

# ***Programmatic Consultation for Listed Salmon and Steelhead in Idaho***

**April 5, 2005**

**Biological Opinion** (click [here](#) to view document)

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**Purpose:** In recent years, three species of anadromous fish found in Idaho rivers and streams have been listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) as threatened or endangered. These fish are found in the Clearwater and Salmon River basins and in the Snake River and its tributaries below Hells Canyon Dam. In addition, many streams in Idaho have been designated as Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) under the Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act, triggering additional consultation requirements under the terms of that Act. The requirement for consultation for permits has resulted in a substantial increase in workload for both the Corps and NMFS, and increased the length of time required for the processing of their permit applications.

Completion of this consultation eliminates the need for individual ESA and EFH consultations on permit applications submitted to the Walla Walla District for activities located in habitat for fish species protected under the ESA, which comply with the terms and conditions of the biological opinion issued by NMFS. This will facilitate the permit evaluation process by reducing the time required for evaluation of many permit applications while assuring compliance with the requirements of the Endangered Species Act and the Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act.

**Categories of Activities Covered** (click on category to view terms and conditions)

1. [General Construction Activities](#) associated with the following 11 activities
2. [Geotechnical Drilling and Survey Activities](#)
3. [Site Preparation for Construction of Buildings and Related Features](#)
4. [Streambank Protection](#)
5. [Stream and Wetland Restoration](#)
6. [Water Control Structures](#)
7. [Road Construction, Repairs, Maintenance and Improvements](#)
8. [Utility Lines](#)
9. [Over Water and In Water Structures](#)
10. [Minor Discharge and Excavation](#)
11. [Maintenance Dredging](#)
12. [Return Water From Upland Disposal Sites](#)

## Procedures for using the programmatic consultation

### 1) Your project **MUST** meet:

- a) the description and conditions for the category of work activity you are proposing (click on the category above which describes your project to view the description and conditions)
- b) the general construction conditions (category 1 above)
- c) the terms and conditions of the nationwide permit(s) that apply to your project (click [here](#) to see the list of nationwide permits and conditions)
- d) the work window approved by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game for your project location (click [here](#) to find the office for your area)

### 2) If your project meets **ALL** the requirements above, you need to submit the following:

- a) A [Joint Application for Permit](#)
- b) A vicinity map and project drawings (click [here](#) for sample drawings)

### 3) If your project does not meet **ALL** the requirements above, we recommend you consider modifying it so that it does. This could significantly reduce the processing time of your application. If you can't, you will need to submit the following:

- a) A [Joint Application for Permit](#)
- b) A vicinity map and project drawings (click [here](#) for sample drawings)

### 4) Please mail the required information to the appropriate office for your location:

- a) [Click here to find the appropriate office](#)

For additional information regarding the programmatic consultation, please see the [Public Notice](#), or contact Duane Mitchell, telephone (509)527-7156, e-mail [Duane Mitchell](#) .