all cities and counties accept the JARPA for their local Shoreline permits. If you think you will need a local Shoreline permit, contact the local city or county government to make sure they will accept the JARPA. Local government contact information can be found at <http://www.mrsc.org>. Click on the “LINKS” tab to find your city or county.
- D. Find out if your project falls under your county or city Critical Areas Ordinance or Flood Management program. You should contact your local city or county government to find out if your project falls under the jurisdiction of the local Critical Areas Ordinance or Flood Management program. If the project is within one or both of these jurisdictions you may not be able to use the JARPA to apply for a permit or approval. Local government contact information can be found at <http://www.mrsc.org>. Click on the “LINKS” tab to find your city or county.
- E. Make sure you fill out the most current version of the JARPA. The most current version is available at <http://www.epermitting.wa.gov>. You can also find up-to-date guidance documents and contact information at this Web site.
- F. Make sure you have a clear plan in mind for your project.
- G. Just like when you apply for a building permit, you should know what you plan to do before you start to fill out the application. This could include site drawings with dimensions, and information on impacts and mitigation.
- H. Contact and coordinate with each reviewing agency. Early coordination with all of the reviewing agencies can prevent delay in processing your application. Most agencies will require more information or materials than what is asked for in the JARPA. Early coordination could help agencies identify additional application materials you need to submit for a more efficient project review.

If you require this document in another format, contact The Governor’s Office of Regulatory Assistance (ORA). People with hearing loss can call 711 for Washington Relay Service. People with a speech disability can call (877) 833-6341.

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